



### 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 will be a group on Thursday 11 September at 7.00 pm at 92 Adswood Road.

### Lourdes Petitions

If you have prayer petitions you would like the group to take to Lourdes, we will leave them at the grotto for you. Please hand your petitions to Fr. Anton or one of the group.

### St Agnes Altar Servers

The next practice is on Saturday 6th September at 11 am in Church. New servers who wish to join the altar server team are welcome to come along....



### 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"*



### 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

The RCIA course will start in December.

### St Aidan's Mission Boxes

Due to a number of St Aidan's parishioners being in Lourdes from 2nd the mission boxes will be emptied from Monday 8th September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Anne Whelan

### St Agnes' Mission Boxes

Mission Boxes are due to be opened during September.

Thank you for your continued generosity

Many thanks,

Phil McLindon

# The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

## NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 31st August 2014**  
**22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**

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**

Dougie & May Hayhurst, Sue Johnson, Margaret Maguire, Bill Jones, John Hunter, Rose Bryan, Daisy May, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Craig Wilson, Pauline Campbell, May Cooper, Tricia Robinson, Ryan Johnson, June Hunt, Marie Mills, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall, Marie Keights, Ian Gordon, Dorothy Kelly, Bernard Foley, Mary Parker, Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey, Margie, Dean Easton, Michael Williams, Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason, Rose Saunders, Anne Nolan, Nel Jorden, Jim Phillips, Lawrence McClintock, Nicky Allen, Joe Muraski, Marie D'Arcy, Betty Johns, Christopher Massam, Marion Fallon, Frank & Joan McCann, 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, Peggy Skidmore, Eddie Doran, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Mary Fullerton, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Higgins, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Brendan Reilly, Christine Lees, Jennifer Hewitt, Joseph Hill, Jenny Pye, Susan McDougalle, Pat Madden, Mary Lyons, Eileen Mooney, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani Clare Pendleton, James Taylor, Rose Sankey, Marion, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Dolly Morten, Kay McNeill, Jennifer McLaughlin, Arthur Jones, Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson, Wyn Graham, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Patrick McKeown, Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Pritchard, Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Josie Tinsley, Josie Riley, Geraldine, Roisin & Padraig McRory, Margaret Murray, James Skeath, Anthony Winrow, Jimmy O'Neil, Philip Malone, William Stove, Martin Thomas, Sr. Ann Collette Garlick, Maureen Quinn, Kathleen Hughes, Nancy Evans, Jimmy Jones, Helen Stone, Anthony Wilson, Lisa Murphy, Linda Mulcahy, Lawrence McClintock

**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

Mary McElhinney, Patrick Dyer,

#### Anniversaries

Steve Sheridan, Christopher McCormack, David & Molly Goodall, Joyce Brown,

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week 31st August

**St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Steve Sheridan**

**St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - Mary Sweeney, Chrissy Cliff, Sue McGrail & Mary McMullen**

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.**



What these women came to discover was the way in which a misreading of today's gospel had obliterated their sense of self and had kept them cowering in abusive relationships. How could Jesus, who was so intent on lifting up those who were bowed down and on healing all who suffered, have meant it otherwise for them, they reasoned.

One does not have to go to Bolivia to find abuse justified by such interpretations of the cross. Whether immediately visible or not, such situations can be found in almost every community. A closer look at the context of Jesus' saying reveals that he is speaking about a particular kind of suffering that his disciples must be willing to embrace: that which comes as a direct result of following his manner of life and mission. Suffering that comes from abuse and injustice is to be resisted and eradicated to the extent possible, as Jesus did throughout his ministry.

Moreover, the saying about denial of self is not referring to giving up certain pleasures, like foregoing chocolate during Lent. Rather, it refers to a disciples' choice to lose oneself entirely to Christ – to take on Christ's way of life and mission and his very identity as one's own. This identity does not centre on suffering, but on the love of God, expressed through loving service to one another, intent on bringing forth life to the full for all. But not all will welcome such a manner of living and loving that undermines systems of domination and submission. The repercussions one is willing to risk for the sake of living and proclaiming the gospel – that is the cross.

For these women in La Paz, a newfound understanding of the gospel was born in meetings in which they were able to join in solidarity to share their experiences and to reflect together with new eyes on the Scriptures. From this grew their sense of being empowered, beloved by God, and able to choose to band together to confront and end the suffering they and others they loved were experiencing.

