

St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

Monday

Slimming World
5.30pm & 7.30pm

Tuesday:

Slimming World 9.30am, 11.30am
(Michelle 07940181515)
Country Night 7.30pm

Wednesday

Bingo at 1pm, 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

St Agnes' Parish Centre

New Memberships available

Mon/Tues

Darts Night

Tuesday

Ukele Group 7.30pm

Wednesday

Quiz night from 9.30pm

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**

The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 30th March 2014
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year A**

Mother's Day

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

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

Lily Jones,

Anniversaries

Margaret Vaughan, Maureen Johnson, Elizabeth Challinor, Evelyn McCarten, Eileen Carabine, Peter Cook, Esther McGurk

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 30th March 2014

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - The Andrews Family

St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - The 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.



Missing Parishioners

As parishioners we need to be aware that if we don't see anyone for a few weeks we should find out what has happened. Sometimes it is due to the fact that a bus route has changed and it's time and no longer ties in with the mass times. Please contact the office if you become aware of anyone who has not been seen for a while and we will make arrangements for someone to keep in touch with them if they so wish.

Nugent Care

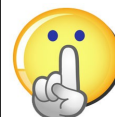
Donations of good quality clothes can be left at the back of either church after Mass or handed in to the office. They are also **collecting any type of currency** (coins or notes) including old English and Euros. The money is then sorted, bagged and sent to a coin exchange. So if you have any left over holiday money — please dig it out, however little!



There is a Facebook group for our parishes at: 'Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan'. Please 'like' the group to access information and photos from the parishes.

Please encourage your friends to look at the parish facebook page to keep up-to-date with our many activities and forthcoming events.

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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"

Please Note - Re: Fundraisers

This is to clarify the position regarding fund-raising 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 fund-raising events to the WCMAD (We Can Make A Difference) projects, Mary's Meals 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



Romania & Albania 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 Albania. There is a group that meets every first Saturday of the month at 6.30pm at **92 Adswood Road** (after 5.30 Mass).

If you are interested, please come along!

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 29th March

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Mary Spurrier

Sunday 30th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Molly & Charles McCoy

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Maureen Johnson, Jimmy & Ella Watts

Monday 31st March

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

Tuesday 1st April

St Aidan Holy Hour - 11.00am - 12pm

St Aidan Mass 12 noon - John & Paul Roberts

Wednesday 2nd April

St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm - Rev Austin Dobson

Thursday 3rd April

No Mass

Friday 4th April

St. Aidan Mass 12 Noon - Evelyn McCarten

St Aidan - 7.00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5th April

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Elizabeth Challinor

Sunday 6th April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Terry Burns, Anne Marie Connolly

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Julie Scotson

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.

St Agnes' Little Church

Sunday 6th April

Carol and Janice



St Agnes' Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

The rotas for St Agnes readers and Eucharistic Ministers will be available for collection this weekend from the back of church.

Yoga

Yoga classes continue in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room at St. Agnes' on Wednesdays at 6.15 pm



Parish Collections

Sunday 23rd March

St Agnes - £789.88

St Aidan - £362.31

February Standing Orders

St. Agnes - £829.00

St. Aidan - £174.00

St. Agnes' team to count: 3

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 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.



.. to all the wonderful mums of our parishes. Thanks for all you do for us!

Sunday 30th March

Mothers Day

Hot & Cold Buffet
Champagne on arrival
The Sensational Promotion
1-6pm (£15)

15th April 2014

Charity Night

Various Artists
Curry Supper
In Aid Of Defibrillator at Club

SVP

The next meeting will be on
Wednesday 2 April at 6.45pm at
92 Adswood Road

We Can Make A Difference (You can help)

We are looking for laptops that you no longer use to take to Romania in July 2014.

They will need to be in reasonable condition and we will arrange for the necessary programmes to be loaded on to them before we travel. We can also arrange for the disc to be cleaned if required. Thank you

St Agnes Nursery

St Agnes Nursery is a social enterprise that was set up to maintain excellent nursery provision on the site of St Anne's School. The Local Authority agreed to support the school nursery for two years when it moved from the St Agnes School site. At the end of the two years it was clear that parents wanted to keep the nursery. However, a new way of governing the nursery was necessary, and so a separate organization was established to oversee the project.

The nursery employs three staff, and is governed by a management committee that meets monthly to monitor progress. The committee is made up of volunteers who live or work in the area and are committed to maintaining the nursery. We are looking for new members for this committee.

If you have an interest in the welfare of our children, a concern for protecting the provision of a nursery within the parish and willing to work on the management committee then please ring Karl on 0151 480 9177 for more information.

Chrism Mass

The parish will be organising a coach to take parishioners to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday 16 April (Holy Week).

