



### 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"*

### 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.

### St Agnes' Altar Servers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

The new rotas for St Agnes altar servers, readers and Eucharistic Ministers are available for collection from the back of church. To enable the rotas to be kept up-to-date could everyone no longer able to fulfil their commitment to their chosen ministry please advise the office and we will notify the person dealing with the relevant rota.

Thank you

### Fourth Dimension Trust

Invite you to its CHRISTMAS CRACKER on Saturday 7 December from 10.30am - 3.00 pm.

Fair Trade refreshments, mulled 'wine' and free mince pie, children's lucky dip plus season bargains along with Fair Trade goods raffle. Carols for all and photos with 'you know who' printed ready to go at £2.50.

You are most warmly invited



### 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.

We will be arranging a Joint Pastoral Meeting in the near future so it is a good opportunity to put forward any suggestions you have for the coming year.

# The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

## NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 1st December 2013**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**Year A**

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, Rose Bryan, Katie Nichols, Daisy May, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Craig Wilson, Pauline Campbell, Tricia Robinson, Ryan Johnson, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall, May Cooper, Marie Keights, Ian Gordon, Marie Mills, Dorothy Kelly, Bernard Foley, Anne Maguire, Mary Parker, Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey, Margie, June Hunt, Michael Williams, Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason, Rose Saunders, John Pollard, Bill Jones, Dean Easton, Anne Nolan, Jim Phillips, Lawrence McClintock, Nicky Allen, Christopher Massam, Joe Muraski, Marion Fallon, Betty Johns, Frank & Joan McCann, Vera Cummins, Rose Rimmer, Philip Bromwell, Pauline Burgess, James Soundie, Marie D'Arcy, Thomas Clegg, Jim Rose, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Nel Jorden, Lynn McNabb, baby Aidan James Morris, Kay Vaughan, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Peggy Skidmore, Maria Edge, Baby Eddie Anthony Doran., Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Mary Fullerton, Mary Organ, Rose Rawlinson, Averyll Fairfield, Hilda Logan, Carol Atkinson, Brendan Reilly, Christine Lees, Jennifer Hewitt, Pauline Clegg, Joseph Hill, Susan McDougalle, Mary Scaife, Pat Madden, Eileen Mooney, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Phil Ridler, Ursula Mary Erfani, Jenny Pye, Clare Pendleton, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Dolly Morten, Jennifer McLaughlin, Mary Lyons, Samantha Jones, Baby Caelan McKeown, Margaret Buckley, Michael McDonough, Arthur Jones, Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Brenda Cubells, Janet & Ray Cragg, Marie Higgins, Jim Poland, Kenny & Maisie Pritchard, Marion

**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

Vera Sheridan, Jim Frase, Doreen Burke, Evelyn Mary Brown, Charles Russell, Esther Hogan.

#### Anniversaries

Nancy Cardwell, Richard Markey, Lucy Starbuck, Georgina Dunn, John Fadden, Robert Kelly, Veronica Rimmer, Timothy Ryan, Tom Sweeney, Christopher Byrne,

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week 1st December 2013

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

**St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - Colette Wilson**

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.



### We Can Make A Difference (You can help)

Parishioners travelling to Suriname in January 2014 have begun collecting wind-up lanterns and torches for the people in 'Powaka' village and Jaw Jaw. There are some samples on the WCMAD picture board. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

We are also looking for laptops that you no longer use to take to Suriname in January 2014.

They will need to be in reasonable condition and we will arrange for the necessary programmes to be loaded on to them before we travel.

You can bring these items to the church/office.



*'Together we can make a difference'*



### Yoga

Yoga classes continue in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room at St. Agnes' on Wednesdays at 6pm.

The months leading up to Christmas can be a hectic time for many of us so why not try a yoga class as a way to find a little calm?

### Thursday Club

We are looking for volunteers for the Thursday Club at 7.30pm. This is a social gathering of people with special needs held at St Aidan's church. If you are interested for more details please contact the parish office on 489 3085

### Reconciliation Service

The Advent Reconciliation service will be at St. Agnes on 18th December at 7:30pm.

