

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

Discovering God's plan for you!

Are you aged 13-21 and thinking about the priesthood?

On **Sunday 6th May** the Vocations Team will be holding its monthly discernment meeting at St Mary's Lowe House, St Helens. The meeting begins at 5pm, and after the meeting we go into Church for the monthly Youth Alive Mass. This meeting is aimed at young men aged between 13-21. The group allows young men to pray, socialize and learn more about the vocation of the priesthood. If you would like to attend this event or would like more information then please contact Father James Preston on 0151 489 1296.



The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 15th April 2012
Second Sunday of Easter

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, Bill Hall,
 John Hunter, Paul Roberts, John Roberts, Rose Bryan, Katie Nichols,
 Daisy May, Claire Bruder, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Phil Murray, Craig Wilson,
 Pauline Campbell, Kathleen Ross, Bill Browne, Christine Bell, Tricia Robinson,
 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, John Pollard, Lily O'Neill, Dean Easton,
 Lawrence McClintock, Albert Wilson, Nicky Allen, 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, Tony Clintworth, Baby Aidan James Morris, Lynn McNabb,
 Claire Waldron, Jim Rose, Kay Vaughan, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes,
 Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Ann Jones, Mary Organ,
 Josie Campbell, Jack & Winnie Witter, Peggy Skidmore, Fr. Jim Webb, Nel Jordan.
 Baby Eddie Anthony Doran., Emma Davies, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons,
 Maria Edge, Mary Fullerton, Rose Rawlinson, Rose Oscroft, Josie & John Mulcahey,
 Karan McGurk

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

Ellen Dahl, Geraldine Ann Lowry, Marty Comer. Nellie Dahl

Anniversaries

James Aspinall, Graham Wright, Michael Keene, Jean McClusky, John Swift,
 Anthony Murray, Robert Rylance, Florence Russell, Edie Mansfield, Anthony Shields,
 Mary & Thomas Cookson, Mary & Peter McLoughlan, Edward & Mark Jennings,

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 14th April

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp—Parishioners of St. Agnes

St. Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp—Tex Kirwan

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



glorification, and bestowal of the Spirit is all one movement, not separated in time, as in Luke- Acts.

The power that the disciples receive with this infusion of the Spirit is the ability to heal and forgive. When Jesus shows his wounds, we see that forgiveness does not erase them, nor does it dismiss them as unimportant. Telling the truth about them is essential for forgiveness and healing. Jesus then speaks of "holding on" to each precious one, "binding up" the wounds. The language is similar to that of Ezekiel, which describes God's work as "binding up the injured."

In the second scene, Thomas stands for all who were not present in the initial experience with the resurrected Christ. Just as Mary Magdalene did, so the disciples declare, "We have seen the Lord." But belief on the basis of another's word is not sufficient; one must have firsthand experience of Christ in order to participate in the mission. Jesus once again stands in their midst, bringing peace. He directs Thomas to probe the meaning of his wounds so that he too can become an agent of forgiveness and healing. When Thomas makes his acclamation of faith, Jesus affirms that there are two ways of blessedness: believing by having seen, and believing without having seen. The crucial thing is to believe, so as to have life.

Praying with Scripture

- How has the Spirit breathed forgiveness and healing in you?
- How is it possible to proclaim Jesus as "my Lord and my God" even when we have doubts?
- How does the peace of Christ cast out fear?

- Barbara E Reid



Peace that Overcomes Fear

There's always someone who's willing to speak up when everybody else may be wondering the same thing at a gathering but is afraid to ask. In today's gospel it's Thomas who voices the doubts and fears with which others are also

struggling. John frequently uses one character as a representative figure. For example, Nicodemus represents all whose learning stands in the way of being able to come to the light and believe in Jesus. The man born blind symbolizes all who gradually come to full faith in Jesus. Thomas stands for everyone who is a follower of Jesus yet harbours doubts.

In the first scene in today's gospel, the disciples are together, locked in their fear, when Jesus stands in their midst. His double declaration, "Peace be with you," recalls his promise of peace that casts out fear. Jesus then shows the disciples his hands and side, the ineradicable evidence of the brutality inflicted on him. Oddly enough, instead of increasing their terror, this gesture causes them to rejoice. The explanation is found in the Last Supper scene, where Jesus spoke to his disciples about his impending death, likening his pain and theirs to the labour pangs of a woman giving birth, whose agony turns to joy after the new life is brought forth. Jesus had assured them that when they would see him again, their hearts would rejoice with a joy no one could take from them.

Jesus then sends the disciples to continue the mission for which the Father sent him. In John's Gospel there is no calling or sending of the Twelve, the mission is entrusted to all disciples empowered with the Spirit. As Jesus breathes on them, the new life brought forth through his death and resurrection vivifies them. The image is reminiscent of the creation of the first human being, into whose nostrils the Creator breathes the breath of life. It also calls to mind Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones, over which he prophesies, "I will cause death to enter you and you shall live," Just as God restored hope to the disheartened Babylonian exiles, so the risen Christ breathes peace and joy into the fearful disciples.

