

S.V.P.

Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in the Palm House outing next Tuesday. It has been so popular that all the seats are now full. Apologies to anyone who has not managed to get a place on the coach.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Just a reminder to those who have not been able to collect their new box of envelopes yet. Please help by collecting yours today if possible.
Thank you.

Parish Newsletter on the Website

Please note the parish Newsletter could be accessed on the parish website from 5pm on Fridays. (www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk)

Page references for Mass 24th April

5th Sunday of Easter:

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Psalm: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acc: Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

Preface: Pages 42-45

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

There will be a talk by Cardinal Charles Bo of Burma at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 22 May at 2.00 p.m. Followed by Sung Vespers at 3.00 p.m.

Entrance is free and there will be a retiring collection for ACN's work in Asia and an ACN Trading stall.

Thursday Club

We are looking for volunteers as well as **new members** for the Thursday Club held at St. Aidan's Church at 7.30pm.

This is a social gathering of people with special needs. If you are interested for more details please contact the parish office on: 0151 489 3085

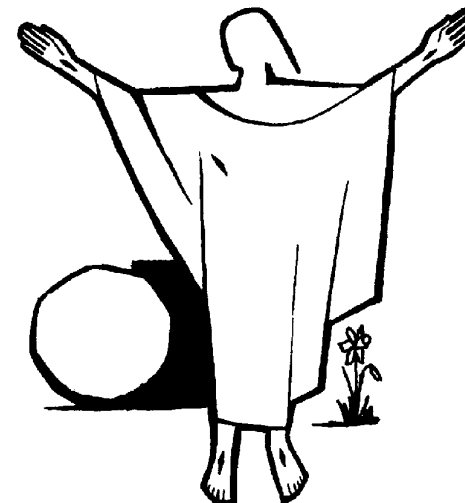
Table Top Sale - 30 April 2016

This will be on the last Saturday of every month from 8am - 12pm (£5 per table) in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly's Meeting room at St Agnes church, Huyton Hey Road/St Mary's Rd.

To book a table ring
0151 489 3085

The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



24th April 2016
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year C

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

Vera Cummins, Philip Bromwell, Pauline Burgess, James Soundie, Mary Organ, Thomas Clegg, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Aidan Morris, Maria Edge, Kay McNeill, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Amy Adair, Phil Ridler, Sandra Rowley, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Eddie Doran, Joseph Hill, Vera Jones, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Higgins, Jennifer Hewitt, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Christine Lees, Susan McDougalle, Pat Madden, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani, Clare Pendleton, Marion, James Taylor, Rose Sankey, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Colette Wilson, Wyn Graham, Josie Riley, Jennifer McLaughlin, Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Mary Davis, Jimmy Jones, Margaret Flynn, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Patrick McKeown, Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Pritchard, Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Nancy Evans, Margaret Murray, Geraldine, Sr. Ann, Collette Garlick, Anthony Winrow, Nick Gregory, Kathleen Hughes, Philip Malone, Anthony Wilson, Nathan Davies, Mrs Lynch, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Jerome Mitchell, Ann Gavin, Lawrence McClintock, Moya Fleetwood, Pauline Irvine, Peter Kelly, John Kennedy, Dorothy Ireland, Laura Mitchell, Jim & Josephine Phillips, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin, Jackie Anders, Jennifer McKeown, Christina Hill, Julie Bohanna, Philip Anders, Baby Sonny, Tony Gavin, Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Eva Roberts, Graham Dawson, Nikki Hamner, Tony McCarthy, Kathleen Keenan, Grace Fernando, Tom Malone, Angela & Gerry Reid, Joseph Cashman, Kate Williams, Vera Conley, Fiona Wilson, Patricia Leonard

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

Anniversaries

Jimmy Hynes, Celia Wilkes, Nora & John Fleming, Florence Russell, Tommy Smith, Thomas Keenan

Sanctuary Lamps Week beginning – 24th April

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Tex Kirwan
St Aidan 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.

St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

Monday

Slimming World

3.30 pm, 5.30 pm & 7.30 pm

Tuesday:

Slimming World 9.30 am, 11.30 am

(Michelle 07940181515)

Country Night 7.30 pm

Wednesday

Bingo at 1 pm, Quiz Night

Thursday

Bingo 7.30 pm

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

Tues

Darts Night

Saturday

Evening live entertainment in the lounge

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

FOOD BANK

Could any donations for the Food Bank be left at the back of either Church please. Thank you for your continued Support!

Lourdes Pilgrimage - 12-17th September 2016

As in the previous year we will fly directly from Manchester to Tarbes (Lourdes Airport) and we will be staying in the same hotel, the '4* Hotel La Solitude'. The pilgrimage is for five nights. The cost, including meals, will be £609.00 per person sharing a double room.

If you are interested please contact the office on 0151489 3085 or enter your name on the list at the back of church.

