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Mass - 20/21 December

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Psalm: *I will sing forever of your  
love, O Lord*  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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Psalm: *He, the Lord, is our God.  
He remembers his covenant for  
ever.*  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

**Rosary at St. Aidan's**

The Rosary will be  
prayed on the 1st  
Sunday of the month at  
4pm in St. Aidan's.



**Holy Communion Dates 2015**

**St Agnes Church**

Sat 2nd May 2015 at 10.00 am

Sat 2nd May 2015 at 12 noon

Sat 6th June 2015 10.00am

Sat 20th June at 12 noon

**St Aidan's Church**

Sat 13th June 2015 at 10.00am

Sat 13th June 2015 at 12 noon

Sat 20th June at 10.00 am

**Confirmation Dates**

The Archbishop will confirm Year 4  
children on Wednesday 4 March 2015 at  
7.00pm and older children/teenagers will  
be confirmed on Tuesday 9 June 2015 at  
7.00pm. Both services will take place at  
St Agnes due to the numbers involved.

**STAGGS**

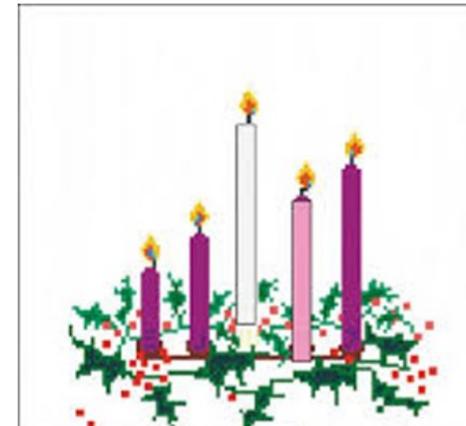
Work is continuing with the removal of the invasive ivy. The main lawn area is now pretty much clear. We are now reducing the level of soil around the boundary wall by about a foot and getting the borders ready for planting in the New Year. This is pretty tough going as the soil is full of roots from the ivy, but the team are working hard at it. We now have eight STAGG members but can always use more help if anybody is interested.

We are still waiting to hear about the trees from the Diocese but now, at last, as most of the leaves have fallen they are not that much of a problem. Hopefully we will hear from them soon.

STAGGS meet most Mondays between 1000 and 1600 at the church garden.  
Contact Monica for further details.

# The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 21st December 2014 to  
Sunday 4 January 2015  
Forth Sunday of Advent**

**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**



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, Phil Ridler, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Eddie Doran, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Higgins, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Brendan Reilly, Christine Lees, Jennifer Hewitt, Joseph Hill, Mary Lyons, Susan McDougalle, Pat Madden, Eileen Mooney, Kay McNeill, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani Clare Pendleton, James Taylor, Rose Sankey, Marion, Dolly Morten, Arthur Jones, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Jennifer McLaughin, Wyn Graham, Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Patrick McKeown, Josie Riley, Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Pritchard, Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Margaret Murray, Geraldine, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Anthony Winrow, Philip Malone, Martin Thomas, Sr. Ann Collette Garlick, Maureen Quinn, Kathleen Hughes, Nancy Evans, Jimmy Jones, Anthony Wilson, Linda Mulcahy, Amy Adair, Jerome Mitchell, Vera Jones, Lawrence McClintock, Moya Fleetwood, Nick Gregory, Helen Stone, Nathan Davies, Fidelis Akpogheneta, Pauline Irvine, Mary Davis, Jim Phillips, John Kennedy, Roy Roberts, Tony McNamara, John Downie snr,

**Please note -The Prayer list is being updated**

**Please contact the Parish Office to add or remove any names from the list as soon as possible**

**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**

Bernadette Creedon,

### **Anniversaries**

Noel Oakley, Anne Roberts, Bridget Heaslip, Mary Flynn, Frank Kane, Norman Garlick, John Edward Jones, Celia Wilkes, Patrick & Mary McLindon, Harry Berks, Tommy Ward, Terry Burns, Alfred Rae, Veronica Anderson, Kenneth Pritchard, Baby Dylan Westall, Patrick Tolmaer, William Jones, Debbie Hayes, Paul Pickup, Alice Cummins, Lisa Murphy

### ***From the Young Women's Christian Association of Palestine***

And the Wise Women came bearing gifts that were useful, precious and necessary.

They brought  
Water for labour's washing  
Fire for warm illumination  
A blanket for swaddling

Wise Ones, what gifts will you bring  
to ground hope during this dark time  
in our history,, in this place  
that birthed the prince of peace?

Wise Ones, how will freedom, dignity  
and peace be born in you?

What alternative route home will you take to avoid the  
Herods of  
this world who threaten our families and children?

The YWCA of Palestine invites you to join us  
in risking the birth of new possibilities for peace-making  
in labouring for justice  
growing hope  
and finding new ways to resist.  
Have a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

## Let us go now to Bethlehem

If you were to put together a guest list for the birth of the Messiah 2,000 years ago, many would find it completely unbelievable and shocking that the shepherds would be included. Shepherding was a disreputable trade; shepherds were outcasts, considered 'unclean' because of their profession. People instead would have expected political leaders like Caesar Augustus, religious leaders such as Chief Priests and the Pharisees and so on. Yet for Luke, the shepherds are the first to hear the Gospel of Jesus and they are the first 'preachers' of the Good News. At first they were terrified, but the angels reassured them: '*do not be afraid*'. The response of the shepherds was immediate: '*let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing which has taken place*'.

