

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

15th April 2014

Charity Night

Various Artists

Curry Supper

In Aid Of Defibrillator at Club

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
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The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 6th April 2014
Fifth Sunday of Lent
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, 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 McDougale, 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 & Pdraig McRory, Wyn Graham, Margaret Murray, Margaret Sergison,
 Josie Tinsley, Riley James Skeath, Anthony Winrow, Jimmy O'Neil, 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

Joseph McKenna,

Anniversaries

Rose & Edith Turner, Bella Kearns, Joseph Curran, Wayne Carmichael, Evelyn McCarten,

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 6th April

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Nina Warchalowski

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.

SPRING CLEAN UP

Do you have a couple of hours to spare to prepare St Agnes church to look spruce and smart for the Easter celebrations?

If you are available on Tuesday or Wednesday at around 11.30 am/ midday this week could you please contact the office.

Thank you,

0151 489 3085

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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ACTA

A Time for Dialogue

There will be an ACTA meeting in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly meeting room on Tuesday 8th April at 7:30pm. This meeting will be more informal, with small groups sharing around the ideas of our hopes and concerns for the Church.



Ideas shared will form the basis of future meetings and action.

Please join us!

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!

Spare seeds, bulbs or plants

As you begin preparing your gardens ready for the spring and summer could you keep St Agnes' garden in mind. We would appreciate any spare seeds, bulbs or plants so we can enhance the whole church grounds.

Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity. Monica & Bryan Blois



St Agnes' Little Church

Sunday 6th April
Carol and Janice



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.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday 7th April

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

St Agnes Service of Reconciliation 7.30pm

Tuesday 8th April

St Aidan Holy Hour - 11.00am - 12pm

Wednesday 9th April

St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm - Joseph Curran, Rose & Edith Turner

Thursday 10th April

No Mass

Friday 11th April

St. Aidan Mass 12 Noon - Barry Carmichael

St Aidan - 7.00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday 12th April

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Margaret Nessworthy, Anne Maguire

Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Wayne Carmichael, John Kenneway

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Bella Kearns, Ann Shields

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.



Welcome to the Parish
family of
St Aidan & St Agnes

Harrison Thomas Jones
Amelia Susan Rose Smith

Who will be baptised on
6 April 2014 at St Agnes Church

Please remember these children
and their families in your prayers.

Yoga

Yoga classes will recommence
on 23 April in the Sr. Elizabeth
Kelly Room at St. Agnes' on
Wednesdays at 6.15 pm



Parish Collections

Sunday 30th March

St Agnes - £809.19

St Aidan - £325.72

February Standing Orders

St. Agnes - £829.00

St. Aidan - £174.00

St. Agnes' team to count:

**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.

Stations Of The Cross

There will be Stations Of The Cross
every **Friday** during Lent at St Aidan's
Church at 7.00pm

On Good Friday, 18th April at St
Aidan's, Stations of the Cross will be at
10.45am after which we will walk up to
St Michael's Parish and we will begin
our ecumenical
'Walk Of Witness'
through Huyton
Village.



Holy Week and Easter 2014

Mass of Reconciliation – 7:30pm at St. Agnes' Mon 7th April

Palm Sunday – CAFOD Lunch following Sunday Masses in both parishes

12th April 5.30pm St Agnes

13th April 9:30am St. Aidan

11:00am St. Agnes

Holy Thursday Mass – Mass of the Lord's Supper and
Washing of the Feet

Thurs 17th April 7.30pm St Aidan

Fri 18 April Good Friday—Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Stations of the Cross – 10:45am at St. Aidan's, followed by an ecumenical 'Walk of
Witness'

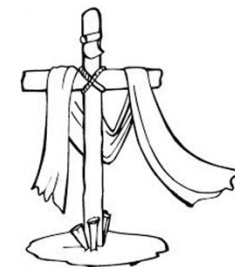
Good Friday Service – 3:00pm in both St. Agnes' and St. Aidan's

Sat 19th April Easter Vigil – 8.30pm St. Agnes

Easter Sunday – Mass of the Resurrection

Sun 20th April 9:30am at St. Aidan's

11:00am at St. Agnes' (Children's Mass)



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.