(All intending to travel please pay a deposit of £250 before Sunday 1st of May)



Thank You

"Brothers and sisters, you are sent from this assembly to bring the Word of God and the Bread of Life to the sick and homebound members of our parish family. Go to them with our love, our care and our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and gentle healer."

A Big Thank you to the 'Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist' (Eucharistic Ministers) who regularly visit the nursing homes/housebound parishioners. On behalf of the parishioners of Sts Agnes and Aidan we thank you for your time and effort as you take with you not only the sacrament we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard, as well as the affection of our parish community.

Fr. Anton and the parishioners.



Romania & Suriname Projects



If you are a parishioner who is 16+ and regularly worship at St. Agnes or St. Aidan's you may like to help on our project in Romania. There is a group that meets every first Thursday of the month at 7.00pm at the **Presbytery 92 Adswood Road**. If you are interested, please come along!

The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics will start in late April 2016. We welcome Catholics and other Christians who are divorced or separated (recently or in the past) or who are experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or a long term relationship.

The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential.

General enquiries may be directed to Maureen O'Brien at LACE 0151 522 1044 m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk

WCMAD Fundraiser

A fundraiser evening will be held on Friday 29 April 2016 at St Aidan's Club which will commence at 7.30 pm. Tickets will be available from this weekend at a cost of £2 for adults and 50p for children.

As usual, this will be a family evening with a shared table, an entertainer and a disco. There will be the usual array of great raffle prizes. *You are encouraged to wear colours of Romanian and/or Suriname national flags or any other national dress to celebrate the diversity of our communities.*

The funds raised at this event will be used to support our two projects in Homorodu de Jos (in the North West of Romania) and also villages in Suriname, South America served by Fr. Toon and Sr. Egno.



Mass Intentions

Saturday 23rd April - Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Nora & John Fleming, Celia Wilkes

Sunday 24th April 5th Sunday of Easter

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Christopher Thomas Town, Nora Rimmer
St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Siobhan Arnold, Norman Arnold

Monday 25th April - Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

St Agnes 9.30am Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 26th April

St. Aidan Holy Hour 11-12 pm

Wednesday 27th April

St Agnes Mass 7.30pm —Sacrament of Confirmation (First Communion children)

Thursday 28th April

No Mass

Friday 29th April - Feast of St Catherine of Siena

St Aidan 12 Noon - Mass-Pat McGiveron

Saturday 30th April -

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Irene Davies, Gordon Roberts

Sunday 1st May - 6th Sunday of Easter

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Tommy Smith
St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Toby Francis Fenn, Florence Russell

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.

“Love one another just as I have loved you.”

These words are so familiar to us. Perhaps this new commandment is our *raison d'être*, our daily aspiration. We may even have the T-shirt.

When we reflect on the words ‘...as I have loved you’, what are our thought processes? Do we look for various Scripture references which speak of God’s love for us and in them find a God who loves unconditionally, a God whose love is indiscriminate, who makes the “sun to shine on good and bad alike.” Scripture speaks of a God who is loving, caring, forgiving, compassionate, understanding and self-sacrificing: so many qualities of love for us to emulate. We are constantly looking for ways in which we can do this, ways in which we can show that we love as Jesus loved. Do we have the correct starting point? We are familiar with the story of the traveller who stopped to ask someone the directions to his destination. “If I were you, I wouldn’t start from here,” was the reply.

“I give you a new commandment.....” Surely Jesus’ command to love one another was nothing new for the disciples and those of their time; the commandment is well known in the Old Testament: Love God with your whole heart and your neighbour as yourself.’ What is new? “Love ... as I have loved you.”

How I embark on my journey of loving others is rooted in my own personal experience of God’s love for me. ‘God’s desire is to totally overwhelm you with love; to have you experience it to overflowing; to have you sense, feel, taste and touch his love for you. He really wants you to experience him.’

Linda Boone

‘The true Giver of Life is, in fact, in love with you, intensely present wherever you are working, playing, creating – at your desk, in your kitchen, in your car, checking your smartphone, arguing about the remote control, rehearsing at the choir, shopping at Tesco and drinking down at the pub. Like a star-crossed parent, the Mother of Life loves looking at you and delights in your every moment.’ (Daniel O’ Leary: The Happiness Habit)

Do we allow ourselves to bask in the warmth of God’s love? We can learn from the butterflies who have to ‘*spread their wings in the morning sunshine because the scales on their wings are actually solar cells. Without that source of energy they cannot fly.*’

Laurie Beth Jones

St Aidan’s Little Church

Sunday 24th April
Cath G
Sunday 1 May
Kath H

St Agnes’ Little Church

Sunday 24th April
Lesley, Jean and Paula
Sunday 1 May
Carol, Janice and Annette

STAGGS

Spring has sprung and STAGGS are at it again. We re-convened at the beginning of March and began to check out what there was in the garden after the winter. This year we will be concentrating on maintenance and putting more plants in, both perennials and annuals so all donations will be gratefully received.

