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Readings: Page 110, 113, 118 Saturday Psalm: My Soul rejoices

in my God

Sunday: God, my heart delights in

you. Holy is your name

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Confirmation Dates

The Archbishop will confirm Year 4 children on Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 7.00pm and older children/ teenagers will be confirmed on Tuesday 9 June 2015 at 7.00pm. Both services will take place at St Agnes due to the numbers involved.

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.

Holy Communion Dates 2015

St Agnes Church

Sat 2nd May 2015 at 10.00 am Sat 2nd May 2015 at 12 noon Sat 6th June 2015 at 10.00am

St Aidan's Church

Sat 13th June 2015 at 10.00am Sat 13th June 2015 at 12 noon Sat 20th June at 10.00 am

STAGGS

Work is continuing with the removal of the invasive ivy. The main lawn area is now pretty much clear. We are now reducing the level of soil around the boundary wall by about a foot and getting the borders ready for planting in the New Year. This is pretty tough going as the soil is full of roots from the ivy, but the team are working hard at it. We now have eight STAGG members but can always use more help if anybody is interested.

We are still waiting to hear about the trees from the Diocese but now, at last, as most of the leaves have fallen they are not that much of a problem. Hopefully we will hear from them soon.

STAGGS meet most Mondays between 1000 and 1600 at the church garden. Contact Monica for further details.

The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan





Sunday 14th December 2014 Third Sunday of Advent

Year B

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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

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, Eddie Doran, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Higgins, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Brendan Reilly, Christine Lees, Jennifer Hewitt, Joseph Hill, Mary Lyons, Susan McDougalle, Pat Madden, Eileen Mooney, Kay McNeill, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani Clare Pendleton, James Taylor, Rose Sankey, Marion, Dolly Morten, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Jennifer McLaughin, Arthur Jones, Wyn Graham, Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Patrick McKeown, Josie Riley, Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Pritchard, Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Margaret Murray, Geraldine, Roisin & Padraig McRory, Anthony Winrow, Philip Malone, Martin Thomas, Sr. Ann Collette Garlick, Maureen Quinn, Kathleen Hughes, Nancy Evans, Jimmy Jones. Anthony Wilson, Linda Mulcahy Amy Adair, Jerome Mitchell, Vera Jones, Lawrence McClintock, Moya Fleetwood, Nick Gregory, Helen Stone, Nathan Davies, Fidelis Akpogheneta, Pauline Irvine, Mary Davis, John Kennedy, Jim Phillips

Please note -<u>The Prayer list is being updated</u> Please contact the Parish Office to add or remove any names from the list as soon as possible

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

George Williams, Anthony Hoey, Harold Jones, Mary Smith

Anniversaries

Robert Latham, Bridget Heaslip, Catherine Turner, Lawrence Kearns, Alma McAulay,

Fred Runacus, Margaret Williams, Tony Smith, Bob & Bella Moreland

Sanctuary Lamps This week 14th December

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Parishioners of St.Agnes & St. Aidan **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.



Missionaries Of Charity

The sisters at Seel Street will be providing gifts for homeless men and the poor in Liverpool at Christmas. They would appreciate donations of gifts for men eg socks, gloves, hats and scarves. Please leave at the back of Church, or hand them into the office.

They thank you all for your ongoing generosity.

Piety Stalls

The Piety Stalls at St. Agnes' and St. Aidan's now have Christmas stock cards, calendars, diaries, etc.

It is difficult to get Christmas cards with a religious message in the shops so why not have a look after Mass this weekend!

Children's Christmas Play

There will be a short meeting after the Reconciliation Service on Wednesday 17 December for everyone involved with St Agnes' Children's Liturgy to co-ordinate all the strands.

Reconciliation Service

The Advent Reconciliation service will be at St. Aidan's on Wednesday 17th December at 7:30pm.

Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

St Aidan - 5.30 pm

St Agnes - 8.30 pm

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Family Mass St Aidan - 9.30 am

St Agnes - 11.00 am



Christmas Tree

This year's Christmas tree offerings will be donated to Nugent Care for which there will be a box next to the tree.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Keeping Ourselves Blameless

Another Sunday in Advent so another instalment from the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist. The 3rd Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunady*. We can think about becoming joyful, the end is in sight, we are over the hump. Isaiah in the First Reading is certainly looking forward, looking forward to the Lord making integrity and praise spring up. St Paul in the Second Reading is thinking about joy and he is also looking forward. He is telling us to be happy. His recipe for happiness is to pray and give thanks. We all know how appreciative we feel when somebody says thanks to us. Paul is also telling us that God has called us and he will not fail us. It is God who will keep us safe and blameless for Christ.

Keeping somebody safe in the worldly sense is not always easy or possible but we can, or at least we have the tools to, keep ourselves blameless. It is accepted that John the Baptist was blameless but in the end not even a powerful man like Herod could keep him safe. In keeping or making ourselves blameless then we know that we make ourselves safe for something greater than we are experiencing at the moment. John the Baptist was not the light. He was to tell people that the light was on its way. Light gets rid of darkness. Darkness makes us stumble, causes us not to see and can cause fear. Physically this is a dark time of the year but shortly the days will lengthen and more light will appear. John the Baptist was talking about a different light but the light that he spoke about also lifts darkness from our life, it can help us to see things and does not give us a cause for fear.

An extract from Intercom Magazine

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.

Mass Intentions

<u>Saturday 13th December - Memorial of St Lucy</u>

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Robert Latham, Patricia Coddington

Sunday 14th December Third Sunday of Advent

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - John McCarten, Dave Neely

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Norma Murphy, James & Sarah Watts

Monday 15th December

St Agnes 9.30am - Celebration of the Word & Communion

St Agnes - 6.30 pm Celebration of Children's First Reconciliation

Tuesday 16th December

St Aidan - 11am Holy Hour

St Aidan - 6.30 pm Celebration of Children's First Reconciliation

Wednesday 17th December

St Aidan Funeral Service 1.30 pm - Anthony Hoey

St Aidan - Reconciliation Service 7.30 pm

Thursday 18th December

St Agnes Mass - 1.30 pm St Anne's School Mass (All welcome)

Friday 19th December

St Aidan Mass 12noon - John & Billy Roberts

Saturday 20th December

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Catherine Turner

Sunday 21st December Forth Sunday of Advent

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Shaun Mudge, Lawrence J Kearns

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Patrick & Mary McLindon

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 7th December

St Agnes - £791.10 St Aidan - £362.55

November Standing Orders

St. Agnes - £849.00 St. Aidan - £150.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 4

Thank you for your generous support



Welcome to the Parish family St Aidan & St Agnes

Macy Elizabeth Morgan & Annya Nicole Wigelsworth

Who will be baptised on Sunday 14th December at St Agnes Church.

Please remember these children 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.

St Aidan/Agnes SVP members would like to wish all our Parishioners a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

We would like to thank you for your continued support; the money you contribute helps us to give our pensioners and housebound people days out and to fund the annual Christmas Party.

The aim of the SVP is to help those in need, for example, we visit those who are unwell either at home or in hospital, the housebound and people who are lonely. We visit our local nursing and residential homes, our food banks as well as our local cancer care centre, Lyndale, on Huyton Lane. We also assist in cases of genuine hardship with small donations of money, food parcels, etc.

If you know anyone who is in need of assistance please call the parish office who will contact an SVP member.

The SVP are always looking for new members. Please see Bob Singleton at St Agnes, John Cliffe, Ian Murray, Julie Morgan, Pat McGiveron or Anne Whelan at St Aidan.

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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

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