

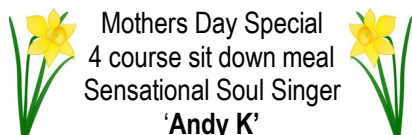
St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

Tuesday: Slimming World
10.00-11.00am & 6.30-7.30pm
(Michelle 07940181515)
Country Night 7.30pm

Wednesday
Bingo at 1pm
Quiz Night

Thursday
Bingo 7.30pm
Zumba 6.30-7.30pm (£3)



Mothers Day Special
4 course sit down meal
Sensational Soul Singer

'Andy K'
1-6PM

Free glass of champagne on arrival
£20 per person
Tickets on sale now

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

Mon/Tues—Darts Night

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
07757594951



The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 11th March 2012
Third Sunday of Lent
Year B

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, Paul Roberts, John Roberts, Rose Bryan, Katie Nichols, Daisy May, Claire Bruder, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Phil Murray, Pauline Campbell, Kathleen Ross, Bill Browne, Christine Bell, Tricia Robinson, Craig Wilson, Ryan Johnson, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall, Gerard Taylor, May Cooper, Marie Keights, Ann Paterson, Ian Gordon, Marie Mills, Dorothy Kelly, Bernard Foley, Anne Maguire, Mrs. Symonds, Mary Parker, Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey, Margie, Shirley Wozencroft, Michael Williams, June Hunt, Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason, Brenda Cubells, Rose Saunders, John Pollard, Lily O'Neill, Dean Easton Lawrence McClintock, Albert Wilson, Nicky Allen, Terry Fielding, Bill Jones, Christopher Massam, Jim Phillips, Joe Muraski, Marion Fallon, Betty Johns, Frank & Joan McCann. Vera Cummins, Rose Rimmer, Philip Bromwell, Anne Nolan Pauline Burgess, Joan Monaghan, James Soundie, Marie D'Arcy, Jean Brailsford, Thomas Clegg, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Baby Aidan James Morris, Lynn McNabb, Ben Crutchley, Claire Waldron, Jim Rose, Kay Vaughan, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Ann Jones, Mary Organ, Josie Campbell, Jack & Winnie Witter, Harold Mascord, Fr. Jim Webb, Nel Jordan. Baby Eddie Anthony Doran., Emma Davies, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Maria Edge, Mary Fullerton, We also remember all those mentioned in St. Aidan's Prayer Diary.

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

William McClusky, Lily Kelly, Ben Ball

Anniversaries

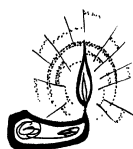
Jim Evans, Henry Callaghan, Peter Fitzgerald, Mick Crossey, Ann Marie Conley, Anne Rowley,, Charles Clark,

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 11th March

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp— Parishioners of St Agnes

St.Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp—Mary Fullerton



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

threatens punishment if we do not follow the divine commands, as that rejected love leads to unhappy consequences.

In addition to keeping the commandments, faithfulness to God was expressed through temple worship. All four gospels tell of an incident when Jesus performed a protest action in the temple. It is difficult to know the intent of the historical Jesus, and each evangelist gives a slightly different theological interpretation. In the Gospel of John, Jesus quotes the prophet Zechariah, who spoke of an 'ideal day' when there would no longer be traders in the house of God. It may be that Jesus is challenging the attitudes of economic exchange that underlie sacrificial thinking: if we offer up this sacrifice to God then God will forgive our sins or bestow blessings. Repeatedly the Scriptures counter this tit-for-tat notion, telling how God's love and gifts are offered unconditionally. John emphasises that it is Jesus' very person that embodies God's ardent love. It is not in any building but in the person of Jesus that we encounter God. When Jesus' disciples recall Psalm 69:9, "Zeal for your house will consume me," there is a double meaning. "House" can refer both to the temple and to God's "household." The zealous love that Jesus enfleshes for members of God's household not only fills him but literally consumes, or destroys, his life. No sacrifice can be offered in exchange for this gift. The only response is to believe and act toward others with consummate love.

Praying with Scripture

- 1. How have you been able to receive and respond to God's ardent love this week?*
- 2. How is your Beloved inviting you to 'waste time' together on the Sabbath?*
- 3. Talk with Jesus about letting go of images of God as commanding and punishing.*

- Barbara E Reid



Ardent Love

“Zeal for your house will consume me.”

