



### Quiet During Services

It is a strength of our parish communities that we are friendly and welcoming. We do need to be aware however that during the Mass, we are in the presence of Christ in a special way. Please help us to create a quiet, respectful, and prayerful atmosphere during services in both churches.

*"Be Still and know that I am God"*

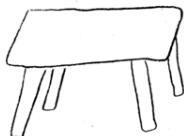
### Missing Parishioners

As parishioners we need to be aware that if we don't see anyone for a few weeks we should find out what has happened. Sometimes it is due to the fact that a bus route has changed and it's time and no longer ties in with the mass times. Please contact the office if you become aware of anyone who has not been seen for a while and we will make arrangements for someone to keep in touch with them if they so wish.

### Table Top Sale - 30 November

This will be on the last Saturday of every month from 8am - 12pm (£5 per table) at St Agnes Church, Huyton Hey Road. Please ring the office to book a place. Feel free to come and look around for a bargain!

0151 489 3085



### **CAFOD**

#### **Philippine Typhoon Haiyan appeal**

Many Thanks to the parishioners of  
Sts Aidan & Agnes for their  
generosity! We were able to sent  
£1,170.00 to the CAFOD  
Philippines Typhoon Haiyan appeal.

May you be blessed!

### Suggestion Boxes



There are suggestion  
boxes at the back of St.  
Agnes' church (by the  
statue of St. Agnes) and in the foyer  
of St. Aidan's church.

We will be arranging a Joint Pastoral  
Meeting in the near future so it is a  
good opportunity to put forward any  
suggestions you have for the coming  
year.

# **The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan**

## **NEWSLETTER**



**Sunday 17th November 2013  
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year C**

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.  
Reg Charity No 232709

### **Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Liverpool**

*Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world  
and proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.*



### Prayer Requests

**For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers**

Dougie & May Hayhurst, Sue Johnson, Margaret Maguire, Bill Hall, John Hunter, Paul Roberts, Rose Bryan, Katie Nichols, Daisy May, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Craig Wilson, Pauline Campbell, Tricia Robinson, Ryan Johnson, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall, May Cooper, Marie Keights, Ian Gordon, Marie Mills, Dorothy Kelly, Bernard Foley, Anne Maguire, Mary Parker, Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey, Margie, June Hunt, Michael Williams, Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason, Rose Saunders, John Pollard, Bill Jones, Dean Easton, Anne Nolan, Jim Phillips, Lawrence McClintock, Nicky Allen, Christopher Massam, Joe Muraski, Marion Fallon, Betty Johns, Frank & Joan McCann, Vera Cummins, Rose Rimmer, Philip Bromwell, Pauline Burgess, James Soundie, Marie D'Arcy, Thomas Clegg, Jim Rose, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Nel Jorden, Lynn McNabb, baby Aidan James Morris, Kay Vaughan, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Peggy Skidmore, Maria Edge, Baby Eddie Anthony Doran., Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Mary Fullerton, Mary Organ, Rose Rawlinson, Averyll Fairfield, Hilda Logan, Carol Atkinson, Brendan Reilly, Christine Lees, Jennifer Hewitt, Pauline Clegg, Joseph Hill, Susan McDougalle, Mary Scaife, Pat Madden, Eileen Mooney, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Phil Ridler, Ursula Mary Erfani, Jenny Pye, Clare Pendleton, Victoria Hill- Edmundson, Dolly Morten, Jennifer McLaughlin, Mary Lyons, Samantha Jones, Baby Caelan McKeown, Margaret Buckley, Michael McDonough, Arthur Jones, Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Brenda Cubells, Janet & Ray Cragg, Marie Higgins, Jim Poland, Kenny & Maisie Pritchard, Vera Sheridan

**There are a number of young adults in our parishes who are terminally ill at the moment. Please remember them and their families specially in your prayers.**

### Lately Dead

Jane McNally,

### Anniversaries

William Munro, Albert Wilson, Joseph Baker, Mary Murray, Anne Glavisky, Catherine Turner, Charles Roberts, Tommy Milner

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week 17th November 2013

**St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Jennifer Pye**

**St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - Catherine Mitchell**

Please ensure that details of your dedication are written on the front of the envelope and placed in the black post box in the Sacristy.



### We Can Make A Difference (You can help)

Parishioners travelling to Suriname in January 2014 have begun collecting wind-up lanterns and torches for the people in 'Powaka' village and Jaw Jaw. There are some samples on the WCMAD picture board. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

We are also looking for laptops that you no longer use to take to Suriname in January 2014.

