

At the end of the episode, Matthew's notice that the count of five thousand did not include the women and children is a reminder that children and their mothers are the ones who are hardest hit by hunger. Even when women make sure their husbands and children are fed before they themselves eat, some five million children die every year because of malnutrition.

The gospel today invites us to resist the temptation to consider it someone else's responsibility to address the problem of world hunger. When we gather at Eucharist, we not only give thanks for God's gifts received freely and abundantly, but together we seek to understand the causes of hunger and redouble our efforts to galvanise the church's energies toward aiding peoples and nations to take the drastic measures needed.

The opening verses of today's gospel remind us that such actions provoke opposition from those who benefit from the unequal distribution. On the heels of the execution of John, Jesus fed the crowds, knowing he could be the next victim of Rome. Was it because he was counting the women and children who would otherwise perish?

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

How do our Eucharistic celebrations impel us to act for just global food distribution?

Ask Jesus to share his compassionate heart with you.

Ask the Spirit to show you how to make the concerns of women and children central.



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.

The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 3rd August 2014
18th 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,
 John Hunter, Rose Bryan, 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,
 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,
 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 McLaughin, Rose Sankey,
 Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Arthur Jones, Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson,
 Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Brenda Cubells, Patrick McKeown,
 Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Pritchard, Marion, Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison,
 Geraldine, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Wyn Graham, Margaret Murray, Josie Tinsley,
 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,*

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

Klaus Berentzen, Mary Greenall, Helen Taylor, Evan Lewis, Kathleen Barton,

Anniversaries

Francis D'Arcy, John Roberts, Pat Morrissey,

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 3rd August

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.



JESUS FEEDS



5,000

NO MORE HUNGER

No one really knows the precise number of hungry people in our world but the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation estimates it to be 925 million – that's approximately one of every seven people. The vast majority are in Asia and the Pacific, then sub-Saharan Africa, followed by Latin American and the Caribbean, then Northeast and North Africa and some 19 million in developed countries.

In 1966 the World Food Summit set out to reduce the number of malnourished people by half by 2015. Although there has been modest progress in some areas of the world, the number of hungry people has actually increased in the past decade and a half.

Hunger was no stranger in the days of Isaiah and of Jesus as well. In the first reading, Isaiah voices the dream of the returning exiles. With their pitiful resources, they long for all to be able to eat well, without having to pay a cent so no one would die of thirst or malnutrition. In the gospel, Jesus enacts God's promise to fill the hungry with good food, as he feeds a crowd of thousands. This is not only an act of heartfelt compassion but it is also a politically subversive action. In Jesus' day, as now, food is about power. The rich who had control of land and the means of food production and distribution, who comprised about 2-3% of the people, were the ones who ate well and plentifully. The rest struggled daily to feed themselves and their children. Taxes, pestilence and drought often up their reserves and left them at the brink of starvation.

In today's world, there is easily enough food for everyone and then some. But not all have enough land to grow food or sufficient income to purchase it. In the gospel, Jesus' disciples presume that there is enough food for everyone but they figure it is someone else's responsibility to provide it. They want to send everyone off to buy their own food, thinking that everyone has money and that the surrounding villages have the resources to feed the multitude. Jesus directs them away from an impulse toward self-sufficiency to a solution that depends on remaining in community and pooling and redistributing their resources. In a Eucharistic action, he transforms all that they have, and there is enough.



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

Lourdes Pilgrimage

There will be a meeting for all those travelling to Lourdes to discuss final details on Tuesday 12th August at 7.30pm at St Aidan's Church. Please try and come along.

The final amount of £449 for those sharing a room or £599 for those having a single room is now due for the Lourdes pilgrimage. Please make cheques payable to 'Parish of St. Aidan' and hand them in to the parish office by the 4th of August. If you have not yet given in a copy of your passport, please do so by Friday the 8th of August.

There are now four places available. Anyone who is interested please contact the office before midday on Friday 8th August.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 2nd August

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Chris McCormack & Special Intention

Sunday 3rd August Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Mary J Kearns

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - John Gannon

Monday 4th August

St Agnes 9.30 am – Celebration of the Word & Communion

St Agnes Funeral Service 3.00pm—Helen Taylor

Tuesday 5th August

No Mass

Wednesday 6th August - The Transfiguration of The Lord

St Agnes 7.30pm - Tommy Woods

Thursday 7th August

No Mass

Friday 8th August

St Aidan Requiem Mass 12 noon—Evan Lewis

St Agnes Requiem Mass 1.00pm— Mary Greenall

Saturday 9th August—St.Teresa Benedicta Of The Cross

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Les Chappell

Sunday 10th August Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Francis D'Arcy, John Roberts

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Pat Morrissey

Monday 11th August

St Aidan Requiem Mass 11.30am—Klaus Berentzen

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 27th July 2014

St Agnes - £694.39

St Aidan - £331.14

June Standing Orders

St. Agnes - £902.50

St. Aidan - £184.00

St. Agnes' team to count:: Team 1

Thank you for your generous



Welcome to the Parish
family of
St Aidan & St Agnes

Isla Lilly Coburn

Heidi Hindley

Bella Seiga

Jacob William Azzopardi &

George Francis Azzopardi

Who will be baptised on
Sunday 3rd August at
St Agnes Church.

Please remember these children in
your prayers.

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

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.

Church Cleaning

If you would be willing to spare an
hour (between 10.30-11.30am) on
Saturday 9th August to do a quick
cleaning of St Agnes Church, please
come along. We would appreciate
your help.

Thank you

Fr. Anton



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



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 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

0151 489 3085

Deacon: *Mike Whelan*

St Aidan Parish Club

0151 489 9024

St Agnes Parish Club

0151 489 3990

Pastoral Assistant

Claire Ball 07899 937 948

E-mail: claiрем_ball@yahoo.co.uk

facebook

'Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan'