

Mary's meals

The Backpack project is a simple way of helping children from poor families in countries like Malawi and Liberia get to school. Very often the parents of the children Mary's meals support cannot even afford to buy the basic things like pens, paper, even suitable clothes for their children to wear to school. And so their children miss out on school and the education that can help them escape from the poverty when they grow up. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish to make a real difference to the future of these children. Most people will already have many of these items at home.

If anyone would like to become involved please find the information at the back of church. If you wish to buy a backpack and fill it with the items required, that would be fantastic. However, you may prefer to donate either the bag or any of the items from the 'Wanted' list and we will do the rest. Second hand clothing/uniform items are perfectly acceptable provided that they are in good condition.

Donations can be left at Church or St Anne's school. School donations no later than 18/7/13, Church donations no later than the first Sunday in August.

For more information contact amanda.badger@talktalk.net
Have a look at the website to see the wonderful work they carry out: www.marysmeals.org



Mary's Meals will replace our usual 'Shoe box appeal'

Annual Outdoor Mass

Will be held at Yew Tree Cemetery on Sunday 13th July 2014 at 3.00pm.
Please bring a chair and be prepared for all weathers!

Please try to come along!

Dates for your diary

31st Aug - St. Aidan's BBQ
17 Oct - WCMAD Fundraiser at St Aidan's Club
19 Nov - Holy Souls Mass—St Agnes

St Agnes' Little Church

13 July 2014

Youth Mass

20 July

Carol and Janice



Holy Hour

There will be no Holy Hour during the month of July. Apologies for any inconvenience.
Thank you.

The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 13th July 2014
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A

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

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

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

Thomas Wood, Lee James Rimmer, Maureen Fairclough, Mary Margaret Welsh

Anniversaries

Nellie & Peter Lynch, Tess Hall, Peggy Coyne, Robert Kelly, Mary Kearns, Ellen Mulcahey,

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 13th July

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Parishioners of St Agnes and St Aidan
St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - Parishioners of St. Agnes & 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.

times. Here the "mystery" is the presence of God's realm in Jesus and his ministry.

While verses 11 and 12 explain that knowledge of the mysteries is God's *gift*, verses 13 to 17 emphasize human responsibility to cultivate receptivity so as to be able to respond as fully as possible to the gift. Some let the gift be snatched from them; some toss it aside in favour of something else that seems more alluring. Work must be done to root out whatever might stand in the way of allowing the gift to unfold all its riches. The parable and its symbolic interpretation undercut any smugness or complacency on the part of those who have received the gift. The gospel invites us to shift our focus from wondering whether the "seed" is effective - it is! - or why others' soil is unreceptive, to the question of how those who have received the gift can be intent on helping prepare receptive soil and to continue the profligate and indiscriminate work of the Divine Sower, who eagerly shares the mysteries far and wide.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

As the Divine Sower how you might share the word with someone who is not a churchgoer.
 Let Jesus clear away the rocks and thorns in your soil.
 Give thanks for the rich harvest produced in you.

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 2014

Perth, Scotland - www.mrop.org.uk

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

For more information, contact Fr. Richard on 449 0214



MYSTERIOUS GIFT

The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life reports that the fastest growing religious denomination is “none”. Among the 19.6% who do not identify themselves with any religion, approximately three-quarters had been affiliated with a religion as children. One in three young adults, ages 18-21, claims no religious affiliation. The study prompts important questions: Why is this happening and what can be done

about it? The Matthean community asked similar questions, as reflected in today’s gospel. Why do some accept Jesus’ interpretation of the law while others do not?

Like all Jesus’ parables, the one in today’s gospel is open to a variety of interpretations. If we take the sower as the focus, the parable invites us to reflect on the boundless generosity of God, who offers the Word, in the person of Jesus, to all in the hope of a fruitful response, no matter how poorly prepared to receive it some may seem to be. If we zero in on the seed, the parable assures us of the worth of the word. No matter what the yield, the seed itself is good and it will bear fruit. If we take the harvest as the focus, the explosive return propels us into reflection on eschatological fulfilment of hopes beyond our wildest dreams. Finally, if the different types of soil are our focus, the parable urges effort to do everything possible to cull out obstacles and cultivate maximum receptivity to the word.

As Jesus’ first followers struggled to understand why others did not respond as they did to Jesus’ teaching, they turned to the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah articulates that this experience is repeated in the life of every prophet: some people are disposed to see and hear and respond positively to the prophet’s message, while others close themselves off to the challenging word that could bring healing and that could free them to live life more fully in God’s love. To explain the negative response by the latter, Isaiah puts the onus not on the prophet, nor on the message, but on those who deliberately close themselves off to the prophet’s words and actions.

In the gospel, Jesus explains that the ability to accept his teaching is a *gift* from God. What is given is “knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven”. This is the only time that the word “mysteries” appears in the gospels. In other Jewish sources the term “mystery” is associated with God’s purposes for the end

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th July

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Walter Downey, Anita Cantwell

Sunday 13th July Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Katie Nicholls

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Hilda Logan

Followed by BBQ

Monday 14th July

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

Tuesday 15th July - St Bonaventure OFM B.D.

St Aidan - There will be no Holy Hour during July

Wednesday 16th July

St Aidan 9am - Funeral Service - Maureen Fairclough

St Agnes Mass 7.30pm - Ann Sultan

Thursday 17th July

St Aidan 11am - Requiem Mass - Mary Margaret Welsh

Friday 18th July -

St. Aidan Mass - 12 Noon – Tony Fenlon

Saturday 19th July

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Molly Simmins, Tess Hall

Sunday 20th July Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Ellen Mulcahey, Robert Kelly

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Peggy Coyne, Peter & Nellie Lynch

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.

Parish Collections



Sunday 6th July 2014

St Agnes - £754.08

St Aidan - £405.02

June Standing Orders

St. Agnes - £902.50

St. Aidan - £184.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 2

Thank you for your generous support



Welcome to the Parish
family of

St Aidan & St Agnes

**Darcey Kate Kelly
& Catherine Emily Lackey**

Who will be baptised on
Sunday 13th July at St Agnes Church

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



Congratulations to

James Kile Kevitt

&

Claire Josephine McKeown

*Who will marry on
12th July in St. Agnes'
church.*

*May you be blessed in your
lives together.*

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.

Pilgrimage to Holywell

A Pastoral day Pilgrimage to Holywell

Monday 25th August 2014

Cost £8 (bring a packed lunch)

Coach Pick up times

9.30am-St Alberts

9.40am St.Columba

9.45am- St Aloysius

Returns approx 5pm

Please contact Fr. David Potter at St.
Albert's Parish as soon as possible to
secure your place & arrange payment.

Phone 220-2194

PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

Main Parish Office:

St Aidan's

92 Adswood Road

L36 7XR

Office Hours:

Monday 9am - 12.30pm

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

0151 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

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