Have you ever puzzled over what to give someone who has everything? We face a similar dilemma when we try to figure out what response we can make to the total, free self-gift of God to us. With friends and family members, it helps if they drop hints about what they would most like. Sometimes they come right out and tell us. So does God in the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments). God has taken the initiative, leading Israel out of slavery in Egypt. How can Israel respond to such a gift of loving kindness? A two-pronged effort to emulate divine faithfulness is all that God wants: devotion to God and care for other people.

The Decalogue spells out ten specific ways to be faithful. First and foremost is single-hearted devotion to God. No other being or thing is to be at the centre of our attention. Second, the sacred name is to be held in reverence; it is not to be used in false oaths or in profanity, since the name carries the identity and power of the person. Third is observance of Sabbath. One day a week God wants to spend time with us to relish the joy of being together. The reason for keeping the Sabbath is because at the climax of creation, God rested, not to gather up energy to keep working after the Sabbath was over, but so as to delight in all that God has made. Not to observe Sabbath is like falling in love but then not carving out any time to spend with the beloved.

The second half of the Decalogue gives examples of how love of God goes hand in hand with loving care of other people. Elderly parents are to be especially cared for. All life is to be revered and it is never to be snuffed out intentionally. Faithfulness in relationships and contentment with what is one's own is to be expressed through devotion to one's own spouse, and honesty in all dealings with others, both in word and deed.

The God who asks this response from us offers us ardent love. The Hebrew word *quanna* often translated as 'jealous', can have the connotation 'ardour' or 'zeal.' The way we choose to respond to this fervent offer of love carries consequences, and the effects ripple down to subsequent generations. If we act mercifully, then divine mercy trickles down to the thousandth generation. Wickedness likewise begets generations of hatred. It is not so much that God

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10th March

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm—Tim Boardman

Sunday 11th March Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am—Ann Marie Conley

St Agnes Mass 11am - Kay Cameron Till

Monday 12th March

St Agnes 9.30am—Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 13th March

St. Aidan— Mass— 12 noon -Peter Fitzgerald

Wednesday 14th March

St.Agnes Mass 7.30pm— Chris Chesterman

Thursday 15th March

St. Agnes Mass 9.30am-Henry Callaghan

Friday 16th March

St Agnes Mass 9.30am—John Edge

followed by Stations of the Cross

St. Aidan Mass 12 noon—Mick Crossey

St Aidan 7.30pm—**Stations of the Cross**

Saturday 17th March The Feast of St. Patrick

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm-Gertrude & John Gibbons

Sunday 18th March Forth Sunday in Lent (Year B)

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am-Mary & Martin O'Hanlon

St. Agnes Mass 11am-Vincent Shaw

Confessions

Saturday at St. Agnes 5-5.20 pm & Friday after 12 Noon Mass at St Aidan's

(Until there is nobody waiting)

Please Note

All Mass Intentions have been filled until May 2012 for both Parishes. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

Main Parish Office:
St Aidan's
92 Adswood Road
L36 7XR

Office Hours: Monday 9am-4pm

Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Office closed on Wednesdays

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Friday 9am - 4pm

All Enquiries to

Tel/Fax : 0151 489 3085

St Agnes Church
82 Huyton Hey Road
L36 5SQ

For Mass Cards etc

Hours: Friday - 1pm — 4 pm

(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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Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895

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Sr. Barbara –228-2239

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Sr. Sarah-489-1302

Primary Schools

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St. Joseph

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St. Anne's

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'Parishes of St Agnes and St
Aidan'.

Posties needed!

We will again be delivering cards with the Holy Week and Easter service times on them. We are hoping to reach as many homes in our parishes as possible—particularly focusing on streets which have not be reached before. Please spread the word—the more people who sign up to deliver, the less the work for everyone!



We are hoping that the cards will arrive from the printers this week, so they should be at Mass next weekend.



Catholic People's Weeks

Some of our events are for people of all ages – families with children, as well as people (of any age) without children. Others are for those aged 18 and over. Whichever you choose, you'll find food for thought, fun and friends.

In 2012, there are eleven events, varying between 2 and 7 days, on a range of themes. All our events – whether weekend, long weekend or week-long – offer the revitalising mixture of engaging talks and activities, prayer and socialising, in a community setting, that makes CPW so much valued by its members.

