## Lourdes Pilgrimage - 12-17th September 2016

We will fly directly from Manchester to Tarbes (Lourdes Airport). As requested by parishioners, we will be staying in the same hotel as on the previous trip, the 4\* hotel La Solitude. The pilgrimage is for five nights. All meals are included and the cost will be £609.00 per person sharing a double room. If you are interested please contact the office on 0151-489 3085 or enter your name on the list at the back of church.

#### **Collection for Syrian Refugees**

We are all too painfully aware of the plight of so many in Syria. We have seen footage of those desperately seeking refuge from their war torn country and the risks they are willing to take to do so. Pope Francis has asked us to "be 'neighbours' to the littlest ones, the most abandoned ones ... give them real hope." We feel we are being called to act with compassion and respond to this very real need.

The two parishes have formed a committee and are currently working with the Archbishop's official Justice and Peace field worker, Steve Atherton. If you would like to find out ways that you can help or be involved in what the committee are working towards, please speak to Dave Monaghan or Margaret Roche. In the next few weeks we hope to start a weekly collection for the Syrian Refugees. We are suggesting that a donation of 50p from yourselves, each week, will go a long way to creating a substantial and meaningful fund to help a family and others. If you would like to donate more or set up a standing order, this would be greatly appreciated. You can set up a standing order by contacting the Parish Office during office hours.

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the people with fairness

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times for the strength to stand with confidence before

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# **Holy Souls**

The annual Mass for the Faithful Departed/Holy Souls of our parishes will be held on Friday 27 November at St Aidan's Church.

Feel free to bring a picture or memento of your loved ones to be placed on the altar.

# The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan





15th November 2015

Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year B

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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.



# <u>Prayer Requests</u> For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers

Vera Cummins, Philip Bromwell, Pauline Burgess, James Soundie, Mary Organ, Thomas Clegg, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Aidan Morris, Maria Edge, Kay McNeill, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Amy Adair, Sandra Rowley, Phil Ridler, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Eddie Doran, Joseph Hill, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Higgins, Jennifer Hewitt, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Christine Lees, Susan McDougalle, Vera Jones Pat Madden, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani, Clare Pendleton, Marion James Taylor, Rose Sankey, Dolly Morten, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Colette Wilson, Jennifer McLaughin, Wyn Graham, Josie Riley, Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Margaret Flynn, Mary Davis, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Patrick McKeown, Jimmy Jones, Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Pritchard, Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Nancy Evans, Margaret Murray, Geraldine, Sr. Ann, Collette Garlick, Anthony Winrow, Nick Gregory, Kathleen Hughes, Philip Malone, Anthony Wilson, Roisin & Padraig McRory, Jerome Mitchell, Mrs Lynch, Ann Gavin, Nathan Davies. Lawrence McClintock, Moya Fleetwood, Pauline Irvine, John Kennedy, Dorothy Ireland, Laura Mitchell ,Jim & Josephine Phillips, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin, Peter Kelly, Jennifer McKeown, Pat McGiveron, Christina Hill, Julie Bohanna, Jackie Anders, Philip Anders, Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Graham Dawson, Eva Roberts, Baby Sonny, Nikki Hamner, Kathleen Wilson, Tony McCarthy,

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**

Peter Ashton.

#### <u>Anniversaries</u>

Vincent Belton, Patrick Mulcahey, Catherine Turner, Charles Roberts, Robert Latham, Joan Crowney, Theresa Daintry, Edward Roberts, Kathleen Roche

Sanctuary Lamps Week beginning – 15th November 2015

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Tommy Milner

St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - Parishioners Of St Agnes & 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.

#### **Parish Collections**

#### Sunday 8th November 2015

St Agnes - £790.39 St Aidan - £358.35

#### **October Standing Orders**

St Agnes £996.00 St Aidan £250.00 St. Agnes' team to count: Team 4

Combined Refugee Collection Sunday 8th November £314.06

Thank you for your generous support



Welcome to the Parish family of St Aidan & St Agnes

# Scarlett May Sharp Neve Dionne Thomas

Who will be baptised at St Aidan on Sunday 15th November

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, you must 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



First communion children are reminded to attend Mass regularly and mark the register at the end of the Mass.

Many thanks. Fr. Anton

## Dates for your Diary 2015-2016

2015

Friday 27th November Holy Souls Mass—St Aidan's 7.30pm

2016

Friday 22nd January Winter Night, St Aidan's Club

Mon 12th—Sat 17th September Lourdes Pilgrimage

# PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

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#### Office Hours

Monday 9.00am - 12.30pm

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Wednesday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Friday 9.00am - 4pm

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# **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.

