



The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 12th February 2012
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B

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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.*

Monday 6 February

We travelled from Moengo back to Paramaribo via the horrendous roads and were very blessed as the monsoon rain held off and the journey was a little less hazardous as it could have been which was probably helped by the intense prayers on the way.

We had a celebratory night with a decent meal at an Italian restaurant with the two priests: Frs. Kenneth & Dorus with whom we had worked and celebrated.

Tuesday 7 February

We had coffee again with Sr. Lidewijde Van Doorn CMM (Dutch nun) we had met earlier in our visit who has been working in the area for 40 years. Their charism is simplicity, mercy and hospitality and we certainly received hospitality from her – it was the best coffee during our stay. She had worked with lepers in her early ministry and showed us where the cut off point was where they could not cross which was via a bridge behind the hospital. It turned out that where we were sleeping was on the original site - another first for Liverpool!!

We then had to go back to pack and get ready for our journey home which was very well assisted by Cynthia van Dyk, the lady at the Pastoral centre (Asewa Otono), who was so helpful and accommodating during our stay and was sorry to see us go and hoped to be of help in the future even though I think we gave her a hard time with our singing!!



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"



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, Ann Jones,
Mary Organ., Josie Campbell, Jack & Winnie Witter, Harold Mascord. Ben Ball
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

Angie Toole, Francis Murphy, Walter Savage, Ellen Jordan, Margaret Barlow. Irene Rooney

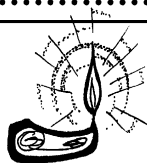
Anniversaries

Reg & Mary Melville, Norman Arnold, Mary Murray, Mary Plumbley, Sadie Harkins, Valerie Malone,

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 12th 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.

While we were having fun with the children Bryan and Steve made the journey to Reddi Dotti to present the school with toys for the kindergarten as we realised when we visited there was nothing for the little ones. They were more than excited and the children all lined up to give them a big wave in appreciation which they found very emotional.

When we finished the games the children, staff and community went into the church and had a public presentation with computer for the school and an electronic keyboard for the church as they have no music facilities. The keyboard was also battery operated as at present they have no electricity supply, we supplied two sets of batteries to get them started. The staff then presented all of us with Suriname cups as a token of their appreciation which was a very emotional occasion from a people who have very little in money terms but have very big hearts.

Saturday 4 February

We travelled into the interior to Fr Ken's parish in Moengo, close to the French Cayenne border (French Guiana) which proved to be more than a bit scary as the roads were in a very poor state of repair and we had to take a diversion to reach our destination. At this point we have to give immense credit to Bryan and Steve for their driving abilities again and we can now recommend them to give Raleigh driving lessons in whatever road conditions!! We reached a point where the options were to cross the river, which is how we transported our luggage, or climbing over the bridge (using ladders) which was under construction and most of the group, to their credit, took this route. We then had a 10 minute walk along a muddy road to arrive at our accommodation. The accommodation left much to be desired as our companions were mice, mosquitoes, huge flying ants and large cockroaches.

Sunday 5 February

Went to one of Fr Ken's masses which meant walking down the very spongy road and across the river again but it was worth it for a two and a half our service which was over before we knew it. It was very lively with lots of singing, dancing, blessings and introducing new born children and the sign of peace took much longer than ours!! We had lunch and then visited Fr Ken's other parish where we could not attend the service due to us having to cross the river in the pitch dark as well as walking the muddy road which was full of potholes. .

To be in such a remote place and be greeted with people speaking English puts us to shame. Apart from one teacher, all the staff lives on the other side of the river and go home on a Friday afternoon. They return on Sunday evening ready to start their week during which time they share accommodation and spend time with the children after school playing as well as giving extra tuition where it is needed. It was a very important day for the village as they had a new water treatment plant which was being commissioned that day, the power for the plant was produced by new state of the art solar panels which just shows how new technology can do so much good in the right place. The people of the village now have water at their homes and no longer have to go to the river to do their washing and clean their dishes. We presented the children with the sports equipment and it was such a joy to watch them as they dived on them as if they were gold dust and had to be restricted by the teachers to calm down.

