

### St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

Tuesday: Slimming World  
10.00-11.00am & 6.30-7.30pm  
(Michelle 07940181515)  
Country Night 7.30pm

#### Wednesday

Bingo at 1pm  
Quiz Night

#### Thursday

Bingo 7.30pm  
Zumba 6.30-7.30pm (£3)

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

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**



### 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"*



# The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

## NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 5th February 2012**  
**Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Year B**

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, William McCluskey, Sue Johnson,  
 Margaret Maguire, Bill Hall, John Hunter, Paul Roberts, John Roberts,  
 Rose Bryan, Katie Nichols, Daisy May, Claire Bruder, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas,  
 Phil Murray, Pauline Campbell, Kathleen Ross, Bill Browne, Christine Bell,  
 Tricia Robinson, Craig Wilson, Ryan Johnson, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall,  
 Gerard Taylor, May Cooper, Marie Keights, Ann Paterson, Ian Gordon, Marie Mills,  
 Dorothy Kelly, Bernard Foley, Anne Maguire, Mrs. Symonds, Mary Parker,  
 Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey, Margie, Shirley Wozencroft, Michael Williams,  
 June Hunt, Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason, Brenda Cubells, Rose Saunders,  
 Joan Catterson, John Pollard, Lily O'Neill, Dean Easton, Lawrence McClintock,  
 Albert Wilson, Nicky Allen, Terry Fielding, Bill Jones, Christopher Massam, Jim Phillips,  
 Joe Muraski, Marion Fallon, Betty Johns, Frank & Joan McCann, Vera Cummins,  
 Rose Rimmer, Philip Bromwell, Anne Nolan Pauline Burgess, Joan Monaghan,  
 James Soundie, Marie D'Arcy, Jean Brailsford, Thomas Clegg, Daphne Flynn,  
 Baby Aidan James Morris, Lynn McNabb, Ben Crutchley, Tony Clintworth,  
 Claire Waldron, Jim Rose, Kay Vaughan, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes,  
 Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Irene Rooney, Ann Jones,  
 Mary Organ., Josie Campbell, Jack & Winnie Witter.

We also remember all those mentioned in St. Aidan's Prayer Diary,

**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

Norah Miles, Joan Clarke, Olga Parr, Patrick McNally, Harriet Wickstrom,  
 Denis Welch, Michael Mullen, Arthur Robinson, Kathleen Joyce, John Campbell

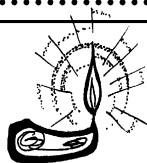
#### Anniversaries

Margaret Jinks, Rosanna Robinson, Joan Vasey,

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week 5th February

**St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp— Parishioners of St Agnes**  
**St. Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp—Parishioners of St. Aidan**



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. Please enter your Gift Aid number if you have one. Thank you.

We then had a meeting with some of the villagers to find out what they would like rather than what we think they would like us to buy.

We went on a shopping trip on Monday to look for sports equipment for two of the schools. We requested a shopping list from Powakka before we realised we had another school on the agenda so we doubled up and hope we have bought the right equipment for Redi Dotti.

We visited Brownsweeg, which is where Fr Dorus lives, and painted the walls and windows of the church both inside and out. Some of the parishioners and children came in to help us so this also provided a joint venture.

On our return from Powakka we called in at one of the villages where we had attended Mass on our first visit called Koinakondre. It was lovely to see them again and they were so thrilled that we had even remembered them let alone go and visit. This was another incident of pouring rain but at least it's warm and you dry quickly.

Tomorrow, Thursday we will be going to two Ameroindian (Carib and Arawak) villages. We will have to take the ferry as the bridge across the Suriname river is broken. We will visit the school in Redi Doti to give the nursery some toys we have bought. As we have a very limited access to the internet and because of our very busy schedule and the problems on the road due to heavy rains (floods) and police on strike (causing traffic chaos) we will only be able to complete our reports to you on our return on 8 February. We have thought about everybody quite a lot by lighting our candle on a regular basis and prayed for everyone at home to keep you all safe and well. We have looked after one another here and made the group as much of a family as we can.

### Suriname Blog:

There are photos of the trip on the project's blog:

[projectsuriname.blogspot.com](http://projectsuriname.blogspot.com)

### Collections

We are continuing to collect:

- Asda receipts for 'We Can Make A Difference', Clothes and currency for Nugent Care, wool for the special care baby unit.

