

himself. But the crowds find him and he breaks out of his solitude to respond compassionately to their needs.

Today's gospel begins with Jesus' effort to retreat again. Even at night, the peoples' need for him does not abate. His disciples have been in distress in their boat on the lake ever since he left them at evening. He does not go to them immediately, however, but waits until the fourth watch of the night, the last watch, about three hours before dawn. We can surmise that although he is aware of the strong wind that is tossing them about, he remains in solitude, in the necessary inner stillness, where he experiences oneness with God and becomes strengthened to continue to minister compassionately.

Coming to the disciples at last, he shares with them his gift of fearlessness. Although his beloved mentor has been executed, and although he can see a similar fate awaiting him as well, from the still centre of his heart set on God, he can do what seems impossible. Disciples, too, when they grasp his outstretched hand to come to him, find in him the still centre, where his contagious courage dispels all fear.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Where is the mountain where you can hear God's voice in the sheer silence?

Ask Jesus to help you know when to put aside urgent demands so you can seek solitude for prayer.

Give thanks for the times you have been fearless in stepping out into roiling waters by taking Jesus' hand.



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 10th August 2014
19th 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

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 McLaughlin, 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

Annie Sinclair, Brenda Cubells, John Donnelly.

Anniversaries

Pat Morrissey, Celia Wilkes, John Pugh, Marie Riley, Francis D'Arcy, John Roberts.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 10th August

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Parishioners of St Agnes

St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - Tommy Smith

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.



A SOUND OF SHEER SILENCE



At the conclusion of a recent performance of the symphony, a few seconds elapsed before the audience burst into applause. During the ensuing intermission, a handful of patrons remained and sat still, quietly relishing the exquisite sounds they had just heard. The majority, however, had quickly whipped out their cell phones and were checking messages, texting and talking. The need for constant communication won out over the momentary gift of contemplative silence. Today's readings invite us to choose to enter into spaces of silence, where it is easier to hear the One who is constantly communicating divine love to us.

In the first reading, Elijah is discouraged and afraid for his life. He has fled from the deadly intentions of Jezebel into the desert and has plopped himself under a broom tree and asked God to let him die. God has other plans, however, and an angel provides him with food and drink. Twice the angel has to urge him to eat and drink. He finally does so and is thus fortified for his 40 day trek to Mount Horeb, also called Sinai. At this same mountain, God had been revealed to Moses, who likewise stood in a cleft in the rock as God's glory passed by.

At a time of deep fear and distress, Elijah goes to the place that connects him again with the roots of Israel's covenantal bond with the Holy One. But God is not manifest in devouring fire, like that which surrounded the mountain at the giving of the law to Moses. Nor can Elijah hear God in the fierce, crushing wind or in the earthquake. It is in "a sound of sheer silence" that Elijah hears the voice of God.

"What are you doing here, Elijah?" is the probing question that invites Elijah and us to reflect on whether our actions and choices are leading us to fulfil our hearts' deepest desires for oneness with God and God's purposes. The subsequent verses sketch out how God strengthens Elijah for the remainder of his prophetic mission before he dies.

In the gospel, we see Jesus likewise retreat to a mountain by himself to pray, following the noisiness of healing and feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people. That previous episode begins with the note that Jesus had just heard of the death of John the Baptist and had withdrawn to a deserted place by



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.

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!



Mass Intentions

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.Agnes 9.30 am – Celebration of the Word & Communion

St Aidan Requiem Mass 11.30am—Klaus Berentzen

Tuesday 12th August

St. Aidan– Holy Hour 11a.m-12 Noon

St Agnes Requiem Mass 1.15pm—Annie Sinclair

Wednesday 13th August

St Agnes 7.30pm - Michael Schumacher

Thursday 14th August

St Agnes Funeral Service 2.00pm—John Donnelly

Friday 15th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Aidan Mass 12noon—Katie Nicols

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

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Celia Wilkes

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 - £760.36

St Aidan - £332.17

June Standing Orders

St. Agnes - £902.50

St. Aidan - £184.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 2

Thank you for your generous



Welcome to the Parish
family of
St Aidan & St Agnes

Ruby Rose Lafferty
Ava May Wan
Joshua Christopher McCartney

Who will be baptised on
Sunday 10th August at
St Agnes 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.

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**Newsletter items by Thursday
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For your information

**Parish Newsletters are posted on
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