We drove on to Casipura which was even smaller, 50 families, where we met the Captain who was born in the village and has always lived there – he's single if anyone is interested. There is neither school nor church although they were constructing a new building which would be multi-purpose. Some of us tried the water from a hand pump. We then returned home via the pontoon which was delayed because we waited for the school bus which had a teacher and two children who lived in Carolina which is where the pontoon starts. It was decided to have mass once we had crossed the river but the monsoon started again and we decided to continue our journey to Powakka church to say mass but the roads were getting waterlogged and so it was third time lucky when we finally had mass at home in Paramaribo.

Friday 3 February

We returned to Powakka for a sports day with the children to “initiate” the new equipment. It was a good day for them as they had no school lessons and we had such a fun day with them from 9.30 to 12 where we played volleyball, football and rounders which became a bit of a fiasco as we couldn't get the rules across to them and at some point we had three children on the same base!! Despite the lack of rules we all had a good time and all the children had doughnuts and special juice which was a rare treat for them.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday 13th February

St Agnes 9.30am—Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 14th February—

(Feast of St Cyril & St Methodius Co Patron Saints of Europe 9th Century)

St Aidan-7.30pm– Mass-Terry Burns

Wednesday 15th February

St Agnes Funeral Service 10.45am—Walter Savage

St.Agnes Mass 7.30pm– John & Nora Fleming

Thursday 16th February

St Agnes Mass 9.30am—Tommy Ward

Friday 17th February

St Agnes Mass 9.30am –Alan Boon

St. Aidan Mass 12 noon—Thank you to all Parishioners

Saturday 18th February

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm-Reg & Mary Melville

Sunday 19th February—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am –Jessie May Hughes & Georgina Davies

St Agnes Mass 11am - Norman Arnold

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

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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:
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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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called in at a village called Koineakondre at which four of us had attended mass on our last visit with Fr Dorus. The rain was like a monsoon again and there was nobody about so Fr Anton walked around shouting to see if there was anybody home. Eventually a couple of people arrived and fortunately two of them were the catechists we had met on our previous visit. They were so excited to see us and couldn't believe we had even remembered them, let alone want to revisit them. We offered to paint the place they use for their Eucharistic services (they have mass every six weeks) and community meetings but they said they would be far happier if we came back and painted the church which they hope will be built in the next 18 months. It is very humbling to receive such warmth from people who have nothing when all we did was stop by for a short while and say hello. We only had a few bits with us to give as presents but they were thrilled to receive them.

We stopped at Powakka for Fr Anton to have a meeting with the Captain of the village, some of his staff and a representation from the village. This was to observe the protocol of the Arawak people (Amerindian) and we had to wait outside before we were allowed to hear what was being said. When we were allowed in we were given a watered down version of what had transpired between the 'head people'.

Thursday 2 February

We visited Reddi Dotti and Casipura today which entailed crossing the river on a pontoon with the cars because a huge section of the bridge had collapsed four years ago and still hasn't been repaired – this was another very different experience! When we arrived on the other side of the river a gentleman got out of a car and requested that we follow him (so many white people stick out like a sore thumb) – we wondered if we were being led into no-man's land!! He led the way through a couple of small encampments and then into a village where it turned out he was the Captain! We felt very privileged to have been given such a 'royal' welcome by him and also the staff and pupils.



Suriname Trip

We were pleased to welcome the group home on Wednesday. Below is the final instalment of the trip:

Monday 30 January 2012

We bought two computers, one for the school in Nieuw Lombe which had been decided before we travelled but after visiting the village in Powakka last week we took a vote to buy one for this school in readiness for the electricity being connected later in the year. We spoke to the deputy at the school and asked if there was anything the children needed and they gave us a list of 'equipment' which consisted of tennis balls, volleyballs and footballs, a volleyball net, a rope for tug of war and a gymnastic mat. As we knew we would be visiting Reddi Dotti later in the week we bought extra equipment to present to them as well but as there are only 85 pupils we didn't need as much.

