

Parish Collections

Sunday 20th November 2016

St Agnes - £633.78

St. Aidan - £327.99

September Standing Orders

St. Agnes - £1,047.00

St. Aidan - £150.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 2

Combined Refugee Collection to date

£5,180.11 - £1,009.10

Balance £4,169.72

*Thank you for your
generous support*

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Psalm: I rejoiced when I heard
them say: 'Let us go to
God's house

Gospel Acc: Let us see, O Lord, your
mercy and give us your
saving help

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

Preface: Pages 34-35

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 11am (Deacon)

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 & 2pm

4th Sunday at 12.30pm (Deacon)

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.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING



To all Altar Servers who have
served in either church for more
than two years since 2006.

**To be held at St. Agnes Church
On Wednesday, 30th November at 8pm**

St Aidan's Little Church



Sunday, 27th November
Nativity Rehearsal

Sunday, 4th December
Nativity Rehearsal

The Parish of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



First Sunday of Advent

27th November 2016

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

Vera Cummins, Philip Bromwell, James Soundie, Mary Organ, Thomas Clegg,
Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Aidan Morris, Maria Edge, Kay McNeill, Wendy Paveley,
Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Amy Adair, Phil Ridler, Eddie Doran,
Sandra Rowley, Winnie Witter, Joseph Hill, Vera Jones, Rose Sankey,
George Gibbons, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees,
Susan McDougalle, Pat Madden, Marion, James Taylor, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson,
Ursula Erfani, Clare Pendleton, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Colette Wilson, Wyn Graham,
Josie Riley, Jennifer McLaughlin, Caelan McKeown, Mary Davis, Jimmy Jones,
Margaret Flynn, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Patrick McKeown, Maisie Pritchard
Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Nancy Evans,
Collette Garlick, Anthony Winrow, Nick Gregory, Kathleen Hughes, Philip Malone,
Anthony Wilson, Nathan Davies, Mrs Lynch, Ann Gavin, Roisin & Pdraig McRory,
Jerome Mitchell, Lawrence McClintock, Pauline Irvine, Peter Kelly, John Kennedy,
, Laura Mitchell, Tony Gavin, Jim & Josephine Phillips, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin,
Jackie Anders, Jennifer McKeown, Christina Hill, Julie Bohanna,
Philip Anders, Baby Sonny, Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Eva Roberts, Graham Dawson,
Kathleen Keenan, Kate Williams, Angela & Gerry Reid, Fiona Wilson, Michael Head,
John Humphry, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Hunter, Michael Bruder, Tommy Swift,
James Abraham, Denis Cannon, Sheila Brown,
Nicholas Cragg, Tony McCarthy, John McCormack, Sarah Doherty

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

Helena Nolan, Maureen Adams, Margaret Hughes, Norma Curtis

Anniversaries

Terence McMahon, Eleanor Mullady, George Williams, Jim McDermott,
John & Billy Roberts, Tom Sweeney, Andy McCann, Nancy Cardwell, Richard Markey.

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning – 27th November

St Agnes - Parishioners of St. Agnes and St. Aidan's

St Aidan - Parishioners of St. Agnes and St. Aidan's

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 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 - 4.00pm

All Enquiries to:

Tel/Fax : 0151 489 3085

St Agnes Church

82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ

For Mass Cards etc.

Tel: 0151 449 2209

Also available from
St Aidan's Church 0151 489 3085

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

**Newsletter items by Thursday
morning to Main Parish Office**

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

Deacons:

Mike Whelan, Joe Morgan

PARISH CLUBS:

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'Parish of St Agnes and St Aidan'

ST. AGNES

Mission Boxes

Mission Boxes are due to be emptied this month.

Thank you for all your support

St Agnes' Little Church



Sunday, 27th November

Christmas Rehearsal

Sunday, 4th December

Christmas Rehearsal

We Can Make A Difference

Sr Egno and Fr Toon have requested that we try and take **solar lamps** to Suriname when we next travel in January as they are unable to buy them locally. We will be travelling on 9th January, 2017 and would appreciate any donations.

Many thanks



Welcome to the Parish family of St Agnes and St Aidan



Jake Brian Kinsella and Isaac Noah Campbell

who will be baptised at St Aidan's on Saturday, 26th November

Daisy Townley will be baptised at St Agnes on Sunday 27th November

Please remember these children and their families in your prayers.

St Agnes/St Aidan SVP

would like to invite our older and housebound parishioners to the

Annual Christmas Party

to be held at

St Aidan Parish Centre

on Friday, 2nd December from 12-4pm

Please contact **Bob Singleton** at St Agnes or **John Cliffe** at St Aidan's if you are interested in attending.