#### Christmas Mass Times

##### **Tuesday 24th December**

Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

St Aidan - 5.30 pm

St Agnes - 8.30 pm

##### **Wednesday 25th December**

Christmas Family Mass

St Aidan - 9.30 am



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

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



### **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.



### **Christmas Party**

There will be children's Christmas party in St Agnes' club on Saturday 21 December from 1pm to 5pm.  
The entrance charge will be £2.00

### **Pictures of the Confirmation**

Pictures are now on the Parish FACEBOOK page. If you would like to see them please click 'like' to the link 'Parishes of St Agnes and St. Aidan'

Please encourage your friends to look at the parish facebook page to keep up-to-date with our many activities and forthcoming events.



### **Romania & Albania 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 Albania. There is a group that meets every first Saturday of the month at 6.30pm at **92 Adswood Road** (after 5.30 Mass).

If you are interested, please come along!



### **Please Note - Re: Fundraisers**

This is to clarify the position regarding fund-raising for charity in our two parishes:

While we appreciate there are many worthy causes in need of assistance, we **MUST** restrict our own parish collections and fund-raising events to the WCAMD (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

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday 30th November St Andrew, Apostle**

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - James & Sarah Watts, Harry Berks, Richard Markey

#### **Sunday 1st December - 1st Sunday of Advent Year A**

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - John Fadden

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Georgina Dunne & Lucy Starbuck

#### **Monday 2nd December**

St. Agnes 9.30am - Celebration of the Word & Communion

#### **Tuesday 3rd December**

St Aidan 11.00am - 12 noon - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### **Wednesday 4th December**

**St Agnes Requiem 12 noon - Evelyn Brown**

St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm - Agnes Stanton, Rita Lewis

#### **Thursday 5th December**

**St Agnes Requiem 12 Noon - Mary Russell**

#### **Friday 6th December**

St Aidan Mass 12.00 Noon - Peter Shale

**St Aidan Funeral Service 1pm - Esther Hogan**

#### **Saturday 7th December**

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Kathleen Kevins, Anne Exon

#### **Sunday 8th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A**

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Joe Conhig

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Patrick McLindon

### **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.**

### Holy Hour

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
on Tuesdays from 11am -12 noon in  
St. Aidan's church.  
Please join us this Tuesday.



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

*Lilly May Kendrick,  
Molly Ella Kendrick,  
Alexander James Craige,  
Harry Calum Woods &  
Emma Christine Lavin*

*who will be baptised on  
Sunday 1st December  
at St Agnes Church*

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

### Parish Collections Sunday 24th November

St Agnes - £726.76  
St Aidan - £364.63

Standing Orders October 2013  
**St Agnes £853.00**

**St Aidan £174.00**

St. Agnes' team to count: 2

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

### 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.

### St Agnes' Little Church December

Rehearsals for Christmas



### Christmas Cards



If you wish to send Christmas  
cards to parishioners, why not  
send just one to be displayed in  
the foyer of St. Aidan's or write your  
wishes on a star for the tree at St.  
Agnes'? You can then donate the money  
saved to Nugent Care or a charity of your  
choice.  
Many thanks to Dave Monaghan and  
family for the generous donation of the  
Christmas tree at St. Agnes'.

### 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**

### St Agnes' Parish Centre

New Memberships available

#### Mon/Tues

Darts Night

#### Tuesday

Ukele 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**



The readings for this Sunday urge us to go beyond defensive preparations. Ready ourselves for the full expression of the peaceable kingdom also entails initiating nonviolent action to dismantle weapons of war and transform whatever there may be in our hearts that is not yet able to wage peace. Swords are not beat into plowshares without intentional acts to dismantle the stockpile of weapons. The Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World also reminds us, "As long as extravagant sums of money are poured into the development of new weapons, it is impossible to devote adequate aid in tackling the misery which prevails at the present day in the world".

The gospel today impresses upon us the urgency of engaging in the struggles for peace. The images of the unprepared ones whose homes are broken into or who are left behind are not meant to frighten us, but they remind us that there will be an end time when all our preparations, all our attempts to be alert and all our efforts to disarm our hearts and wage peace will, in a critical moment, reach fruition. And we will be ready.

#### PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

- 1 How do you put on the armour of light?
- 2 What spiritual practices prepare you for the struggle to wage peace?
- 3 How does your faith community take actions to beat swords into plowshares?

#### SILENCE IN THE CITY

Three sessions of Reflective Prayer during Advent as a quieter way of preparing for Christmas.

