

ST. AGNES CLUB

Tickets are available from this
Sunday for the **Children's
Christmas Party**

Sunday 20th December 1-4 p.m.
Cost £2.50

Available from the club or phone
489 3990

Lourdes Pilgrimage - 12-17th September 2016

We will fly directly from Manchester to Tarbes (Lourdes Airport). As requested by parishioners, we will be staying in the same hotel as on the previous trip, 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 0151-489 3085 or enter your name on the list at the back of church.

Reconciliation Service

The **Advent Reconciliation** service will be at **St Aidan's on Wednesday 16th December at 7.30pm**

Christmas Mass Times

Thursday 24th December

Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

St Aidan - 5.30 pm

St Agnes - 8.30 pm

Friday 25th December

Christmas Family Mass

St Aidan - 9.30 am

St Agnes - 11.00 am



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Psalm: What marvels the Lord
worked for us!! Indeed
we were glad

Gospel Acc: Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight, and all mankind
shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

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First Communions 2016

Mass Attendance

First communion children are reminded
to attend Mass regularly and mark the
register at the end of the Mass.
Many thanks. Fr. Anton

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.



The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan



6th December 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

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NEWSLETTER

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, 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, Vera Murphy, Amy Adair,
 Sandra Rowley, Phil Ridler, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Eddie Doran, Joseph Hill,
 Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Higgins, Jennifer Hewitt,
 Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Christine Lees, Susan McDougalle, Vera Jones
 Pat Madden, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani, Clare Pendleton, Marion
 James Taylor, Rose Sankey, Dolly Morten, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Colette Wilson,
 Jennifer McLaughlin, Wyn Graham, Josie Riley, Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough,
 Margaret Flynn, Mary Davis, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly,
 Patrick McKeown, Jimmy Jones, 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,
 Roisin & Padraig McRory, Jerome Mitchell, Mrs Lynch, Ann Gavin, Nathan Davies,
 Lawrence McClintock, Moya Fleetwood, Pauline Irvine, John Kennedy, Dorothy Ireland,
 Laura Mitchell, Jim & Josephine Phillips, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin, Peter Kelly,
 Jennifer McKeown, Pat McGiveron, Christina Hill, Julie Bohanna, Jackie Anders,
 Philip Anders, Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Graham Dawson, Eva Roberts,
 Baby Sonny, Nikki Hamner, Kathleen Wilson, Tony McCarthy, Kathleen Keenan
 Jane Blakemore

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

Betty Purcell, Terence McMahon, Eileen Platt, Florence Wilson, Eleanor Mullady.

Anniversaries

Kay Vaughan, Mary Smith, George Williams, Anthony Hoey, Tom Sweeney,
 Maureen Renwick, Patrick & Mary McLindon, Mary Smith, George Williams,
 Harold Jones.

Sanctuary Lamps Week beginning – 6th December 2015

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp – Parishioners of St. Agnes & St. Aidan

St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp – Kay Vaughan

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.

Parish Collections

Sunday 29th November 2015

St Agnes - £726.68

St Aidan - £315.85

October Standing Orders

St Agnes £996.00

St Aidan £250.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 3

Combined Refugee Collection to date
£781.03

**Thank you for your
generous support**

Gift Aid Tax Refunds

2014-2015

Our parishes have received the following refunds from the revenue arising from the Gift Aid Scheme.

St Agnes £5,923.86

St Aidan £2,156.98

Many thanks to all those parishioners who gift aided their contributions and made these refunds possible.

If you wish to gift aid your contribution please contact the parish office.

'Healing Ourselves – Healing our World'

As we approach Advent, Fr Richard will offer another series of CAPACITA wellness practices. They may help us to enter the Christmas season with less rush and greater peace.

Thursdays 7.30 -8.30pm in the Elizabeth Kelly room in St Agnes.

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.