Tuesday 31 January

We set off early for Brownsweeg where we spent most of the day painting the church inside and out with the help of a few of the villagers and some of the children which made it more of a joint project. While we were working some of the parishioners brought us some coconuts. We stayed in the guest house where we had stayed two years ago to enable us to get more hours out of the day rather than make a return journey before nightfall. Before our evening meal as we have done each day we joined together for our reflection in trying to recognise the presence of God and all that we had been to the people and they to us.

Wednesday 1 February

Today we had to make an early start as there was so much to do on our way home from Brownsweeg. We firstly had to cross the river to deliver the computer to Nieuw Lombe and were pleasantly surprised that some of the teachers and pupils remembered us from our last visit when we had painted the church. Shortly after we arrived, the school inspectors made their annual review and it went in their favour having a return visit from us as this area is too cut off for casual visitors. We

Parish Collections

Sunday 5th February 2012

St. Agnes £ 659.45

St. Aidan £ 309.78

Standing Orders: January 2012

St. Agnes £996.50

St Aidan £238.00

St. Agnes' team to count:

This week team 4

Thank you for your generous support.



*Welcome To the Parish
family of
St Aidan & St Agnes*

**Jamie Joseph Naylor,
Katie Gabrielle Marsh &
Sean Alexander Preston**

*Who will be baptised on
Sunday 12 February at
St. Agnes Church*

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

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!

Valentine Reflection – Called to Love

*For one human being to love another,
That is perhaps the most difficult of all our tasks,
The ultimate, the last test and proof.
The work for which all other work is but preparation.*

- Rainer Maria Rilke



Jesus you are “filled with love” for me just as you were for the rich young person who came to you. I, too, have riches, a wealth of love within me, that is meant to be shared. I yearn to have a deep desire for goodness so that I can leave some of the things I’m greedy for and focus my heart on the deeper values of your love. I yearn to love as you have loved. (Mk 10:17-22)

Jesus, there are places within my heart that are still unfree and fearful. You made yourself available to the Samaritan woman and you pursued her with your strong belief in her inner treasures. I, too, am meant to be a person of love who announces hope to others. (Jn 4:1-42)

Jesus, you told a powerful story of a person who stopped on a risky road to care for someone’s wounds. Help me also to stop at the unpleasant places in my life, to be present to those who need a touch of love, especially on those days when my life is moving hurriedly and intensely. Grant me the courage to be less fearful of reaching out and walking with others who need a gesture of kindness and care. (Lk 10:29-37)

Jesus, you welcomed a penitent woman who came to bathe your feet with her tears. You recognised the beauty of her love and the depth of her sorrow. There are tears within me which need to be shed for the pain I’ve caused and the hurt I’ve generated. You are a loving welcome dot me as I come with my repentance. Thank you for all the times you’ve welcomed me home. (Lk 7:36-50)

Jesus, you “loved your own, loved them to the end.” You bent low before them, smelled their dirty feet, and washed them tenderly. You then asked them to hear that same great love with others. I, your servant, am called to share my gifts and talents with those who are a part of my life. I am not meant to be a doormat for them but I *am* called to be generous and humble with the deeds I do. May it be so. (Jn 13:1-15)

Jesus, you called your disciples friends. You recognised the great blessing they were for you on your journey. Thank you for the gift of my significant persons, for the privilege of walking through life with them. Remind me often of the strength and courage these loved ones give to me. May the joy I experience through them radiate love in my life to all who know me. (Jn 15:1-17)

- Joyce Rupp

Hope for the Hopeless

**Jesus
Heals the
Leper**



Sometimes we find ourselves in a situation where we are uncomfortable, or in pain. But there may come a time in our lives when we find ourselves in a situation that is truly hopeless. When that happens, where do we turn? How do we find hope in a hopeless situation? We can turn to Jesus. When the situation is hopeless, Jesus is our only hope.

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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3. 5-19-15-15-19-7-23 _____
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5. 26-7-9-9-10 _____
6. 25-3-6-11-24-9-14 _____
7. 15-9-8-4-3-10-1 _____
8. 11-6-4-9-14 _____
9. 11-15-9-12-7 _____
10. 13-9-23-23-9-14 _____

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