Jesus did not find hospitality in his own city, yet he will be the one who will show the abundance of God's hospitality. The poor, the marginalised, the outcast will be the first to experience it and the shepherds come in their name. We are told that people were amazed by the shepherds and their words. Their journey didn't end in Bethlehem, for them it was perhaps only the beginning as they returned '*glorifying and praising God*'. We are invited to Bethlehem today, to open up our hearts to the One who has come to bring hope and joy. And we return, like the shepherds '*glorifying and praising God for all they have seen and heard*'.

Shalom

## 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.**

**Parish Web Site**  
Parishes-of-stagnes-  
staidans.org.uk

## PARISH CONTACTS



### **SISTERS:**

### **Helpers of the HolySouls**

*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 )**

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0151 489 3085

**Deacon:** *Mike Whelan*

*St Aidan Parish Club*  
0151 489 9024  
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0151 489 3990

### **Administrative Assistant:**

*Honor Ambrose*

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 20th December

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Catherine Turner,

### Sunday 21st December Forth Sunday of Advent

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Shaun Mudge, Lawrence J Kearns  
St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Patrick & Mary McLindon

### Monday 22nd December

St Agnes 9.30am - Celebration of the Word & Communion

### Tuesday 23rd December

St Aidan - No Holy Hour

### Wednesday 24th December

**St Aidan Mass - 5.30pm Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**  
**St Agnes Mass - 8.30pm Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**

The Coffey Family & Parish Volunteers

### Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

St Aidan Mass - 9.30am Christmas Family Mass

St Agnes Mass - 11am Christmas Family Mass

### Friday 26th December Feast of St Stephen

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

### Saturday 27th December Feast of St John Apostle

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Harry Berks, Pat Morrisey

### Sunday 28th December

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Betty Rouke, Jim Rose  
St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - John Edward Jones

## 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.

## **Suriname and Romania Projects**

Thank You! to all the supporters who have made our parish WCMAD- projects a great success this year, as we continue to help people in need especially in Suriname ( South America) and Romania. The children in Romania have now received their 'selection boxes' and the children in a number of villages along the Amazon will be provided a Christmas meal. We will continue to support Fr Toon O.M.I. and Sr Egno in Suriname particularly at Easter and Christmas time as they continue their great missions among the people along the Amazonian rain forest.



### Romania & Suriname 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 Suriname. 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!

### **Romania**

Early summer 2015 we would like to organise a trip to Romania for those families with children under 18 who would like to go and see the village of Homorodu de Jos.

We will be staying at the Hotel Dana in Satu Mare.

If anyone is interested please inform the office - 489 3085

## 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

### Parish Collections

#### **Sunday 14th December**

St Agnes - £755.14

St Aidan - £323.76

#### **November Standing Orders**

St. Agnes - £849.00

St. Aidan - £150.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 1

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

### Remembrance Book

There is a Gold Book which is 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 Pat McGiveron or ring the office on:

0151 489 3085

**St Aidan/Agnes SVP** members would like to wish all our Parishioners a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

We would like to thank you for your continued support; the money you contribute helps us to give our pensioners and housebound people days out and to fund the annual Christmas Party.

The aim of the SVP is to help those in need, for example, we visit those who are unwell either at home or in hospital, the housebound and people who are lonely. We visit our local nursing and residential homes, our food banks as well as our local cancer care centre, Lyndale, on Huyton Lane. We also assist in cases of genuine hardship with small donations of money, food parcels, etc.

If you know anyone who is in need of assistance please call the parish office who will contact an SVP member.

The SVP are always looking for new members. Please see Bob Singleton at St Agnes, John Cliffe, Ian Murray, Julie Morgan, Pat McGiveron or Anne Whelan at St Aidan.

### 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.

### Mass Intentions

#### **Monday 29th December**

St Agnes 9.30am - Celebration of the Word & Communion

#### **Tuesday 30th December**

St Aidan - No Holy Hour

**St Agnes Requiem 12.30 pm - Bernadette Creedon**

#### **Wednesday 31st December - Mass of Thanksgiving**

St Agnes Mass - 12.00 noon - Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan

St Aidan Mass - 7.30pm - Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan

#### **Thursday 1st January - New Year Mass**

St Agnes Mass 12.00 noon - Jean McNally

St Aidan Mass 7.30pm - Terry & Frank Burns

#### **Friday 2nd January - St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen**

St Aidan Mass 12 noon - Nora Meredith, Angela Connor

#### **Saturday 3rd January - The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Edward Cunningham, Maureen Johnson

#### **Sunday 4 January**

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Betty Rourke

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Vera Anderson, Joan Crowney

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week 20th December

**St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp** - Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan

**St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp** - Betty & Felecia Roberts and Family

Week beginning- 28th December

**St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp** - Nora & Frank Hunt

**St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp** - Deceased Members of the Keight Family

*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 Agnes' Parish Centre

New Memberships available

#### Mon/Tues

Darts Night

#### Tuesday

Ukulele 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  
07757594951**

### 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**

### 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.

### 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 eg socks, gloves, hats and scarves. Please leave at the back of Church, or hand them into the office.

They thank you all for your ongoing generosity.

### Christmas Mass Times

#### Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord  
St Aidan - 5.30 pm  
St Agnes - 8.30 pm

#### Thursday 25th December

Christmas Family Mass  
St Aidan - 9.30 am  
St Agnes - 11.00 am



### Christmas Tree

This year's Christmas tree offerings will be donated to Nugent Care for which there will be a box next to the tree. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

### Car Boot Sale - 31 January 2015

This will be on the last Saturday of every month from 8am - 12pm (£5 per table) in Sr Elizabeth's room in St Agnes church, Huyton Hey Road. Please ring the office to book a place.

0151 489 3085



### RCIA

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic (or was baptised Catholic but hasn't made their communion or been confirmed and would like to complete the sacraments of initiation), please contact the office or Claire Ball 07899937948 .