

## Parish Collections

St Agnes - £609.08

St. Aidan - £418.36

### **December Standing Orders**

St. Agnes - £1,018.00

St. Aidan - £110.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 1

### **Combined Refugee Collection to date**

**£5,689.86 - £1,009.10**

**Balance £4,680.76**

*Thank you for your  
generous support*

## 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



### **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

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.

## PLEASE HELP

Last June, 2016, the head teacher of  
St. Edmund Arrowsmith, **Mr. Martyn Campbell**  
and a 16 year student, **Sean Gillies**  
(from the parish of St. Agnes) died.

The School are creating a memorial garden in their  
memory and have applied to Tesco for funding.

You can help by putting the blue tokens,  
throughout January, into the Memorial Fund Box  
in the following stores:

**Prescot, Tarbock Woodlands,  
Whiston Windy Arbour Road,  
Aigburth Road, Allerton Road, Mossley Hill,  
Leathers Lane, Widnes and Woolton.**

*Thank you.*



## **Table Tennis**

Tuesdays 6.30pm at St. Aidan's

# The Parish of St Agnes and St Aidan

# NEWSLETTER



**15th January 2017**

**Second 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***

Vera Cummins, Philip Bromwell, James Soundie, Mary Organ, Thomas Clegg,  
Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, 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, Vera Jones, Rose Sankey,  
George Gibbons, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees,  
Susan McDougalle, Pat Madden, Marion, James Taylor, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson,  
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,  
Anthony Wilson, Nathan Davies, Mrs Lynch, Ann Gavin, Roisin & Padraig McRory,  
Jerome Mitchell, Lawrence McClintock, Pauline Irvine, Peter Kelly, John Kennedy,  
Laura Mitchell, Tony Gavin, Jim & Josephine Phillips, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin,  
Jackie Anders, Jennifer McKeown, Christina Hill, Julie Bohanna,  
Philip Anders, Baby Sonny, Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Graham Dawson,  
Kathleen Keenan, Kate Williams, Gerry Reid, Fiona Wilson,  
John Humphry, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Hunter, Michael Bruder, Tommy Swift,  
James Abraham, Nicholas Cragg, Tony McCarthy, Sarah Doherty,  
Sheila Kinsella, Fr Ron McGivern, John McCormack.

***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**

May Curnow, Ann Denson, Robert Seddon

### **Anniversaries**

Peter George Ellison, Kefe Akpogheneta, Steve Sheridan, Brian Rogerson.

### **Sanctuary Lamps week beginning – 15th January 2017**

**St Agnes** - Parishioners of St. Agnes & St. Aidan

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*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's**

**92 Adswood Road, L36 7XR**

### **Office Hours:**

Monday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm

### **All Enquiries to:**

**Tel/Fax: 0151 489 3085**

### **St Agnes Church**

**82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ**

*For Mass Cards etc.*

**Tel: 0151 449 2209**

Also available from  
St Aidan's Church 0151 489 3085

### **New Email Address:**

agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk

### **For your information:**

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

### **New Parish Web Site:**

www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

***Newsletter items by Thursday  
morning to Main Parish Office***

## **PARISH CONTACTS**



### **SISTERS:**

#### **Helpers of the Holy Souls**

*Sr. Elizabeth* 0151 480 7904

*Sr. MaryRose* 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 489 4072

*St. Anne's* 0151 477 8260

### **PARISH CLERGY:**

#### **Parish Priest**

*Rev. Fr. Anton Fernandopulle*

0151 489 3085

#### **Deacons:**

*Mike Whelan, Joe Morgan*

### **PARISH CLUBS:**

**St Aidan:** 0151 489 9024

**St Agnes:** 0151 489 3990

### **PASTORAL ASSISTANT:**

*Mrs. Christine Ball*

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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND APRIL 2018

We have now set a date for our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This will take place from the **2nd April, 2018** for eight nights. Places are limited and if you wish to be part of this group you will need to pay a deposit of £250.00 by the end of April 2017. Cheques should be made payable to St Agnes Church or you may use cash if you prefer. Please submit your full name (as it appears on your passport), telephone number and e-mail address (optional) along with your deposit to the parish office.

***N.B. This is a non-refundable deposit!***

At present, we are still in consultation with the tour operators but the estimated cost of the trip will be £1200. This will include flights, half board and coach tours in the Holy Land. If you wish to pay the balance in instalments this can be arranged.



**It is important you reserve your place before April 2017 as there are a limited number of spaces available.**

## Suriname and Romania Projects

Thank You! to all the supporters who have made our parish WCMAD - projects a great success this year, as we continue to help people in need especially in Suriname (South America) and Romania. The children in Romania received their 'selection boxes' and the children in a number of villages along the Amazon were provided with a Christmas meal. We will continue to support Fr Toon O.M.I. and Sr Egno in Suriname as they continue their great missions among the people along the Amazonian rain forest. Also keep in your prayers, the group who have travelled to Suriname to work alongside Fr Toon's parishioners in Washabo and Apoera as they begin a new project to help the villages on the Corantijn River.