Already at the moment of death, Jesus had "handed over the Spirit." These are not two separate bestowals of the Spirit; they are two moments of the one "hour." In John's Gospel, the "hour" of the passion, death and resurrection, ascension,

Mass Intentions

Saturday 14th April

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm- Joseph Curran

Sunday 15th April Second Sunday of Easter

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am- Rose Reilly

St Agnes Mass 11am- Anthony Murray

Monday 16th April

St Agnes 9.30am—Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 17th April

St Aidan Mass 9.30 (Easter celebration with children from St. Joseph & -St. Aidan Fr. Thomas Maher

St. Agnes Requiem Mass. 1.30 pm Ellen Dahl

Wednesday 18th April

St Agnes Funeral Service—1.30pm Geraldine Ann Lowry

St. Agnes Mass 7.30pm- Joseph & Ruby McMahon

Thursday 19th April

St. Agnes Mass—9.30am-Roy Lacken

Friday 20th April

St Agnes Mass 9.30am—Patrick McNally

St Aidan Mass 12 noon—Joan Catterson

Saturday 21st April

St Agnes -Mass 5.30pm-Robert Rylance

Sunday 22nd April Third Sunday of Easter

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am-Evelyn Robson

St. Agnes Mass 11 am-Jean McCluskey

Confessions

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

Please Note

All Mass Intentions have been filled until mid July 2012 for St. Agnes and mid June for St. Aidan.

PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

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

For your information

**Parish Newsletters are posted on
Parish Website every week.**

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

PARISH CONTACTS



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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

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Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Regarding the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes we wish to confirm the following:

Depart Manchester Friday 21 Sep 13.40(1.40pm) **Depart** Toulouse (France) Tuesday 25th Sep 13.05(1.05pm) – five days inclusive. Total cost (based on two or more people sharing) £519- Single room supplement £25 per person per night. This is on a full board basis staying at 3*La Solitude Hotel- 2mts walk from the Shrine.

Deposit £150 to be paid by cheque no later than 12 noon on Thursday 12th of April. Please include a photocopy of the picture page in your passport with your deposit Please make cheques payable to St. Aidan's Parish. Balance must be paid on or before Wednesday 4th July .You must also make sure you have a European Health Card for this trip.

Travel insurance £19 for passengers up to 85 years; please note that an additional insurance premium of £19 is charged for persons aged 86 to 94 years There are still a few places available for anyone who may be interested in joining us. For further information please contact the Parish office (0151-4893085).

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 28th April 2012

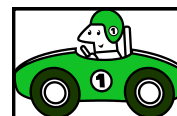
To be held in St Agnes Parish Club
Carpark

£5 per car space

8am-12noon

and thereafter the last Saturday in
every month

Proceeds will go to the W.C.M.A.D
fund



Eucharistic Minister Training

Anyone who has been contacted by Fr. Anton to be trained as a new Eucharistic Minister please attend St Columba's Primary School, Primrose Drive for the preparation workshop on Saturday 21st April 2012 9.15am—3.45pm Lunch is provided Please ring the Office to confirm your attendance 489-3085

St. Agnes' Nursery...

...at St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

Was your child born between 01/09/08 and 31/08/09? Would you like high quality nursery education for her/ him?

Places are now being allocated for September 2012.

Application forms are available at the back of both Church, the Parish Office (92 Adswood Road) The Old School House (St Johns Road) and St. Anne's School, (Marina Crescent).



Confirmations

If you, or someone in your family is in year 8 or 9 and would like to be confirmed, please collect a 'Request for Confirmation' form from the back of church. This should be completed and returned to the office as soon as possible. Bishop Malone will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation on 28th June in St. Agnes'. Arrangements for younger children will be made in 2013.

St. Agnes' Little Church

Sunday 15th April
Diane & Maria
Sunday 22nd April
Lesley & Jean



Parish Collections

Sunday 8th April 2012

St. Agnes £ 890.57

St. Aidan £ 365.06

Standing Orders: March 2012

St. Agnes £985.00

St Aidan £238.00

St. Agnes' team to count:

This week team 1

Thank you for your generous support.

Congratulations

to

Ged and Sarah McNicholl

Who were married at

St Aidan's Church

On Saturday 14th April 2012



*Please remember this couple in
your prayers as they
begin their married life together.*

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



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.

We Can Make A Difference



We have arranged a fund raising event on Friday 20th April 2012 at 7.30pm in St Agnes Parish Club. There will be a disco with Karaoke for all the family to take part in. Raffle prizes include 2 televisions, games console, camera, mobile phone, barbecue, gift cards plus a children's raffle on the night.

Raffle tickets will be sold after Mass at St Agnes.

Tickets are £3 for adults and £1 for children

Shared Table

Please try and come along as it will be good fun.

Any money raised will go towards both on-going projects Albania and Suriname



Welcome To the Parish
family of
St Aidan & St Agnes

Kyle Wade

*Who will be baptised on
Sunday 15th April 2012 at
St. Aidan's Church
Please remember this child and his family
in your prayers.*

Seeing is Believing

You and I have never seen Jesus with our own eyes. The question is, will we be a doubter, or will we be one of those who Jesus said were blessed because they believe, even though they have not seen?



Word Search Puzzle

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HANDS	TOGETHER	DOUBTING	SHOWED	SIGNS
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Missing Parishioners...

If you have noticed somebody missing from Mass for a period of time, please let the office know. Sr. Margaret has designed a card to send out to people, telling them that they are missed and inviting them back. People stop coming to church for all sorts of reasons and it is nice for them to know that the community is thinking of them and praying for them.

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"



This year's CAFOD Lenten appeal is "Thirsting for Change". Every 20 seconds, a child dies because of dirty water or unsafe sanitation. Women and girls in the poorest countries spend up to eight hours each day walking to collect water. They are robbed of a chance to earn a living, go to school, or simply spend time together as a family.

As well as raising money (which the government are matching pound for pound), CAFOD are asking us to e-mail David Cameron, calling on him to lead the world in demanding clean running water for all as he prepares to attend the G8 summit. There is a suggested e-mail at www.cafod.org.uk/thirst. Our faith calls us to act – and this is a very simple, straight forward way to play our part.