Lost Property

We have a box full of odd gloves and scarves etc at St Aidan's which we will pass on to the Charity shop if not claimed.

Please ring the office 489-3085 if you think you have mislaid an item whilst in the Church and we will have a look

Remembrance Book

We have a gold book which is on the altar at St Aidan's to be used by both Parishes. If you have a member of your family/loved one who has died and you would like their name entered into the book, please speak to Mary McCloy or ring the office.

New Offertory Envelopes

Please start using the new offertory envelopes from this 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

Thank you also for those who have taken offertory envelopes for the first time and also to those who have signed a Gift Aid Declaration Form. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.



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. This is the final Les Mis reflection meeting and, due to other meetings in the Sister Elizabeth Kelly room this week, will be held at the convent at 168 Tarbock Rd on Wednesday 9th April at 7:30pm.

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

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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



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BEING THERE

One thing you want to be able to depend upon is that your loved ones will be with you in time of need. Therefore, the most puzzling part of today's gospel is that Jesus does not go right away to be with his dear friend Lazarus and his sisters after he receives word of Lazarus's illness. Where does he delay? The text does not answer that question directly. Even after Martha says to him forthrightly, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died," Jesus does not explain why he stayed away for two more days before deciding to come to Bethany. Mary confronts Jesus with the very same complaint. Later, the onlookers ask, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" The troubling question, voiced three times, is, Where is Jesus when you need him?

It adds to the puzzlement that at other times in the Gospel of John Jesus does come to the aid of persons in need of healing: the royal official's son in Capernaum, a man who was paralyzed at the pool of Bethesda and a man born blind near the pool of Siloam. In each of these instances there appears to have been no prior relationship between Jesus and the one asking for healing. Jesus is simply "passing by" when he sees the man born blind. The man healed at Bethesda does not know who Jesus is. In the case of the royal official, Jesus refers to him as part of "you people" whom he disparages because of their desire for sign and wonders. Why would Jesus extend himself to these people and not to his close friends? He had once even put himself in danger by doing so in Bethesda and that episode concludes with Jesus' opponents trying to him.

The two days Jesus delayed in going to Bethany may have been time that he needed to discern whether it was "the hour" for him to take this fatal step. It is clear that to go to Judea would put Jesus at great risk. His disciples twice try to dissuade him from going there. Thomas's wry remark, "let us also go, that we may die with him", proves to be exactly true; the chapter ends with the Sanhedrin planning to put Jesus to death.

As Jesus' followers try to build communities of equal disciples, it is a challenge to embrace as friends those who are not kin and those to whom we are not naturally drawn. It is even more difficult to be willing to lay down one's life for any of

befriended, as Jesus does. In the Fourth Gospel, Jesus' mission is to bring life to the full for all by offering friendship to all persons and drawing them to himself. Jesus loves Martha, Mary and Lazarus. But he also loves all other persons – to the death. There are no favourites or best friends. The anonymous Beloved Disciple stands for each person who allows himself or herself to be loved by Jesus and to love him in return. All of us beloved of Jesus can put ourselves in the place of the one who rests on Jesus' bosom.

When one chooses to abide in Jesus, then he is always present, even if not in the same physical, earthly way the first beloved disciples wanted him to be. As Martha professes her belief in the Risen One, she affirms that he is always truly present and that all who die believing in him are likewise living and present still. Such belief does not take away grief for the dear departed but turns our mourning into hope-filled joy.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Let Jesus hold you in his presence when it feels like he is absent.

How has Jesus helped you form risky friendships?

Share with Jesus whatever grief you may have over the death of a loved one and let him weep with you.

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