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

Teddie Bate
Louie Joseph Gerrard
Joel Gerrard
Amber Sophia Morley
James William Frost
Frankie Evans White

*Who will be baptised at St Agnes
On Sunday 6th December*

*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

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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5th December

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Maureen Funnell, Charlotte Birchall

Sunday 6th December - Second Sunday of Advent (C)

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - George & Katie Nicholls, Muriel Douglas

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Tom Sweeney, Sue & John McCormack

Monday 7th December

St Agnes 9.30am - Celebration of the Word

Tuesday 8th December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Aidan Holy Hour 11-12 pm

St. Aidan Mass 7.30pm- Tony McParland

Wednesday 9th December

St Agnes Mass- 7.30pm - Special Intention (Irene & Jimmy's Grandson)

Thursday 10th December

No Mass

Friday 11th December

St Agnes Funeral Service 11.30—Terence McMahon

St Aidan Mass 12 noon - Cronin Family, Charlotte Birchall

Saturday 12th December

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Mario Jayatunga

Sunday 13th December - Third Sunday of Advent (C)

St Aidan Mass 9.30am- Agnes Bruder, Joe Murasi, Joan & Frank McCann, Joan Crowney

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Tom Sweeney, Sue & John McCormack

St. Agnes 4 p.m—Advent Carols In The City- Welcome The Stranger

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.***

A Welcome Word in the Wilderness

Each one of us could tell a story about the wilderness. I am not talking about the scenic overlook along the highway, the unspoiled beauty of nature, or that quiet, back to nature, weekend getaway from the hassles of life. No. Our stories would be ones of struggles, ups and downs, highs and lows, stories of being lost and overwhelmed, stories of stumbling, falling down, and wondering when, how, or even if we will get up again.

The wilderness of which I am speaking is not the geography around us but the landscape within us. This interior wilderness brings us to the limits of our own self-sufficiency; it leaves us feeling vulnerable and exposed, living on the edge. In the wilderness there are no distractions. There is no place to hide. In the wilderness we face the truth of who we are and what our life is like. Sometimes we go to the wilderness, other times it comes to us. Either way it is hard work which most of us would rather avoid. There is, however, no quick fix. There is no way out of or around the wilderness. The only way is through the wilderness. That's what John the Baptist knows and proclaims in today's gospel. Before him it was Isaiah crying out, "Prepare the way of the Lord." There's something about the wilderness. It's the place where our lives can be transformed, the place we are most open to changing and being changed.

Hidden within every wilderness is the beauty of divine presence. That's why every year at this time the season of Advent takes us not just to the wilderness but to *our* wilderness. It is our preparation for the coming of the Christ. God is always showing up, speaking, and acting in the wilderness places of our lives. That's our sacred story and it is the story of those who have gone before us. The word of God led the Israelites through the wilderness of bondage and slavery. The word of God raised Lazarus from the wilderness of death. The word of God fed the 5000 in the wilderness of hunger and emptiness.

The word of God and the wilderness always go together. For every wilderness there comes the word of God. The word of God comes in our wilderness because we are loved. It is the divine presence that sustains us in and carries us through the wilderness. It is not the final word but the first word, the creative word, the word that calls us to examine our lives, to turn around, to change our way of being, to see the world, one another, and ourselves in a new way. It is the beginning of our preparing the way of the Lord. This is the repentance to which John the Baptist call us. Ultimately, it is the call to love and be loved.

Michael K. Marsh

Going Forward

This Advent, let us be aware of *our* wilderness and how it can prepare us for the coming of Christ.

Advent: A Time of Waiting and Reflection

We welcome you to an afternoon of prayer, reflection and music on **Sunday 13 December 2015 at 4pm in St. Agnes Church.**

An invitation has been made across the diocese for us to gather and reflect on the current refugee crisis. Our parish is honoured to be hosting this special service for the diocese. In a world that often feels hopeless, forgotten and frightening to so many, this is a good opportunity to gather together in prayer and to take some time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and the coming of hope for the future, especially for those who have been uprooted and are fleeing from the horrors of war. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and join with us. Refreshments will be served after the service

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, e.g. socks, underwear and toiletries would be acceptable. Please leave at the back of Church, or hand them into the office.

They thank you all for your on-going generosity.

St. Aidan's & St. Agnes S.V.P

will hold their Christmas Party for our pensioners and housebound on Friday 11th December at St. Aidan's Club between 12.00-4.00pm. If you are interested please hand your name to John Cliffe (St Aidan's) or Bob Singleton (St Agnes). There will also be a list at the back of both churches

Food Bank

There has, for a long time, been a facility to donate to the food bank at St. Aidan's. We would like to extend this opportunity to St. Agnes' Parish. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items with a long shelf life, we will continue to ensure these are redistributed. We hope that as well as helping people in our local community this may become a resource we can use to help the refugees. Please start bringing these items to church where there will be a central collection point for them.