The coach will leave St Aidan's at 6.00pm and arrive home around 10.00 pm.
The return fare will be £3.00. If you wish to book a place please contact the office.
0151 489 3085

New Offertory Envelopes

Please start using the new offertory envelopes from next weekend 5th/6th April

Gift Aiders Tax Refund

If you are a tax payer who regularly contributes to the upkeep of the church via the 'loose collection' may we ask that you consider making your offering tax effective by using offertory envelopes. In doing so your contribution would be worth an extra 20% to the church at no extra cost to yourself. Last year we received the following refunds from the tax man in gift aid;

St Agnes £6,136.06

St Aidan £2,511.03

Offertory Envelopes

If you would like to make use of offertory envelopes for the first time then please fill in an application form which can be found at the back of the church. You do not have to be a tax payer to use these envelopes.

Thank you



A Lent Course Based on 'Les Misérables'

This Lent you are invited to a series of Lent reflections based on Victor Hugo's 'Les Misérables'. Through discussion of some of the themes and principal characters we will explore the grace of God, alongside our imperfect state and opportunities for redemption and healing. We are invited to reassess what we can do with our lives, both for ourselves and for those around us. The reflection meeting's will continue on Tuesday's throughout Lent at 7.30pm in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly meeting room.

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

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



SISTERS:

Helpers of the Holy

Souls

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Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

Sr. Barbara - 228 2239

Sr. Gabriel - 489 1302

Sr. Sarah - 489-1302

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'Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan'.



UNLIKELY LEADERS

A world-transforming movement was born through the most unlikely leader. One morning in 1995, 12 year old Craig Kielburger was captivated by the story of Iqbal Masih, a South Asian boy sold into slavery at age four who lost his life for speaking out for children's rights. Craig gathered 10 of his friends and the movement Free the Children was born. Today it engages over a million children in peer education in 45 countries and has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

In today's first reading, we hear of a similar unlikely choice of a leader. It goes against traditional thinking to look to the youngest to lead into the future. The prophet Samuel was sure that Eliab was the one to be anointed but God instructed him not to judge by appearance and invited him to see as God does, by looking into the heart.

Today's gospel is also about seeing with the heart and about the unlikely leadership of a man who had been born blind. By allowing the works of God to be made visible through him, he becomes able to lead others to faith, even if not all accept his testimony. This same thing can be said of Jesus – he is an unconventional leader in the eyes of other leaders, whose objection and denials end with their refusal to see the works of God being made visible through him.

The man who was blind is open to the simple instructions of Jesus. He allows Jesus to put mud on his eyes, an ancient technique thought to have curative properties and he obediently goes to the pool of Siloam, washes and comes back able to see. In the lengthy exchanges that follow, first with his neighbours and then with the Pharisees, the man becomes more and more able to see with his heart, understanding more and more clearly who Jesus is and grows in his ability to lead others to faith. He moves from not knowing Jesus to recognizing him as a prophet, a man of God, the Son of Man. In the end he worships him as Lord. The other characters in the narrative throw up one obstacle after another, tenaciously refusing to see. The neighbours first debate about the identity of the man, insisting they do not see what they see. When the healed man settles that issue, they shift to the question of how the healing was done. Resisting the explanation of the newly sighted man, they turn to their leaders, who pick up the

debate with the question of how the cure was done. The Pharisees latch on to another obstacle: Jesus must be a sinner because he did the healing on a Sabbath. When they turn to the healed man for his interpretation, he counters with, "He is a prophet". Unpersuaded, the leaders then revert to questioning whether there had actually been any blindness. The parents confirm the identity of their son and his congenital blindness, but say no more, out of fear.

Coming back to the healed man, the leaders have now made up their minds about what they see: that Jesus is a sinner. They circle back to question the fact of the healing and how it was done. They shore up their certitude about what they know and what they see, claiming their faithfulness to Moses and finally end by dismissing the healed man as a sinner too. What Jesus does is unheard of. The person he calls to lead others to faith is unconventional. The logical arguments why it cannot be so are endless. Those who allow themselves to quell their objections and see with the heart can lead the way into a transformed future.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

How are your Lenten practices helping you to see with the heart?

What are your objections to seeing as Jesus sees?

What has never been done before that you see as possible?

Men's Rites of Passage

"The most significant 5 days of my life."

Radical, heart-thumping, liberating transformation."

"A total immersion into honest male truthfulness... truly a personal transformation."

"Deep, labyrinthine and magical."

Wednesday 23rd – Sunday 27th July 2014

Perth, Scotland - www.mrop.org.uk

You'll only ever do this once. Think you're ready?
For more information, contact Fr. Richard on 449 0214