

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'

Holy Hour

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

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



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 3rd August 2014
18th 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, 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 McLaughin,
 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 & Padraig 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,
 Nancy Evans, Evan Lewis*

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

Margaret Collins, Rosemary Hastie, Michael Schumacher, Francis McCann,

Anniversaries

Mary Walker, Molly Simmons, Anne & John Turner, Tom Leamy.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 27th July

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.



There is an element of surprise in each parable, whether concerning the manner of finding or who is to be found in God's reign. A further surprise is that the resultant joy leads to giving up all else. It is a paradoxical path to happiness. When it finds you, any instinct to hoard this treasure evaporates; what surfaces instead is the desire to divest oneself of everything.

The metaphors of the treasure and pearl break down, however, when they imply that the reign of God can be bought and owned. The startling message Jesus preaches is that happiness in God's reign cannot be purchased in any way – not by good deeds, nor with any other commodity. Rather, it is an astonishing free gift, attainable by all. While it cannot be bought, it costs everything. The price is not paid out of obligation or guilt but is a totally free self-surrender to irresistible joy. This is an old story, not to be kept locked in a storeroom but meant to be told anew by each who has been set free by joy.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Give thanks for the ways you have been surprised by joy.
 What do you ask for as the Holy One offers to give you your heart's desire?
 Ask the Spirit's help to let go of whatever stands in the way of your self-surrender to lasting joy.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

The final amount of £449 for those sharing a room or £599 for those having a single room is now due for the Lourdes pilgrimage. Please make cheques out to 'Parish of St. Aidan's and hand them in to the parish office by August 3rd. If you have not yet given in a copy of your passport, we need that asap too!

St Agnes' Little Church

27th July 2014
 Jean and Lesley

There will be no Little Church throughout August.





SURPRISED BY JOY

What would make you most happy? If given the chance, would you ask for an understanding heart, as Solomon did in today's first reading and which the disciples claim to have at the end of today's gospel? Is happiness something to be sought or does it find you? There is no end to "how-to" books and websites that tout surefire steps to achieve happiness. The American novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne, however, reminds us that "happiness is a butterfly, which, when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you".

Today's gospel offers three short parables about how one attains not only happiness but the even deeper gift of lasting joy. In the first instance, a person unexpectedly finds buried treasure. Perhaps he is digging a well or a hole for a fence post, when suddenly he strikes a hoard of coins left behind by a previous owner who, for some reason, was unable to reclaim it. The digger is likely a poor person, a hired day labourer, at the bottom of the social scale. The parable emphasises how overjoyed he is at this unexpected find that will change his life. With reckless abandon he sells all he has in order to acquire the field with its treasure,

The second parable takes us to the other end of the social spectrum. A merchant in search of find pearls would have been a rich man, most likely making his money on the backs of the poor divers in his employ. Merchants are generally depicted negatively in the Scriptures, as avaricious and corrupt. The surprise is that even such persons as this could come upon the reign of God and be moved to sell all they have for this pearl of great price.

If there is discomfort among the hearers of Jesus' parables that both a poor peasant and a rich merchant could be found in the reign of God, a third parable, about a net that pulls in all kinds of fish, asks disciples to suspend judgement about who is wicked and who is righteous, leaving the sorting to God's angels at the end of the age. There are many verbal and thematic similarities here to the parable of the weeds and wheat. The parable is also evocative of the call of the first disciples to be fishers of people, for which they abandon all else.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th July - Saints Joachim and Anne

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Ann & John Turner

Sunday 27th July Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Margaret McGuinness & Catherine Nicolls

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Mike Thomas, Norman Arnold

Monday 28th July

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

St Agnes Requiem Mass 12 noon - Margaret Collins

St Aidan Funeral Service 12.30— Francis McCann

Tuesday 29th July

St Aidan - There will be no Holy Hour during July

St Agnes Requiem Mass 2.00pm - Michael Schumacher

Wednesday 30th July

St Agnes 7.30pm - Sandra Jones

Thursday 31st July

No Mass

Friday 1st August

St Aidan - 12 Noon - Katie McNichol

Saturday 2nd August

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Chris McCormack & Special Intention

Sunday 3rd August Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Mary J Kearns

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - John Gannon

Confessions

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

Parish Collections

Sunday 20th July 2014

St Agnes - £729.92

St Aidan - £385.65

June Standing Orders

St. Agnes - £902.50

St. Aidan - £184.00

St. Agnes' team to count:: Team 4

Thank you for your generous support



Welcome to the Parish family of
St Aidan & St Agnes

**Francis James Davis,
Isobel Lunt &
Dylan Lunt**

Who will be baptised on
Saturday 26th July
at St Aidan's Church

Please remember these children
and their families in your prayers.

Car Boot Sale - 26 July

This will be on the last Saturday of every month from 8am - 12pm (£5 per table) in the car park at St Agnes parish club, Huyton Hey Road/St Mary's Road. Please ring the office to book a place.

0151 489 3085



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 228-7126

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:

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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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