



Romania & Suriname Projects



If you are a parishioner who is 18+ and regularly worship at St. Agnes or St. Aidan's you may like to help on our projects in Romania or Suriname. There will be a group on Thursday 11 September at 7.00 pm at 92 Adswood Road.

Lourdes Petitions

If you have prayer petitions you would like the group to take to Lourdes, we will leave them at the grotto for you. Please hand your petitions to Fr. Anton or one of the group by 30th August.



RCIA

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic (or was baptised Catholic but hasn't made their communion or been confirmed and would like to complete the sacraments of initiation), please contact the office or Claire Ball 07899937948 The RCIA course will start in December.

Fourth Dimension Shop

Do you have a couple of hours free during the week?

If so the Fourth Dimension Shop in the village is in need of new volunteers and would love to hear from you. The shop is an ecumenical charity founded to raise money through the sale of goods and refreshments to assist in developing countries and to meet the needs of our own area.

If you are interested in helping, please contact:

The Fourth Dimension Shop in Huyton Village - 07582 867 463



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 17th August 2014
20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.
Reg Charity No 232709

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 Jones, John Hunter, Rose Bryan, Daisy May, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Craig Wilson, Pauline Campbell, May Cooper, Tricia Robinson, Ryan Johnson, June Hunt, Marie Mills, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall, Marie Keights, Ian Gordon, Dorothy Kelly, Bernard Foley, Mary Parker, Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey, Margie, Dean Easton, Michael Williams, Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason, Rose Saunders, Anne Nolan, Nel Jorden, Jim Phillips, Lawrence McClintock, Nicky Allen, Joe Muraski, Marie D'Arcy, Betty Johns, Christopher Massam, Marion Fallon, 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, Phil Ridler, 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, Jenny Pye, Susan McDougalle, Pat Madden, Mary Lyons, Eileen Mooney, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani Clare Pendleton, James Taylor, Rose Sankey, Marion, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Dolly Morten, Kay McNeill, Jennifer McLaughin, Arthur Jones, Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson, Wyn Graham, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Patrick McKeown, Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Pritchard, Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Josie Tinsley, Geraldine, Roisin & Padraig McRory, Margaret Murray, Josie Riley, James Skeath, Anthony Winrow, Jimmy O'Neil, Philip Malone, William Stove, Martin Thomas, Sr. Ann Collette Garlick, Maureen Quinn, Kathleen Hughes, Nancy Evans, Jimmy Jones. Helen Stone, Anthony Wilson

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

Alan Cadman, Brian Jones,

Anniversaries

Celia Wilkes, John Pugh, Denis Coleman, Eddie Devlin, Michael Thomas, Ted Fargin

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 17th August

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Parishioners of St Agnes

St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - Parishioners of St Aidans

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.



But he is recognised. A Canaanite woman comes pleading for her daughter. By labelling the woman with the outmoded term "Canaanite", Matthew makes her the archetypal enemy; one of those with whom Israel struggled for possession of the land. Oddly, this so-called enemy knows both the right Jewish prayer formulas and the proper messianic total for Jesus. Her impassioned plea, *kyrie eleēson*, "Have mercy on me, Lord", echoes the pleas of the blind men and the father of the boy with epilepsy. In those instances, Jesus quickly heals. To the woman he makes no response at all. Never before has Jesus ignored someone who pleaded with him for compassion. The disciples also urge him to send her away. When he finally speaks with her, he insists he has nothing for her and that his mission is only to his own people.

If the woman were seeking healing for herself, she might have given up, but there is nothing that fuels a mother's audacity more than her child's well-being. She kneels before Jesus, a gesture of homage but in so doing she also blocks his way, insisting that he act on her behalf. This time Jesus' response is terribly insulting: "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs". Some biblical scholar try to tone down the insult, understanding it as an endearing address to a pet. Others think Jesus is reciting a common saying of his day that reflected animosity of Galileans toward the people on the coast, to whom their wheat would be exported, even in times of shortage. Whatever the genesis of Jesus' comment, calling the woman a dog is a gross insult.

