

Parish Collections

Sunday 18th March

St. Agnes - £568.91

St Aidan - £347.13

February Standing Orders

St. Agnes - £973.00

St. Aidan - £90.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 3

Special Collection: LENTEN ALMS

*Thank you for
your generous support*

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Psalm: My God, my God, why
have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acc: Christ was humbler yet,
even accepting death,
death on a cross. But
God raised him high and
gave him the name
which is above all
names.

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15;47

Preface: 38-39

St. Agnes' Little Church



Sunday, 1st April
Easter Sunday

Sunday, 15th April
Alison and Joanne

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 11am (Deacon)

4th Saturday at 12 noon (Fr. Anton)

St. Agnes' Baptism Preparation:

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

St. Agnes' Baptisms:

1st Sunday at 12.30pm & 2pm (Fr. Anton)

4th Sunday at 12.30pm (Deacon)

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. Augustine's School Reunion

There will be a reunion for anyone who
attended St Augustine's School between
1966-1971 at St Aidan's Club
on Friday 13th April
Buffet/raffle and excellent Soul act
7.30pm—Midnight
Tickets £5 available from Moe (Bishy)
292-4398

Dementia Information Session

Maureen Knight from the Archdiocesan
Pastoral Department will be leading a 'One
Hour Dementia Information Session' in
Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room on Tuesday
1st May 7.30pm

www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk.

The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 25th March 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Year B

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.
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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

Vera Cummins, Philip Bromwell, James Soundie, Mary Organ, Thomas Clegg,
Daphne Flynn, Aidan Morris, Maria Edge, Kay McNeill, Wendy Paveley,
Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Amy Adair, Phil Ridler, Eddie Doran,
Sandra Rowley, Winnie Witter, Joseph Hill, Rose Sankey, George Gibbons,
Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees, Susan McDougall,
Pat Madden, Marion, James Taylor, Philip Gallagher, Ursula Erfani,
Clare Pendleton, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Wyn Graham, Josie Riley, Jennifer McLaughlin,
Caelan McKeown, Mary Davis, Jimmy Jones, Margaret Flynn, Aaron Carmichael,
Triona Bromwell, Patrick McKeown, Maisie Pritchard, Janet & Ray Cragg,
Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Nancy Evans, Collette Garlick, Anthony Winrow,
Nick Gregory, Kathleen Hughes, Philip Malone, Nathan Davies, Mrs Lynch, Ann Gavin,
Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Jerome Mitchell, Lawrence McClintock, Pauline Irvine, Peter Kelly,
John Kennedy, Laura Mitchell, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin, Jennifer McKeown,
Christina Hill, Baby Sonny, Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Graham Dawson,
Kathleen Keenan, Kate Williams, John Humphry, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Hunter,
Tommy Swift, Nicholas Cragg, Sarah Doherty, Eileen Critchley,
Terry Martin, Fr. Bernard Higham, Michael Ryan, Stella Passey, Fr. Simon, John Mulcahey,
Anna Leatherbarrow, Sr Egno, Bruce Dixon, Marjorie Clutton, Grace Fernando,
Peter Lovelady, Margaret Murphy, Fr Nicholas Wild, Molly Kennedy, James Abraham,
Ann Holden, Margaret Leadbetter, Mave Mooney, Brenda McArdle, Bridie Dillon,
Gerry Reid.

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 Deceased

Frank Minghella,

Anniversaries

Veronica Jones, Denis Andrews

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning – 25th March, 2018

St. Agnes - May Curnow

St. Aidan - Parishioners of St. Agnes and 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.

PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

Main Parish Office: St. Aidan

92 Adswood Road, L36 7XR

Tel/fax: 0151 489 3085

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm

St Agnes Church

82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ

Tel: 449 2209

Mass cards available from either church

Email Address:

agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk

For your information:

Parish Newsletters are posted on

Parish Website every week at:

www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

MONDAY

Slimming World 3.30pm, 5.30pm & 7.30pm

TUESDAY

Slimming World 9.30am, 11.30am

(Michelle: 07940181515)

Country Night 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Bingo at 1.00pm 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**

PARISH CONTACTS



SISTERS:

Helpers of the Holy Souls

Elizabeth 0151 480 7904

Sr. Mary Rose 0151 482 6895

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

Sr. Barbara 0151 481 0968

Sr. Gabriel 0151 489 1302

Sr. Louise 0151 489 1302

PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

St. Aidan 0151 477 8370

St. Joseph 0151 477 8990

St. Anne's 0151 477 8260

PARISH CLERGY:

Parish Priest

Rev. Fr. Anton Fernandopulle
0151 489 3085

Deacons:

Mike Whelan, Joe Morgan

PARISH CLUB

St Aidan: 0151 489 9024

'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

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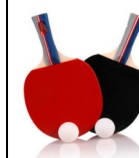
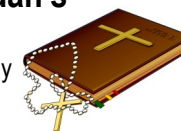


TABLE TENNIS

**Finished
till after Easter**

Rosary at St. Aidan's

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





Our next fundraiser for **WCMAD** will be on Friday 20 April in St Aidan at 7.30pm. There will be entertainment, raffle and a shared table. We look forward to your company for a family evening.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Offertory Envelope boxes are available for collection today from the back of the Church.

For your assistance the boxes are arranged in alphabetical order of names.

Please help by collecting your box **today** as we would like as many boxes as possible to be collected before Easter

Thank you



Welcome to the Parish family of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

Joel Terrence Nugent and Nancy Florence Gilliland

who will be baptised on Sunday, 25th March at St. Agnes

Please remember these Children and their families in your prayers.