They will need to be in reasonable condition and we will arrange for the necessary programmes to be loaded on to them before we travel.

You can bring these items to the church/office.

*'Together we can make a difference'*



### Yoga

Yoga classes continue in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room at St. Agnes' on Wednesdays at 6pm.

The months leading up to Christmas can be a hectic time for many of us so why not try a yoga class as a way to find a little calm?

### Thursday Club

We are looking for volunteers for the Thursday Club at 7.30pm. This is a social gathering of people with special needs held at St Aidan's church. If you are interested for more details please contact the parish office on 489 3085

### Men's Rites of Passage

*"The most significant 5 days of my life."*

*"Radical, heart-thumping, liberating transformation."*

*"A total immersion into honest male truthfulness... truly a personal transformation."*

*"Deep, labyrinthine and magical."*

Wednesday 23rd– Sunday 27th July  
Perth, Scotland  
[www.mrop.org.uk](http://www.mrop.org.uk)

You'll only ever do this once. Think you're ready?

### Reconciliation Service

The Advent Reconciliation service will be at St. Agnes on 18th December at 7:30pm.



### Rosary at St. Aidan's

The Rosary will be prayed on the 1st Sunday of the month at 4pm in St. Aidan's.

All are welcome.

### **Sandymount Retreat House, Crosby**

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Keep Christ in Christmas**

A one day retreat led by Philip McParland offering some suggestions on how we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations.

10.00am to 4.00pm. Offering: £12. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information or to book a place, phone 0151 9244850



### Romania & Albania Projects

If you are a parishioner who is 18+ and regularly worship at St. Agnes or St. Aidan's you may like to help on our projects in Romania or Albania. There is a group that meets every first Saturday of the month at 6.30pm at **92 Adswood Road** (after 5.30 Mass).

If you are interested, please come along!



### **Please Note - Re: Fundraisers**

This is to clarify the position regarding fund-raising for charity in our two parishes:

While we appreciate there are many worthy causes in need of assistance, we MUST restrict our own parish collections and fund-raising events to the WCAMD (We Can Make A Difference) projects, Mary's Meals and Lyndale Centre only. If any individual or group wishes to aid any other charity or cause, they should do this privately and not on church premises or via the Tea Clubs.

Thank you, Fr. Anton

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 16th November

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Charles Roberts

#### Sunday 17th November - 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Day of prayer for Prisoners & their dependants)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Patrick Mulcahey

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Catherine Turner, Flo Lewis

#### Monday 18th November

St. Agnes 9.30am – Celebration of the Word & Communion

#### Tuesday 19th November

St Aidan Holy Hour 11.00am - 12 noon

St Aidan Mass 12 noon - Steve Sheridan

#### Wednesday 20th November

St Agnes 7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word & Communion

#### Thursday 21st November - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Agnes Mass 12 Noon - Pious List

#### Friday 22nd November - St Cecilia

St Aidan Mass 12.00 Noon - Pious List

#### Saturday 23rd November

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - George & Michael Lewis

#### Sunday 24th November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King.

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Vincent Belton, Josephine Fitzgerald

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Mary & Joseph Jennings

### Confessions

Saturday at St. Agnes 5-5.20 pm & Friday after 12 Noon Mass at St Aidan's  
(Until there is nobody waiting)

**Please contact the Parish office if you would like an anniversary added to the Prayer List in the Newsletter. Thank you.**



### Year of faith

As part of the Year of Faith, a Holy hour is held on Tuesdays from 11am-12 noon in St. Aidan's church.



*Welcome to the Parish family of St Aidan & St Agnes*

**Freya McParland,  
Ethan Jacob Lyons &  
Finley Patrick Redmond**

*who will be baptised on  
Sunday 17th November  
at St Aidan's Church*

*Please remember these  
children and their families  
in your prayers.*

### Parish Collections Sunday 10th November

St Agnes - £847.50  
St Aidan - £343.35

Standing Orders October 2013  
**St Agnes £853.00**  
**St Aidan £174.00**

St. Agnes' team to count: 4

***Thank you for your  
generous support***

### Baptism

**St. Aidan's Baptism Preparation:**  
2nd Monday of the month in St. Aidan's church at 6:30pm

**St. Aidan's Baptisms:**  
3rd Sunday at 10:30am  
4th Saturday at 12 noon

**St. Agnes' Baptism Preparation:**  
1st Tuesday of the month in St. Agnes' church at 7:30pm

**St. Agnes' Baptisms:**  
1st Sunday at 12:30pm  
2nd Sunday at 2pm

If you wish to have your child baptised, you must contact the Parish Office on 489 3085 and you will be booked into a preparation meeting.