**ASDA**





### Suriname Trip

Below is the latest update from the 'We Can Make a Difference' group in Suriname:

*This week we have spent two and a half days in Powakka in which time we installed the electrics which, hopefully, will be connected to the equivalent of the national grid in March/April this year. Nobody is holding their breath as to which month this will actually happen as we are working on Suriname time. We sanded and varnished the benches which had been sponsored by some of the parishioners and attached the nameplates which look very smart. The outside work has been hampered from time to time due to the constant, heavy rain. We sanded down the slats on the windows before they were painted in a contrasting colour to the frames. Fr Dorus constructed a canopy at the front entrance of the church which the group then painted. The children also came in on Saturday as they were not at school and gave us a helping hand during which time we tried to convert them to Liverpool supporters but they still prefer Barcelona! We presented the staff at the school with two donated laptops which will help them until they have electricity rather than the use of the generator which only provides a couple of hours power during the evening – there is no electricity during the day. We took a supply of recycled glasses which had been cleaned and graded by Specsavers and used our limited experience from Specsavers to match the right glasses to the recipients following a very basic eye test.*

*While we were working at this village we noticed how very family oriented these people are as they sit outside their huts of extended family accommodation chatting and sharing their days events. We have had a further meeting at the village as we have since learned that there is a certain protocol to follow which we had not realised. The 'captain' (they used to be called the chief but since there is now more than one village of the same tribe each community has its own leader rather than one leader for the whole tribe) came to have a first meeting with Fr Anton and after this had taken place we then all met together and were told what their plans are for the future and how we may be able to help. They do not want the government to take over all the local decisions and so they want to keep a tight hold on every step of the way.*

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 4th February

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm– Angela Mitchell

#### Sunday 5th February- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Education Sunday)

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am - Frank D'Arcy

St. Agnes Mass 11am - Celia Wilkes

#### Monday 6th February

**St. Agnes –Requiem Mass 12 noon– Harriet Wickstrom**

#### Tuesday 7th February–

**No Mass**

#### Wednesday 8th February

St. Agnes Mass 7.30pm– Anne Exon

#### Thursday 9th February

St Agnes Mass 9.30am—Linda & Mike Lyons

#### Friday 10th February

St Agnes Mass 9.30am—John Byrne Snr

St. Aidan Mass 12 noon— Brian Winn

#### Saturday 11th February

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm–Martha Jones

#### Sunday 12th February—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am—Catherine & William Burns

St Agnes Mass 11am - Mary Murray

### Confessions

Saturday at St. Agnes 5-5.20 pm & Friday after 12 Noon Mass at St Aidan's

*(Until there is nobody waiting)*

### Please Note

*All Mass Intentions have been filled until late March 2012 for both Parishes. Thank you.*

## PARISH OFFICE

**Main Parish Office:**  
**St Aidan's**  
**92 Adswood Road**  
**L36 7XR**

**Office Hours:** Monday 9am-4pm

Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Office closed on Wednesdays**

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*

Hours: Friday - 1pm — 4 pm

(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](mailto: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](http://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**

### **Pastoral Assistant-**

Claire Ball 07899 937948

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'Parishes of St Agnes and St  
Aidan'.

## Looking for Jesus

People today are still looking for Jesus. They are looking for him because they need something that only he can give them- forgiveness for sin and everlasting life. Are you looking for Jesus? The Bible tells us you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.



## *Word Search*

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### Joint Parish Youth Club

The youth group is for those of secondary school age and meets on Thursday evenings in the Sr. Elizabeth meeting room at St. Agnes' from 7-9pm. Entrance is 50p and there are refreshments available to purchase. Please join us!



### St. Agnes' Little Church

Sunday 5th February  
Diane & Maria  
Sunday 12th February  
Lesley & Jean



### **facebook**

We have put photos from the Christmas liturgies on Facebook—the children were great and the photos capture this well. Please have a look!

If you do not want your child to appear in these photos, please let the office know.



### Celebration of Marriage and Family Life

To mark the start of National Marriage Week, Archbishop Patrick Kelly will preside at the Archdiocesan celebration of marriage and family life Sunday 12th February at 3pm. It will be in St. Mary's Church, Broadfield Drive, Leyland, PR25 1PD.

This special service is for everyone.—to give thanks for the great blessings that flow from marriage and from loving, family relationships, especially couples preparing for marriage and those who help them to prepare, the newly married and all who are celebrating a special anniversary of commitment in 2012.

There will be refreshments and activities for children. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Julie Cassidy on 522 1040 or e-mail [j.cassidy@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:j.cassidy@rcaol.co.uk)



### 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. If you have any suggestions, comments or feedback, please feel free to put them in the box.