Parish Piety Stall

We have some lovely Easter Cards available in our Piety Stalls at both Churches. Come along and have a look...



First Communion Dates

The dates for this year's First Communions are:

Saturday 9th June 2018 –10am
St. Aidan's School

Saturday 16th June 2018 –10am
St. Joseph's School

Saturday 16th June 2018 –12.30pm
All other schools (St. Aidan's Church)

Saturday 23rd June 2018 –10am & 12.30pm
St. Anne's School

Please do not request a specific time as this cannot be catered for on an individual basis due to the large numbers of participants.

Mass of Chrism

On Wednesday evening, 28th March, we gather as an Archdiocesan family to take part in the Mass of Chrism at 7.30pm. At this service the priests renew their commitment and the oils to be used in parishes across the Archdiocese for the celebration of the Sacraments are blessed.

St. Aidan's Little Church

Sunday, 1st April
Easter Sunday

Sunday, 15th April
SallyAnne



Mass Intentions

Saturday 24th March

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Esther McGurk, Terry Fielding

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am - Jim & Josie Phillips

St. Agnes Mass 11.00am - Denis Andrews, Michael & May Browne

Monday 26th March

St. Agnes 9.30am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 27th March

No Mass

Wednesday 28th March

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 7.30pm



Holy Week

HOLY TRIDUUM

Thursday 29th March - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Aidan Mass 7.30pm - Washing of the feet.

Friday 30th March - Passion of the Lord

St. Aidan 10.00am - **Stations of The Cross - Followed by Walk of Witness**

St. Agnes Service 3.00pm - **The Passion of the Lord**

Saturday 31st March - Easter Vigil

St. Agnes Mass 8.30pm - Parishioners of St. Agnes & St. Aidan

Sunday 1st April - Easter Day

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am - Mary & Peter O'Hanlon.

St. Agnes Mass 11.00am - Parishioners of St. Agnes & St. Aidan

Confessions: Saturday at St. Agnes 5pm- 5.20pm
and 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.

The Positive in the Negative

In a world where imperfection seems to be everywhere, the humble and the honest have a huge head start in spiritual matters and can readily find God in their most ordinary of lives. "To the poor in spirit the kingdom of heaven already belongs" (Matthew 5:3), Jesus says in his emphatic opening line of the Sermon on the Mount.

One thing we all have in common is that we all "sin" (Romans 5:12), transgress, fall into our imperfections, and make mistakes. There are no exceptions to this. We are also sinned against as the victims of others' failure and our own social milieu. Augustine called this "original sin." But that does not mean we are bad at the core, which is the way it has unfortunately been misinterpreted for much of Christian history.

You must first remember who you are! You must start with the positive and not with a problem, or you never get beyond a kind of negative problem solving. Your core, your deepest DNA, is divine; it is the Spirit of Love implanted within you by your Creator at the first moment of your creation (Romans 5:5, 8:11, 14-16 and throughout). We must know that we begin with "original blessing" as Matthew Fox and others have put it. Augustine was just trying to describe the inevitability of sin in an imperfect world (so we would not be surprised). Unfortunately this poorly named and misunderstood negative notion dominated the next 1500 years of Christianity. The word "sin" implies culpability, and that was never Augustine's point. In fact, his meaning was quite the opposite: we all carry the wounds of our parents and ancestors, which good therapists all know is true. Your sins are not just your own.

Humble honesty about our positive core, and a compassionate recognition that none of us completely lives out of our full identity, is the most truthful form of spirituality. The pull back that creates longing and desire and movement forward—like an extended rubber band—creates both inherent capability and negative capability. We all find our lives eventually dragged into opposition, problems, or "the negative" (sin, failure, betrayal, gossip, fear, hurt, disease, etc.), and especially the ultimate negation: death itself. What I love about healthy Christianity is its utter realism. Both divine election and death in many forms are presented as the school of life. The Divine Life we have been blessed with, which is actually Love Itself, is big enough to include all failure and death. The genius of the Christian explanation is that it includes the problem in the solution: the cross of failure becomes the catapult toward transformation. Our sins can even become "happy faults," as we sing on Holy Saturday.

We might also call this pull-back or negative capability vulnerability or woundability. The vulnerable person has every reason to keep growing through everything that happens to them. The overly guarded and self-protected person is scratched and dented by all "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," whereas the malleable, bendable, flexible, woundable person is almost indestructible. Their wounds are always allowed to be their teachers instead of their defeat.

It is crucial that we understand Jesus was never upset with sinners; he was only upset with people who did not think they were sinners! How marvelous that our God-image is a wonderfully wounded and vulnerable man. This is a most unlikely image for God, unless we are able to comprehend that God is telling us something about the God Self—which is almost incomprehensible: God is also vulnerable.

Gateway to Silence:(edited)
A long loving look at the real

Lourdes Pilgrimage

17th September 2018 x 5 nights

17th SEPT flying direct Manchester/
Lourdes 22th SEPT Lourdes/
Manchester

£699 per person sharing -
Hotel La Solitude

£36 per night single supplement
Please note: A non-refundable deposit of £250 is required



Includes: Return flights from Manchester Airport, transfers in Lourdes. Daily breakfast, lunch & dinner.

Luggage allowance
10kg hand luggage +
15kg check-in luggage



Saturday

31st March 2018

This will be held on the last
Saturday of every month
from 8am -12pm in

Sr. Elizabeth Kelly's meeting room

St. Agnes Church, Huyton Hey Road



Donations of good quality clothes can be left at the back of either church after Mass or handed in to the office.

They are also collecting any type of currency (coins or notes) including old English and Euros. The money is then sorted, bagged and sent to a coin exchange.

www.wearengent.org