True to today's gospel, these women indeed found their lives. As Jesus increasingly came to understand what lay ahead for him from his own denial of self in finding true life, Peter became all the more resistant and fearful. How do you find yourself?

### **PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE**

What does "taking up the cross" mean in your life?

Do you stumble at the thought of losing yourself in order to find yourself in Christ?

Ask Jesus to show you how to overcome the fear of repercussions for living and spreading his liberating love.



### Mary's meals

The Backpack project is a simple way of helping children from poor families in countries like Malawi and Liberia get to school. Very often the parents of the children Mary's meals support cannot even afford to buy the basic things like pens, paper, even suitable clothes for their children to wear to school. And so their children miss out on school and the education that can help them escape from the poverty when they grow up. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish to make a real difference to the future of these children. Most people will already have many of these items at home.

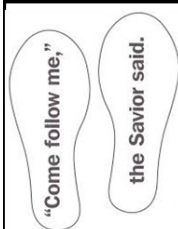
If anyone would like to become involved please find the information at the back of church. If you wish to buy a backpack and fill it with the items required, that would be fantastic. However, you may prefer to donate either the bag or any of the items from the 'Wanted' list and we will do the rest. Second hand clothing/uniform items are perfectly acceptable provided that they are in good condition.

The backpacks are for children aged between 4-14. **Please stick to only the items listed on the original forms provided at the back of Church.**

Donations and backpacks can be left at Church no later than Sunday 14th September 2014

For more information contact [amanda.badger@talktalk.net](mailto:amanda.badger@talktalk.net)

Have a look at the website to see the wonderful work they carry out: [www.marysmeals.org](http://www.marysmeals.org)



### **FINDING YOUR SELF**

Having had the privilege some years ago to listen to indigenous women in La Paz, Bolivia, reflect on today's gospel, I can never hear it without remembering their interpretation: "We women identify strongly with the crucified Christ and his sufferings. There is a strong sense of submission in our Aymara and Quechua cultures. Women submit to sexual abuse from their fathers, uncles and husbands with a strong sense of resignation, thinking that whatever suffering they endure, they do silently and heroically, as their way of carrying the cross with Jesus".

This particular group had come through a process of learning to interpret the gospel differently, so that their consciousness of themselves as lovable and precious in God's eyes had been heightened; and thereafter they questioned the wisdom they had received for generations about how submitting to abuse and injustice was the way to identify with the crucified Christ. Gradually, they tested out new ways of relating, as they claimed their power, uniting with one another to bring about change for themselves and their daughters.

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 30th August - St Edmund Arrowsmith

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Hilda Logan, Margaret Collins

#### Sunday 31st August Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

**Feast of St Aidan of Lindisfarne** (St. Aidan Parish BBQ)

St Aidan Mass - 11.00 am - Joe Pottinger, & Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Rose and Gerard Lloyd

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Walter Downey, Pat Cardwell

#### Monday 1st September

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

#### Tuesday 2nd September

St. Aidan - No Service

#### Wednesday 3rd September - St Gregory the Great

St Agnes 7.30pm - David Frear

#### Thursday 4th September

No Mass

#### Friday 5th September

St Aidan 12 noon - Eucharistic Service.

#### Saturday 6th September

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - John Donnelly, Christopher McCormack

#### Sunday 7th September Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - David & Molly Goodall

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Steve Sheridan

### 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.**

### Parish Collections

**Sunday 24th August 2014**

St Agnes - £784.26

St Aidan - £352.04

### **July Standing Orders**

St. Agnes - £898.00

St. Aidan - £184.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 1

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

### St Agnes Welcoming Group

There will be a short meeting after mass on Sunday 31 August and your attendance would be appreciated if at all possible.

Thank you

### 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.



### 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.

### 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.

### Dates for your diary

- 5 Oct : Joint Parish Meeting 3pm in  
Sr. Elizabeth's room at St. Agnes  
17 Oct : WCMAD Fundraiser at  
St Aidan's Club  
19 Nov : Holy Souls Mass - St Agnes

### 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

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:**

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**Souls**

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Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895

**Sisters of St. Mary of Namur**

Sr. Barbara - 0151 228 2239

Sr. Gabriel - 0151 489 1302

Sr. Sarah - 0151 489-1302

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St. Aidan

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St. Joseph

0151 489 4072

St. Anne's

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#### **Parish Clergy**

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