

### Parish Collections

**Sunday 4th September 2016**

St Agnes - £625.83

St Aidan - £350.87

### **July Standing Orders**

St Agnes £1,032.00

St Aidan £150.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 2  
Combined Refugee Collection to date

**£4,542.08 - £1,009.10**

**Balance £3,532.98**

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

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**Psalm:** I will leave this place  
and go to my father

**Gospel Acc:** May the Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes  
of our mind, so that we can see what  
hope his call holds for us.

**Gospel:** Luke: 15: 1-32

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### Dates for Diary 2016

**Friday, 14th October**

WCMAD Fundraiser, St Aidan's Club

**Sunday, 16th October**

Mary's Meals Mass

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

### 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 (Deacon)  
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 & 2pm  
4th Sunday at 12.30pm (Deacon)

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*

**Sean Carroll  
Erin Carroll, &  
Michael Paul Kirman**

*who will be baptised at St Agnes  
on Sunday, 11th September*

*Please remember these children  
and their families in your prayers.*



### **St. Agnes Mission Boxes**

Mission boxes are due to be emptied  
this month. Thank you for all your  
support

# The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

## NEWSLETTER



**24th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**11th September 2016**

**Year C**

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***

Vera Cummins, Philip Bromwell, 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, Eddie Doran, Sandra Rowley, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Joseph Hill, Vera Jones, Rose Sankey, George Gibbons, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees, Susan McDougalle, Pat Madden, Marion, James Taylor, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani, Clare Pendleton, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Colette Wilson, Wyn Graham, Josie Riley, Jennifer McLaughlin, Caelan McKeown, Mary Davis, Jimmy Jones, Margaret Flynn, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Patrick McKeown, Maisie Pritchard Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Nancy Evans, Collette Garlick, Anthony Winrow, Nick Gregory, Kathleen Hughes, Philip Malone, Anthony Wilson, Nathan Davies, Mrs Lynch, Ann Gavin, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Jerome Mitchell, Lawrence McClintock, Pauline Irvine, Peter Kelly, John Kennedy, Dorothy Ireland, Laura Mitchell, Tony Gavin, Jim & Josephine Phillips, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin, Jackie Anders, Jennifer McKeown, Christina Hill, Julie Bohanna, Philip Anders, Baby Sonny, Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Eva Roberts, Graham Dawson, Nikki Hamner, Kathleen Keenan, Grace Fernando, Kate Williams, Angela & Gerry Reid, Fiona Wilson, Michael Head, John Humphry, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Hunter, Michael Bruder, Tommy Swift, James Abraham

***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**

Margate Nguda

### **Anniversaries**

Jim McDermott, Margaret Mary Farrell, Mary Cooper, Jonathan Mark Trott, Lisa Murphy,

### **Sanctuary Lamps Week beginning – 11th September**

**St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp** - Parishioners of St. Agnes & St. Aidans  
**St Aidan Sanctuary Lamp** - Rachel Louise Minghella

*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.***

## **PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY**

**Main Parish Office:**

**St Aidan's**

**92 Adswood Road**

**L36 7XR**

**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:**  
 agnesaidan@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**



**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 481 0968

Sr. Gabriel - 0151 489 1302

Sr. Louise - 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

**Deacons:** Mike Whelan

Joe Morgan

St Aidan Parish Club

0151 489 9024

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## Refugee Appeal Update (SHARe Knowsley)

Please be aware of our ongoing appeal for food, toiletries, items for babies, bikes and prayers for the Refugees based in Knowsley.



### **SHARe NEWS UPDATE**

The drop-in sessions in Kirby at 'Centre 63' continue to go well and we are using the money that you are so generously giving to support the asylum seekers (now living in Knowsley) in various ways from food to help with transport costs. If anyone is interested in helping out at the drop in on Mondays from 10 –12 please contact Margaret or the parish office on: (0151-489-3085)

Thank you

Margaret (email: shareknowsley@gmail.com)

<b>Sleeping bags for refugee camps</b>	<b>£480.00</b>
<b>SHARe Drop-in</b>	<b>£355.50</b>
<b>Food/book</b>	<b>£173.60</b>
	<b>£1,009.10</b>



## Mary's Meals

It is that time of year again when we will shortly start collecting for Mary's Meal's. Items can be donated over the summer holidays at church. This is the fifth year our parish has participated and to date we have sent over 400 completed backpacks That is the equivalent of every child in one of our primary schools receiving a back pack which is a remarkable achievement.