Visit: www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org.uk



Margaret Flynn and her family would like to thank parishioners of St. Agnes' for their support and prayers since the loss of Jack. They would particularly like to thank those who have offered Masses for Jack. Your love and support are much appreciated.

Baptism Certificates

If you need a copy of a baptism certificate, please remember to give the office a couple of days notice. You will receive a phone call when it is ready and we would be grateful if you could collect it promptly. There are lots of certificates waiting to be collected!

Joint Parish Youth Club

The youth group is for those of secondary school age and meets on Thursday evenings in the Sr. Elizabeth meeting room at St. Agnes' from 7-9pm. Entrance is 50p and there are refreshments available to purchase. Please join us!



St. Agnes' Little Church

Sunday 11th March
Janice & Marie

Sunday 18th March
Julie & Julie



Mass Cards

We now have a range of Mass cards available specifically for St. Agnes and St. Aidan's parishes. Our thanks go to Sr. Margaret for her beautiful designs. The cards can be admired and purchased in the Piety Stall at both St. Aidan's and St. Agnes.

Suggestion Boxes

There are suggestion boxes at the back of St. Agnes' church (by the statue of St. Agnes) and in the foyer of St. Aidan's church. If you have any suggestions, comments or feedback, please feel free to put them in the box.



Parish Collections

Sunday 4th March 2012

St. Agnes £ 1079.29

St. Aidan £ 377.62

Standing Orders: January 2012

St. Agnes £996.50

St. Aidan £238.00

St. Agnes' team to count:

This week team 4

Thank you for your generous support.



*Welcome To the Parish
family of
St Aidan & St Agnes*
James Thomas McManus

*Who will be baptised on
Sunday 11th March 2012 at
St. Agnes Church*

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

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 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, please contact the Parish Office on 489 3085 and you will be booked into a preparation meeting.

Sandymount Retreat

The day of retreat at Sandymount, Crosby led by Fr. Anton on Thursday 29th March 2012 is now full. Please could pay your money (£27.50) to the Parish Office as soon as possible?

The coach will leave St. Aidan's at 9am and leave Sandymount at 5pm.

St Agnes Mission Boxes



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

Last year, our parish collection from the Red Boxes amounted to £5,403.68 we were in the TOP TEN out of 200 parishes in the diocese—Well done everybody!

St. Aidan Mission Boxes



Mission Boxes are due to be emptied this month.

Please pass in Red Boxes on 25th March.

Last year we collected over £3,000 Thank you for generosity.

The Cleansing of the Temple

As we think about Jesus cleansing the temple, we should also think about some other cleaning that needs to be done. We are in a season called Lent. At first, the word Lent meant 'the season of spring'. But it has now become much more than that. It is a time to look inside ourselves and see if there is anything in us that needs to be changed. Are there some areas of your life where Jesus needs to do some 'spring cleaning'?



Multiple Choice

- ___ 1. The Son of God
A. Jerusalem B. Passover C. Dove D. Jesus
- ___ 2. A place where people gather to buy and sell things
A. temple B. house C. market D. court
- ___ 3. A small, wild pigeon
A. cattle B. sheep C. dove D. chicken
- ___ 4. A piece of furniture with a smooth, flat surface and four legs
A. table B. chair C. whip D. bed
- ___ 5. Coins or bills used to pay for something
A. money B. cattle C. sheep D. dove
- ___ 6. A church or synagogue, a building for worship
A. temple B. market C. table D. courts
- ___ 7. An animal raised for its wool
A. dove B. cattle C. whip D. sheep
- ___ 8. A strip of leather or cord fastened to a handle
A. table B. whip C. money D. dove
- ___ 9. A Jewish holiday celebrating being freed from slavery in Egypt
A. Christmas B. Easter C. Passover D. Thanksgiving
- ___ 10. A building where a family lives
A. market B. house C. temple D. tent



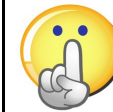
CAFOD Lenten Appeal

If you haven't brought back your CAFOD envelope, there is still time to do so. Please put the envelopes into the collection. Remember, the government is matching every pound donated this lent!

Collections

We are continuing to collect:

- Asda receipts for 'We Can Make A Difference',
- Clothes and currency for Nugent Care,
- wool for the special care baby unit.



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.

"Be Still and know that I am God"

facebook

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. If you do not want your child to appear in any of these photos, please contact the office.