Christmas Carol Concert



To be held on

Wednesday, 14th December

at the Cathedral at 2.00pm

(Refreshments afterwards)



Please pay your coach deposit as soon as possible as space is limited or contact the office for further information

SHARE

Liverpool is famous as a diverse and multicultural city. Everyone either originates from somewhere else or knows someone who is from somewhere else.

A Vigil for the Displaced will take place in **Clayton Square on Friday 9th December at 7.00pm**. Please try to attend and stand with one another, light a candle and remember your place of birth.

Table Tennis



Tuesdays 6.30pm at St. Aidan's
All are welcome

Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th November

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm - The Holy Souls/Parish Volunteers

Sunday 27th November – First Sunday of Advent

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am - Jim McDermott, Michael Fargin.

St. Agnes Mass 11.00am - James and Sarah Watts, Nancy Cardwell

Monday 28th November

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

Tuesday 29th November

St. Aidan Holy Hour 11am - 12 midday

Wednesday 30th November - Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

St. Agnes 10.00am Funeral Service - Helena Nolan

St. Agnes Mass 7.30pm – The Holy Souls

Thursday 1st December

No Mass

Friday 2nd December

St. Aidan Mass 12 noon – Joan & Marie Crowney

St Agnes 1.00pm Requiem Mass - Maureen Adams

Saturday 3rd December—Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, priest

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Richard Markey, Ann Zaric

Sunday 4th December – Second Sunday of Advent

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am - Pat Spellacy, The Warnick Family, John & Billy Roberts

St. Agnes Mass 11.00am - Tom Sweeney, Julie Morgan

Confessions: Saturday at St. Agnes 5 - 5.20pm & 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.

The Always Coming Christ

“Stay awake. Be ready. The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Sadly, we're almost programmed (perhaps by childhood conditioning) to hear the Gospel in a threatening or punitive way, as if Jesus is saying, "You'd better do it right, or I'm going to get you." With that outlook, we are likely to largely miss the point in today's Gospel. This is the bad fruit of using religion and Scripture to threaten people into love, which is actually a total impossibility. Most people who start with fear stay with fear and never get to the higher motivations.

Let's try to hear it in a much more exciting and positive way. Jesus is not talking about the second coming of Christ. He's not talking about your death, either. What he's talking about here is the *forever* coming of Christ, the *always* coming of Christ, the *eternal* coming of Christ...*now*...and *now*...and *now*

You see, Christ is *always* coming; God is *always* present. *It's we who aren't!* We're always somewhere else, at least I often am. Jesus tells us to be conscious, to be awake, to be alert, to be alive. It's the key to all spirituality, because that is the one thing we aren't. Be honest. Most of us live on cruise control. We just go through the motions of our daily routines. We wake up and we repeat what we did the day before, and we're upset if there are any interruptions.

But, in fact, when God has the best chance of getting at us is in the gaps, in the discontinuities, in the exceptions, in the surprises, that is what it means to be awake: to be constantly willing to say that God could even be coming to me in this! Even in this! Saying "Just this!" has become a new verbal practice of mine. I am learning to say it even amidst the things I don't want, I don't expect, and sometimes don't like— at an hour I don't expect.

Being fully present to the moment and to God would be total conversion, but we're all still learners on that path. I hope we've learned how to appreciate at least one or two moments, how to rest and abide in one or two special moments, and to learn to say, "This is good. This is enough. In fact, this is everything." Once you recognize that it's all right here, right now, then you'll carry that awareness everywhere else. How you do anything is how you do everything. This is what Julian of Norwich meant when she looked at one little hazelnut in the palm of her hand, and said "This is everything that is"

(Chapter 4, short text of her *Showings*).

Once we can learn to be present to the Presence, the things that used to bother us don't bother us quite as much. The things that used to defeat us no longer defeat us. The things we thought we could never surrender to, we now can. Even to accept that we are not ready to accept something is still a form of this utterly grounding and accepting Presence.

Fr. Richard Rohr

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, Refugee Appeal 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



JOINT PASTORAL MEETING

There will be a Pastoral Meeting for both parishes
on Sunday, 11th December at 4pm
In the Sr Elizabeth Kelly's room.

Please try your best to attend.

Refugee Appeal Update (SHARe Knowsley) Asda Receipts

Although we can no longer build up the vouchers obtained from the Asda receipts to purchase raffle prizes for our parish projects in Romania and Suriname we can still make good use of them in a different way to help purchase food and toiletries for the foodbank at the SHARe Knowsley drop-in and at Asylum Link.



Receipts need to be current as there is a time limit from the date on the receipt when vouchers can be claimed. As usual there will be a box at the back of church.

Thank you so much for all your generosity and support.