### St Agnes' Little Church

17th November  
Lesley & Jean  
24th November  
Janice Shields



### Piety Stalls

The Piety Stalls at St. Agnes' and St. Aidan's now have Christmas stock - cards, calendars, diaries, etc.

It is difficult to get Christmas cards with a religious message in the shops so why not have a look after Mass this weekend!

### St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

#### Monday

Slimming World  
5.30pm & 7.30pm

#### Tuesday:

Slimming World 9.30am, 11.30am  
(Michelle 07940181515)  
Country Night 7.30pm

#### Wednesday

Bingo at 1pm  
Quiz Night

#### Thursday

Bingo 7.30pm

#### Sunday

Cabaret Night

**Function room for hire Friday,  
Saturday and noon Sunday.  
Provide your own catering or ask  
for a quote.**

All enquiries contact:  
**Jacqui on 0151-489-9024**

### St Agnes' Parish Centre

New Memberships available

#### Mon/Tues

Darts Night

#### Tuesday

Ukele Group 7.30pm

#### Wednesday

Quiz night from 9.30pm

#### Thursday

Pensioners Club, 1pm-3pm tea and coffee  
Bingo/Raffle  
Bingo 7:30pm

#### Saturday evening

live entertainment in the lounge

#### Sunday

Country & Western night.

**The Concert /Function room is  
available for hire on Friday &  
Saturday evenings, weekday  
afternoons & Sunday afternoons.**

All enquiries contact:  
**Justyna on 0151-489-3990  
07757594951**

symbolized their connection with God and their fellow believers. And it was in the temple that the sacrificial cult was exercised in obedience to the commands of the Torah.

Luke's gospel, of course, was written some 15 years after the temple had been razed. We can imagine the struggles of the Jewish Christian members of the Lukan community who had to redefine their Jewishness, not only in the absence of their temple, but also as members of a mixed community of Gentile and Jewish followers of Jesus. The Gentile members also had to reconstruct their internal architecture when they took on a Christian identity.

In today's gospel, there is a progression, as the discussion moves from the destruction of the temple to cataclysmic happenings that wreak destruction on the earth and among peoples and, finally, to threats against one's life. It envisions crises on every level, moving toward an apocalyptic end time. Jesus' audience does not ask if such will happen. Rather, they ask when it will come about and if they will have advance warning. Jesus never answers those questions. Instead, he directs his listeners how to respond to these crises. If they are following him, then they too will say and do things that threaten some of the political and religious structures of their day. Any who claim his name will surely experience the same kind of fury that was directed at him for doing such things.

Jesus does not leave his disciples defenseless in such times of crisis. First of all, he reminds his followers not to follow after anyone else; their attention must remain steadfastly on him. When their focus is on him and not on their tribulations, they are able to stand fearless. He speaks the same words that Gabriel spoke to Zechariah and Mary when their worlds were being turned upside down: "Do not be afraid".

When disciples are seized and persecuted and handed over to the authorities because of Jesus' name, these are times to testify to the power of God. Jesus explains that the testimony is not a speech that one composes ahead of time. The preparation consists in persevering in a life of faithfulness and trust in the One who provoked crises by his manner of life. It is he, who is himself the temple (to borrow from Johannine theology), who will give the necessary wisdom for speech and action in the critical moment.

### **PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE**

- 1 How does keeping our focus on Jesus enable us to be fearless in times of crises?
- 2 When have you experienced the power of Christ speaking through you?
- 3 What support structures enable you to persevere?