The sessions will take place on Thursdays 5th, 12th and 19th December at Pauline Media (St Paul's Bookshop) Bold Street. Tea/coffee will be served at 5.00pm and prayers will be from 5.10 pm to 5.50 pm.

Your presence is welcome

#### A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

Liverpool Hope University Girls' Choir will perform at St Francis Xavier's Church, Langsdale Street on Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 7.00 pm.

Tickets £5 on the door and the proceeds will go to the Whitechapel Centre

#### PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

##### Main Parish Office:

St Aidan's  
92 Adswood Road  
L36 7XR

##### Office Hours:

Monday 9am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 9.00am - 12.30pm

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*  
(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



##### **SISTERS:**

##### **Helpers of the Holy Souls**

*Sr. Elizabeth* - 0151 480 7904  
*Sr. MaryRose* - 0151 482 6895

##### **Sisters of St. Mary of Namur**

*Sr. Barbara* - 228 2239  
*Sr. Gabriel* - 489 1302  
*Sr. Sarah* - 489-1302

##### **Primary Schools**

*St. Aidan*  
0151 477 8370  
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*St. Anne's*  
0151 477 8260

##### **Parish Clergy**

##### **Parish Priest**

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0151 489 3085

##### **Deacon: Mike Whelan**

*St Aidan Parish Club*  
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### **Sacramental Preparation**

Thanks to the parents who attended either of our Parents' Meetings in advance of this year's Sacramental Preparation course. The next meetings are:

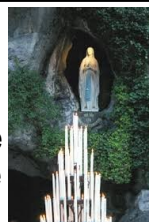
Tues 3rd December - St. Agnes' club  
Wed 4th December - St. Aidan's club



We are looking for donations of £1 so that we can buy selection boxes to send to the children in Romania that we work with in the Romania project. Please hand any donations into the office.

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage - 2nd - 7th September 2014**

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. All meals are included and the cost will be £599 per person sharing a twin room.



If you are interested please contact the office before the 13th December 2013

0151-489 3085

There will be a meeting for all those who are interested in travelling to Lourdes on Friday 13 December 2013 at 7.00 in St Aidan's church



### **Children's Mass**

Every second Sunday of the month, Mass will be organized by the Little Church of both parishes. Children are encouraged to play an active role at this Children's Mass. If you would like your children to get involved please speak to one of the Little Church leaders in advance. Please try and bring your children especially to this Mass on the second Sunday of every month at 9.30am at St. Aidan or at 11am at St. Agnes. Many Thanks



### **PREPARING TO WAGE PEACE**

Ever since the attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York on 11 September 2001, there have been nonstop warnings to be alert to possible terrorist attacks. In airports repeated public announcements advise us to be alert and people are asked to be aware and wary.

Today's second and third readings want us to move to red alert. Paul says it is time to wake from sleep. The gospel warns us to stay awake and not be caught unaware. The images of what happens to those who are unprepared sound frightening: a thief in the night breaks in; one man in a field is taken and the other one left; one woman grinding at the mill is taken and the other one left. "Be prepared," Jesus warns.

As we enter into Advent once again, we are not preparing for the coming of the Christ Child; that already happened more than two thousand years ago. Rather, in Advent, we break our normal routine and move into heightened alert to perceive more intensely the ways in which Emmanuel, God-with-us, is moving us toward that vision of peace and unity that Isaiah so eloquently describes in the first reading. The prophet dreams of how all people stream towards the city of peace, all dwell in unity, swords are beaten into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks and there is no more training for war again.

In the second reading Paul gives concrete advice about how we might do this intense preparation for the coming fullness of the peaceable kingdom. Paul exhorts Christians to "throw off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light." he recognizes that the peace of which Isaiah dreamed, and which the coming of Christ brought about in a new way, does not come without a struggle. It takes more than just wishing and longing to make it a reality. He imagines Christians going into battle, metaphorically speaking.

To prepare for the struggle, Paul would have us polish up our body armour of virtues. He speaks of the kind of training one must undergo to be able to be the bearer of light. He warns against excesses and indulgences that make one sated and sluggish. Instead, traditional practices of prayer and fasting can hollow out inner space to tend the light we are asked to bear. Paul also warns against rivalry and jealousy. By putting on Christ, we don armaments of forgiveness and community building.