### Parish Collections

#### Sunday 29th January 2012

St. Agnes £ 814.96

St. Aidan £ 326.48

Standing Orders: December

St. Agnes £985.00

St. Aidan £238.00

#### **St. Agnes' team to count:**

This week team 3

Thank you for your generous support.

### Catholics in Healthcare

Mass with and for Healthcare Workers

World day of prayer for the sick  
3pm Sunday 12th February 2012

Christ the King and Our Lady,  
Queens' Drive, Liverpool

Celebrant: Bishop Tom Williams

Followed by refreshments

For further information please  
telephone 0151 703 0109

### 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, please contact the Parish Office on 489 3085 and you will be booked into a preparation meeting.

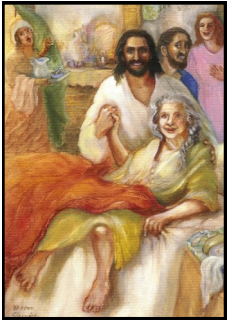


### Rosary at St. Aidan's

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

### Baptism Certificates

If you need a copy of a baptism certificate, please remember to give the office a couple of days notice. You will receive a phone call when it is ready and we would be grateful if you could collect it promptly. There are lots of certificates waiting to be collected!



### **On Fire With the Good News**

*“The fever left her and she began to minister to them.”*

(Mark 1:31)

What often makes the difference between experiencing life as endless drudgery and utter misery and being alive with energy and joy is our state of health, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual. Illness and other profound losses colour the whole of our perception. When an illness persists, whether one's own or that of a loved one, one can empathize with Job's feeling of utter weariness. A sense of helplessness, of not being in control, makes one feel like a slave, who has to answer to another. One longs for relief but has no respite day or night. It seems as if a breath of wind could carry away forever the fragile self; there is no hope of happiness ever again.

From such a pace of pain, we believers, like Job, pour out our hearts to God, knowing that God never sends or wants suffering for anyone. Whether or not the healing we desire comes in the form we want, God is always with us, binding up or wounds and mending our broken heartedness. In the gospels, it is Jesus who embodies this power to repair shattered minds, bodies, and spirits. Regardless of what stands in the way of our being able to receive and share the good news, Jesus binds up or casts out, thus releasing the power within us to experience and pass on God's love.

That is what happens with Simon's mother-in-law. Ablaze with fever, she lacks her usual energy for service to others. In much the same way that Jesus calls her son-in-law to be a disciple, Jesus approaches her, and frees her from all that impedes her from responding to the good news. Just as Simon Peter leaves behind his net so he can “fish for people” so his mother-in-law, holding on to Jesus' hand as the fever leaves her, takes up her own ministry.

The verb ‘*diekonoun*’, usually translated as “served” or “waited on”, not only refers to serving dinner but also to a wide range of ministries, including ministries of the word and of the table, and service that is apostolic, financial, and administrative. Although this Scripture passage does not tell us in what forms of service she engaged, the early believers remembered not only how Jesus extinguished Simon's mother-in-law's fiery fever but also how from her love ablaze she ministered to and with them.

When Jesus heals people, he does not simply restore them to a former state of well-being. Rather, physical healings are outer signs of deeper transformation of body, mind and spirit. As many people who have had a near-death experience attest, nothing is ever the same afterward. Similarly, Simon's mother-in-law experiences ‘resurrection’. The verb ‘*egeiro*’, ‘lifted up’, is the same word used for Jesus' resurrection. A new life has been given her, but not for her only. As with all disciples, it is a transformed life that is to be shared in service.

Jesus' purpose includes not only healing but also preaching. He frees people from whatever binds them so that they can join him in proclaiming the transforming power of God's love. His preaching encompasses not only a personal release from illness but also the systematic evils from which people must be set free. Paul says that there is not really any choice in the matter. When one has experienced God's gracious healing love, one is obliged to tell it forth. In whatever circumstances we find ourselves, we are preaching God's love. We do this according to our own gifts and calling.

Paul also speaks of how important it is for preachers to adopt the language, images, and symbols of the people to and with whom they are ministering. A person on fire with the good news does not use abstract concepts but tells how divine mercy raises us from the depths of misery, already transforming our sufferings, and leads us to the day of complete joy in God's everlasting embrace.

- Barbara E. Reid

### **Psalm (at St. Agnes' 11am Mass)**



Oh let all who thirst, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.  
Without money, without price  
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord.

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.  
Without money, without strife  
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord.

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord.  
All who labor, without rest  
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord.

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.  
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord.  
Bring the children, without might  
Easy the load and light, come to the Lord.