New Parish Web Site
www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

#### PARISH CONTACTS



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Sr. Barbara - 0151 481 0968 Sr. Gabriel - 0151 489 1302 Sr. Louise - 0151 489-1302

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#### Parish Clergy (Parish Priest )

Rev. Fr. Anton Fernandopulle 0151 489 3085

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#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday 14th November

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Charles Roberts, Mario Jayatunga

# Sunday 15th November - Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - John McCarten, Vincent Belton St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Michael Coyne, Catherine Turner

#### Monday 16th November

St Agnes 9.30am - Celebration of the Word

#### **Tuesday 17th November**

St. Aidan Holy Hour 11-12 pm

## Wednesday 18th November

St Agnes Mass 7.30pm - The Holy Souls

#### Thursday 19th November

St Aidan Mass 7.30pm - The Holy Souls

#### Friday 20th November

St. Aidan Mass 7.30pm - The Holy Souls

#### Saturday 21st November - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Bob Latham, Tom Milner

#### Sunday 22nd November - Solemnity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Dave Neely, Josephine Fitzgerald St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Vera Sheridan, Bob Memery

#### **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.

#### **Every New Beginning Comes from Some Other Beginning's End**

Today we hear a gospel about an ending. It sounds like the end of the world, the grand finale. For most of us, I suspect, there is often some fear and anxiety about the end of life and the end of the world – in whatever ways we might understand that. What if that's not what this gospel is about? I wonder if we are often too quick to hear this gospel as being about the end of the world. Here's what I am wondering. Maybe today's gospel is about "an" ending and not "the" end. Maybe there's more to our lives and our world than a single static beginning point and a single static ending point separated and defined by time. Maybe beginnings and endings are two sides or perspectives of the same event, recognizable moments of growth and transformation in Christ, deepenings of our interior life. It's not time that separates and defines our beginnings and endings. It is, rather, that Christ joins and unites them. So every beginning finds its fullness in an ending and every ending is the context for a new beginning. And all that happens in Christ, the one who called himself the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end.

Every beginning starts with an ending. Today's gospel confronts us with a necessary ending that makes space for a new beginning. It reveals a darkness from which new light will shine. It shakes us awake to watch for the one who is always coming. Sometimes we need to wake up and face the necessary endings in our lives.

Each of us comes to this day with all sorts of stories and experiences. I'm talking about the kind of stories and experiences that have defined us, shaped who we are, given meaning and direction to our lives, and have been the motives and drivers for what we do, how we think, and the ways we relate. They are powerful stories that give structure to our lives and upon which we have built. They are central to our life and identity. They are the stories that shape our view of the world, ourselves, others, and God. We could call them temple stories. I've called them temple stories because that is the context for today's gospel. Jesus and his disciples have just left the temple. In Jesus' day the temple was the centre of Jewish life and identity. It gave the people meaning and direction. One of the disciples, clearly impressed and influenced by the temple, remarked,

"Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" "Not one stone," Jesus says to him, "will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down" (Mk. 13:1-2). Today's gospel concludes Jesus' teaching in response to that disciple's remark and the other disciples' questions of when this will happen and what the signs of its happening will be (Mk. 13:4). Jesus is telling them that the story of their life and identity is changing and will be replaced with another. He's telling them that they will need to let go of the old view of life, the world, themselves, even of God. They will have to let go of their temple story. So must we.

So let me ask you, what are the temple stories you carry within you? What stories have been foundational for you but no longer give you a safe or life-giving place to stand? In what ways have these stories defined and determined your life in such a way that they have denied you the life you really want? How have they narrowed your view of God, the world, others, and yourself?

Look for the places where your world is small and your life is impoverished and you'll find a temple story. Look for the patterns of conflict and difficulty in your relationships and you'll find a temple story. Look for the ways in which you continue to do the same old thing the same old way with the same old results and you'll find a temple story.

Every temple story has a necessary ending. It is the coming of Christ. His coming is the beginning of our new life and a new life story. He is our life and our story. But we can neither live his life nor tell his story as long as we cling to our temple stories. Are we willing to discover and face our temple stories? Are we willing to accept the necessary ending of our temple stories?

That's the challenge of today's gospel, as we approach the beginning of a new liturgical year. This day, however, is not about only a challenge. It also offers an assurance and a promise, the assurance that it is safe to let go of our temple stories and the promise that this is not the end but the context for a new beginning.

Michael K. Marsh Interrupting the Silence

#### **Going Forward**

Look deep into your life for your temples stories. Name them, tell them, and let them go

# <u>'Healing Ourselves – Healing our World'</u>

As we approach Advent, Fr Richard will offer another series of CAPACITAR wellness practices. They may help us to enter the Christmas season with less rush and greater peace.

Thursdays 7.30-8.30pm in the Elizabeth Kelly room in St Agnes.