### **PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY**

#### **Main Parish Office:**

**St Aidan's**  
**92 Adswood Road**  
**L36 7XR**

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday 9am - 4pm

Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Friday 9am - 4pm

#### **All Enquiries to**

**Tel/Fax : 0151 489 3085**

**St Agnes Church**  
**82 Huyton Hey Road**  
**L36 5SQ**

*For Mass Cards etc*  
(Church no- 0151 449 2209)  
Also available from St Aidan's  
Church  
489-3085

**Newsletter items by Thursday  
morning to Main Parish Office**

**New Email Address:**  
agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk

**For your information**  
**Parish Newsletters are posted on  
Parish Website every week.**

**Parish Web Site-**  
Parishes-of-stagnes-  
staidans.org.uk

### **PARISH CONTACTS**



#### **SISTERS:** **Helpers of the Holy Souls**

*Sr. Elizabeth* - 0151 480 7904  
*Sr. MaryRose* - 0151 482 6895

#### **Sisters of St. Mary of Namur**

*Sr. Barbara* - 228 2239  
*Sr. Gabriel* - 489 1302  
*Sr. Sarah* - 489-1302

#### **Primary Schools**

*St. Aidan*  
0151 477 8370  
*St. Joseph*  
0151 489 4072  
*St. Anne's*  
0151 477 8260

#### **Parish Clergy** **Parish Priest**

*Rev. Fr. Anton Fernandopulle*  
0151 489 3085

#### **Deacon:** *Mike Whelan*

*St Aidan Parish Club*  
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*St Agnes Parish Club*  
0151 489 3990

#### **Pastoral Assistant**

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### **Sacramental Preparation**

Thanks to the parents who attended either of our Parents' Meetings in advance of this year's Sacramental Preparation course. The next meetings are: Tues 3rd December—St. Agnes' club  
Wed 4th December—St. Aidan's club

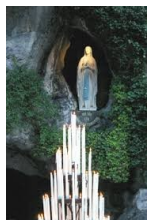


### **Confirmations**

The third session for the teenage Confirmation group (the rehearsal and first session if those above year 10) is Thursday 21st November at 7:30pm in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room at St Agnes. The actual Confirmation Mass is Wednesday 27th November at 7:30pm. Please note that Confirmations for children below year 7 will be arranged at a future date.

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage - 2-7th September 2014**

We will fly directly from Manchester to Tarbes (Lourdes Airport). As requested by parishioners, we will be staying in the same hotel as on the previous trip, the 4\* hotel La Solitude. The pilgrimage is for five nights. All meals are included and the cost will be £599 per person sharing a twin room. If you are interested Please contact the office before the 24<sup>th</sup> November 0151-4893085



### **Joint Winter Gathering and Raffle**

The joint parish Winter Gathering will be on Friday 22 November at St. Aidan's Parish Club from 7.30pm. There will be a shared table and entertainment for all the family. Please see the lists at the back of church to sign up and tell us what you'll be bringing along!  
Please note there will also be a raffle on the night. You will have the opportunity to win some fabulous prizes. If you have any unwanted gifts that we can raffle on the night please hand them into the office or leave at the back of Church.

Many thanks for your support in advance.

### **Survey of Catholics**

Pope Francis' appointment of Archbishop Baldiserri as General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops has led to a surprising and encouraging invitation to Catholics to participate in a worldwide consultation in preparation for the Synod of Bishops on 'Pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation' in 2015.

It is no mean undertaking, the questions are demanding and not always phrased as one might like, but it is rare that lay people are asked to contribute to such discussions, so now is our chance to have our voices heard. Topics include:

- Marriage according to the Natural Law
- Co-habitation
- The Pastoral Care of the Family
- Divorced and divorced and re-married Catholics.
- Same- sex relationships and unions.
- Artificial birth control

Responses can be sent online by completing the survey at:

<http://surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014>. As the process is likely to be time consuming however, you might prefer to receive it as a Word document and submit by e-mail. If so, please contact Claire Ball who can let you have the questions in a Word document.



### **FEARLESS TESTIMONY**



Many major cities boast of exquisite architecture and it is easy to imagine the admiration of the people in today's gospel for the monumental temple in Jerusalem. Although they weren't snapping photos and posing in front of skyscrapers, as contemporary tourists do, they seem to have been caught up in the same wonder and awe that is evoked by grand buildings.

People marvel at the engineering genius of the construction. In the case of temples and cathedrals, their beauty and grandeur lift the mind and heart and help human beings feel connected to the divine.

The reverie of the onlookers in today's gospel is broken suddenly by Jesus' declaration that not one stone would be left upon another. As a Jewish reformer, Jesus frequently spoke and acted in ways that called into question religious structures, both external and internal, that impeded right relationship with God and one another. But for any Jew, the destruction of the temple by Roman imperial forces would provoke a severe crisis. Everything would have to be resignified. The temple