## 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.***



## TABLE TOP SALE Saturday, 28th January 2017

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/St. Mary's Road**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 14th January - Memorial of St. Kentigern, Bishop

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Tony Gavin

### Sunday 15th January - Second Sunday Of Ordinary Time

St. Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Terry & Frank Burns, All contributors of WCMAD

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Steve Sheridan

### Monday 16th January

St Agnes 9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### Tuesday 17th January - Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot

St. Aidan 12 noon Mass - Angela Reid

**St. Agnes Funeral Service 2.30 pm - Philip Wallace**

### Wednesday 18th January

St. Agnes 7.30 pm Mass - Stanley & Margaret Bryce

### Thursday 19th January

No Mass

### Friday 20th January

St. Aidan 11.30 am - 12.30 pm -

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Silent Adoration

### Saturday 21st January - Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Michael Gavin

### Sunday 22nd January - Third Sunday Of Ordinary Time

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am - Maureen Hamilton

St. Agnes Mass 11.00am - Kefe Akpogheneta

**Confessions: Saturday at St. Agnes 5 - 5.20pm & 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.*

## We are the Beloved Sons and Daughters of God

On Monday we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of Jesus and the gospel reading for that day tells us that "As soon as Jesus was baptised, the heavens opened and a voice came from heaven: "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."

(Matthew 3: 17) In today's reading, John the Baptist tells us that a voice spoke to him saying: "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit" (John 1:29-34)

"Baptism is the initiation rite for the Christian religion and it became so from the very beginning because of Jesus himself submitting to it. The first Baptism is of water. The second Baptism which Jesus is going to give is with the Holy Spirit and Fire. It is the moment of conscious awareness, of conscious choice, of saying, "This is how I want to live my life." It is a moment of realisation that God is real, that God is with me, that God is in me, that God is for me and now I want to be for this One who is first of all for me. The Baptism of the Spirit is that moment when you 'get it', when you get your life's purpose, when you get your meaning, when you experience who you really are. It is the moment of realisation, of enlightenment. It is the moment when you really hear the words that every human being longs to hear and needs to hear. 'This is my beloved....'

You can't start the spiritual journey on a negative foundation. If you seek God only out of fear, guilt or shame, you won't go very far. If you start negative, you stay negative. You have to begin positive, by a wonderful experience, by something that's larger than life, by something that dips you into the depths of your own being. Baptism means to be 'dipped into something'.

If you have never had anyone believe in you, take delight in you, affirm you and call you 'beloved', you don't have anywhere to begin. So you keep telling yourself, "I'm great, I'm OK, I'm wonderful." But you don't believe it. The word always has to come from someone greater than you. That's what mothers and fathers are for. That's their only real job description: to communicate to their children that they are the eternally beloved children of God, that they are inherently good, that they are inherently important.

Until you know that you are beloved, you don't have anything to say, you have no good news for the world. Until that happens, you don't know who you are. Who you are is who you are from all eternity: who you are in the eyes of God and who you will forever be. The only purpose of the Gospel, and the only purpose of all church services, is to tell you that one and eternal truth. Once you get that straight, nothing can stop you. Nobody can take it away from you because no one else can give it to you except the voice of God. All you need to do is to believe that you are the beloved sons and daughters of God."

*Richard Rohr*



### St Agnes' Feast Day

We will have a 'party' with a shared table in the tea club on  
**Sunday 22nd January**  
to celebrate the feast of St Agnes  
which is on Saturday, 21st January.

### Dates for your Diary 2017

**Friday 27th January**

Winter Night, St Aidan's Club

**Friday 7th April**

WCMAD Fundraiser, St Aidan's Club

**Sunday 16th July**

Joint Parish BBQ, St Agnes

**Friday 13th October**

WCMAD Fundraiser, St Aidan's Club

### 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**

### Refugee Appeal Update (SHARE Knowsley) Asda Receipts

Although we can no longer build up the vouchers obtained from the Asda receipts to purchase raffle prizes for our parish projects in Romania and Suriname we can still make good use of them in a different way to help purchase food and toiletries for the foodbank at the SHARE Knowsley drop-in and at Asylum Link.



Receipts need to be current as there is a time limit from the date on the receipt when vouchers can be claimed. As usual there will be a box at the back of church.

***Thank you so much for all your generosity and support.***

### **Please Note - Re: Fundraisers**

This is to clarify the position regarding fundraising for charity in our two parishes: Whilst we appreciate there are many worthy causes in need of assistance, we **MUST** restrict our own parish collections and fundraising events to the WCMAD (We Can Make A Difference) projects, Mary's Meals, Refugee Appeal and Lyndale Centre only. If any individual or group wishes to aid any other charity or cause, they should do this privately and not on church premises or via the Tea Clubs. ***Thank you, Fr. Anton***