Backpack/ School bag. **(Deadline 18th September)**  
Exercise book/ notepad,  
Pencil case with; 4 pencils, 4 pens, ruler, crayons, pencil sharpener, eraser.  
Flip flops/ sandals, short & t-shirt (for a boy) dress or skirt and blouse (for a girl) towel, bar of soap, toothpaste & toothbrush, tennis ball, dessert spoon.

**Please only donate the items requested on the list, as any other items may be removed at the sorting centre to avoid difficulties at customs and also when the bags are distributed in the villages.**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 10th September - Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Johnny Murphy, Lisa Murphy

### Sunday 11th September – 24th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Ann Jones, John Fadden

St Agnes Mass 11.00am - Mario Jayatunga, Margate Nguda  
(Parish Pilgrimage in Lourdes)

### Monday 12th September

St Agnes 9.30am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### Tuesday 13th September - St. John Chrysostom, Doctor

St. Aidan Holy Hour 11-12 pm

### Wednesday 14th September - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

St Agnes Mass 7.30pm - Browne Family

### Thursday 15th September - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

No Mass

### Friday 16th September - Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs

St. Aidan Mass 12 noon - Parishioners of St. Agnes & St Aidan

### Saturday 17th September - Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Alex Malone

### Sunday 18th September – 25th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Chris & Betty Cliffe, Ian Rourke, Jim McDermott

St Agnes Mass 11.00am - Anne Worthington , Parish Volunteers

**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.*

## - Living Mercy -

The main theme of today's gospel reading is mercy. It is an ideal opportunity to remind ourselves that Pope Francis has dedicated this year as a Jubilee Year of Mercy. The following is an extract from Pope Francis' words at the beginning of the Jubilee Year.

"Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. *Jn* 14:9). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God.

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive.

The mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality with which he reveals his love as of that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that this is a "visceral" love. It gushes forth from the depths naturally, full of tenderness and compassion, indulgence and mercy.

"For his mercy endures forever." This is the refrain that repeats after each verse in Psalm 136 as it narrates the history of God's revelation. Mercy renders God's history with Israel a history of salvation. To repeat continually "for his mercy endures forever," as the psalm does, seems to break through the dimensions of space and time, inserting everything into the eternal mystery of love. It is as if to say that not only in history, but for all eternity man will always be under the merciful gaze of the Father. It is no accident that the people of Israel wanted to include this psalm – the "Great *Hallel*," as it is called – in its most important liturgical feast days. Before his Passion, Jesus prayed with this psalm of mercy. Within the very same context of mercy, Jesus entered upon his passion and death, conscious of the great mystery of love that he would consummate on the Cross. Knowing that Jesus himself prayed this psalm makes it even more important for us as Christians, challenging us to take up the refrain in our daily lives by praying these words of praise: "for his mercy endures forever."

In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. *Lk* 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force

that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon. From another parable, we cull an important teaching for our Christian lives. In reply to Peter's question about how many times it is necessary to forgive, Jesus says: "I do not say seven times, but seventy times seven times" (*Mt* 18:22). In the parable of the ruthless servant (*Mt* 18), we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.

The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope.

***Merciful like the Father***, therefore, is the "motto" of this Holy Year.

*The full text can be found on the website: [w2.vatican.va/misericordiae\\_vultus](http://w2.vatican.va/misericordiae_vultus).*

*Henri Nouwen's reflection on the parable of the Prodigal Son can be found on the parish website: March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The fourth Sunday of Lent.*

### Welcoming Committee St. Agnes

We are again looking for volunteers to be part of 'Welcoming Committee' in St Agnes. It is an important role, as visitors always comment on the warmth of our parishioners. Please contact Parish Office if you could spare half an hour before Mass.

### 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

### First Communion Programme 2017

Application forms for next year's First Communion Programme are now available from the back of church or from the Parish Office. A booklet for your child to start recording their Mass attendance is also available as well as a pamphlet outlining the structure of the programme. Further information will be given regarding Parent's meetings and session times and dates in September/October. If you have any queries please contact Christine Ball via email: [christinewball@gmail.com](mailto:christinewball@gmail.com).

Parent's Meeting:  
**21st September, 6pm at St. Agnes**

### Car Boot Sale **25th September 2016**

This will be on the last Saturday of every month from 8am - 12pm in St Agnes' car park Huyton Hey Road