I would like to say a BIG THANKYOU to everybody who contributed to the garden last year whether it was money, plants, seeds or time. We could not have done it without you.

This year we are spreading our wings and helping out at the allotments which are used by Asylum Link to provide fresh produce for the refugees in Liverpool. The produce will be used in their kitchen to provide hot meals for up to 250 refugees at a time. The group will be dividing their time, half will be working at St Agnes and the rest at the allotments in Childwall. We will be working alongside some of the refugees who help out there. Needless to say more volunteers would be welcome so if you have a few spare hours on a Monday, come and join us. Give Monica a ring or check in at the office.

First Communion Preparation



Thanks to all the parents & children who attended the Sacramental Meetings over the past six months.

We look forward to your Holy Communion Masses and we pray that the sun will shine.

Just a reminder that the **Confirmations** will be held this week, Wednesday 27th April at St Agnes Church 7.30pm

Refugee Appeal Update (SHARE)

A big Thank you to all our parishioners who continue to contribute to our parish Refugee Fund.

One of the outcomes of our recent meeting held at St. Agnes' was a desire to strengthen links with Asylum Link Merseyside who do tremendous work at their centre in the former presbytery of St. Anne's Overbury Street. Some members have already offered to do some voluntary work at their centre which is great. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Margaret Roche ((07842185100) *(We would like to remind everybody that we will be collecting following as an on ongoing project.... we know we can count on the generosity of the people in Huyton)*

Toiletries

As a parish we thought we could collect and donate toiletries which are always needed there. Items such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, appreciated. Please leave these items at the back of our churches.

Bikes

The Asylum Link is also constantly looking for second hand bikes (for adults) so if you have a bike that is in working order and is 'feeling lonely' why not think of donating it? *(Please note that at the Asylum Link there is the facility to repair bikes).* We can arrange collection of bikes and we know that they will certainly be put to good use

Prayer

Sr. Mary Rose had a great suggestion which costs nothing at all, just a bit of your time. If each day, for maybe 5-10 minutes each one of us lights a candle and calls to mind all those who are fleeing war, persecution or torture and are facing a very uncertain future, especially those who are losing hope and holds them in prayer. What a beautiful way to unite with each other and with our brothers and sisters in need!!

Thank you again for your tremendous support and generosity.



When we truly experience God who is Love, when we know that 'our heart keeps beating with His energy and our own face reflects the light in the eyes of the Creator' (Daniel O'Leary), then we become Love. We also know this to be true of others as well as ourselves. "To love another person is to see the face of God."
(Les Miserables)

Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic—or if you were baptised a Catholic but never made your Confirmation or Holy Communion - please make contact with Christine Ball or Fr. Anton (contact details in this newsletter).

Typically those interested begin to meet on a regular basis in September and are received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter

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 as soon as possible 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.

Dates for your Diary 2016

Friday 29th April	WCMAD fundraiser, St Aidan's Club
Sunday 8th May 11am	Fr Richard's 40th Ordination Anniversary Mass
Sunday 12th June	Joe Morgan's Diaconate Ordination Metropolitan Cathedral
Sunday 10th July	Joint Parish BBQ, St Aidan's
Mon 12th - Sat 17th Sept	Lourdes Pilgrimage
Friday 14th October	WCMAD Fundraiser, St Aidan's Club

Parish trip to Rome (2017) 17th April. (details to be confirmed)

PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

Main Parish Office:

St Aidan's

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Office Hours:

Monday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Friday 9.00am - 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:

ssagnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk

For your information

**Parish Newsletters are posted on
Parish Website every week.**

New Parish Web Site

www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

PARISH CONTACTS



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Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

Sr. Barbara - 0151 481 0968

Sr. Gabriel - 0151 489 1302

Sr. Louise - 0151 489-1302

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'Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan'.

Parish Collections **Sunday 17th April 2016**

St Agnes - £863.01

St Aidan - £343.13

March Standing Orders

St Agnes £934.00

St Aidan £300.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 3

Combined Refugee Collection to date

£4,067.30

***Thank you for your
generous support***

Table Tennis

If you are 11 years or older you may
be interested in having a game of
table tennis either as a beginner or
to improve your skill.

We will be starting sessions in the
Lindisfarne Room, St Aidan's
Church on Tuesday evenings at
6.30pm.

If you would like to be involved
come along and join us.

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.

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 11am

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.

*Welcome to the Parish
family of St Aidan & St Agnes*

Morgan James Scales

*Who will be baptised at
St. Aidan's Church
on Saturday 23rd April*

*Please remember this child and
his family in your prayers.*