Rather than turn away or return insult for insult, the mother redirects her rage, finding clever words, and remaining respectful toward Jesus: "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters". With that, something shifts in Jesus. The woman stretches him to see her not as "other" or as "enemy" but as one of his own, one with whom he shares a common humanity, a common faith in God, a common desire for the well-being of children. He recognises her great faith, having often chided his disciples for their "little faith". Beyond securing the healing of her daughter, the narrative depicts this woman sparking in Jesus the idea that his mission is for all people, a notion that will be fanned into flame by those who carry on his mission after his death.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Pray for the wisdom to know how best to advocate for women, children and the most vulnerable.

Pray for the grace to stand firm and speak truth respectfully, even when insulted or ignored.

Pray for the grace to act with inclusive love, from which no one is excluded.



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.

The backpacks are for children aged between 4-14. **Please stick to only the items listed on the original forms provided at the back of Church.**

Donations and backpacks can be left at Church no later than Sunday 14th September 2014

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



DOGGED FAITH

They call themselves the "Brain Tumour Mums". Three mothers in Massachusetts banded together after receiving the heartbreaking news that their young daughters have brain cancer. Bent on advancing progress beyond outdated paediatric brain research, in 2009 alone they raised \$250,000 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute by walking, pleading and repeated asking, despite frequent rebuffs.

In today's gospel, there is an equally determined mother who pleads with Jesus to heal her daughter. It happens in the region of Tyre and Sidon. It is puzzling that he should go there, since the Matthean Jesus is intent on ministering only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Matthew has just recounted the execution of John the Baptist, preceded by the ominous notice that Jesus has also come to Herod's attention. Most likely, Jesus goes to the coastal cities to get out of Herod's jurisdiction and to lie low for a time. He needs time to grieve over his beloved teacher and relative. He can be anonymous in Tyre and Sidon and can regroup and strategise about when and how to continue his mission publicly.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 16th August

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - John Pugh

Sunday 17th August Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Jimmy Sheehan, Terry Burns

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Celia Wilkes

Monday 18th August

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

St Aidan - 12 noon Funeral Service - Brian Jones

Tuesday 19th August

St. Aidan - Holy Hour 11am -12 Noon

Wednesday 20th August - St Bernard, OSB

St Agnes 7.30pm - Sr. Christine

Thursday 21st August - St Pius X

No Mass

Friday 22nd August - The Queenship of Mary

St Aidan Mass 12 noon - Frank McCann

Saturday 23rd August

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Rosemary Hastie, Tony & Francis Bartram

Sunday 24th August Twenty first Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Michael Thomas

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Denis Coleman

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 10th August 2014

St Agnes - £760.36

St Aidan - £332.17

July Standing Orders

St. Agnes - £898.00

St. Aidan - £184.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 3

Thank you for your generous



Welcome to the Parish
family of
St Aidan & St Agnes

Amelia Lilly Steel
Lee Peter Reekie
Elsie-May Nolan
Poppy Nolan & Maisie Nolan

Who will be baptised on
Sunday 17th August at
St Aidan's Church.

Please remember these children in
your prayers.

Violence in Gaza

Please help stop the violence in Gaza
and get aid to families in great need. You
can ask the Foreign Secretary to push
for peace, or donate to CAFOD's
humanitarian aid on the ground. Go to
<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Gaza>

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.

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

Romania WCMAD
Mission Report 2014



Please note a comprehensive
report for our parishioners will be
available soon.

We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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

PARISH CONTACTS



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Helpers of the Holy

Souls

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Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

Sr. Barbara - 0151 228 2239

Sr. Gabriel - 0151 489 1302

Sr. Sarah - 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

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Deacon: Mike Whelan

St Aidan Parish Club

0151 489 9024

St Agnes Parish Club

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