

Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic—or if you were baptised a Catholic but never made your Confirmation or Holy Communion - please make contact with Christine Ball or Fr. Anton (contact details in this newsletter).

Typically those interested begin to meet on a regular basis in September and are received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter



Romania & Suriname Projects

If you are a parishioner who is 16+ 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!



Healing Ourselves - Healing our World

As a continuation of the sessions that we ran during Lent

You are invited to a programme of wellness practices which will be on Thursday 16th July at 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room at St Agnes. Due to commitments the programme will resume in October and the dates will be published here at the time.

Facilitated by Fr. Richard

St Agnes' Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

The new rotas for St Agnes readers and Eucharistic Ministers are available for collection from the back of church and also on the parish website

Thank you.

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Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.
Psalm Sunday: Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13
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The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



12th July 2015
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Year B
(Parish Family Day)

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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,
 Thomas Clegg, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, 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, 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,
 Amy Adair, Rose Sankey, Marion, Dolly Morten, Arthur Jones,
 Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Jennifer McLaughlin, Wyn Graham, Caelan McKeown,
 Michael McDonough, Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson, Vera Jones, Aaron Carmichael,
 Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Patrick McKeown, Josie Riley, Janet & Ray Cragg,
 Maisie Pritchard, Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Jimmy Jones,
 Margaret Murray, Geraldine, Nancy Evans, Roisin & Padraig McRory, Anthony Winrow,
 Philip Malone, Sr. Ann Collette Garlick, Mary Davis, Kathleen Hughes, Anthony Wilson,
 Linda Mulcahy, Jerome Mitchell, Lawrence McClintock, Helen Stone, Nick Gregory,
 Moya Fleetwood, Nathan Davies, Pauline Irvine, John Kennedy, Dorothy Ireland,
 Kathy Mitchell, Jim & Josephine Phillips, Sophie Bond, Mrs Lynch, Jennifer McKeown,
 Pat McGiveron, Colette Martin, Christina Hill, Vera Conley, Julie Bohanna.
 Bill Cardwell, Edward Coffey

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

Carol Highton, Frederick Doran, Elsie Williams, Peter Murphy,

Anniversaries

Rosemary Hastie, Margaret Collins, Paul Cardwell,

Sanctuary Lamps Week beginning – 12th July 2015

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Parish Volunteers

St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - Parishioners of St. Agnes & St. Aidan

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.

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 CARNATIC ROAD MOSSLEY HILL LIVERPOOL L18 8BY
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The Rev. C. McCoy,
 37 Tithebarn Road,
 Liverpool,
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26th June 2015

Dear Chris,

Thank you very much for attending the Archbishop's Council meeting yesterday and for presenting the report for Pastoral Area No.4. As you are aware the Archbishop's Council was very enthusiastic about the amalgamation of St. John Fisher and St. Columba's parishes and St. Agnes and St. Aidan's parishes. I would, therefore, be very grateful if those parishes could move towards becoming united as proposed.

We welcome the enthusiasm which St. Agnes and St. Aidan's Parish Pastoral Team showed in their addendum to the proposals and I know at first-hand how enthusiastic the people are in these parishes from my recent visits. I would very much like those parishes to work towards having one church and in the first instance I think it would be prudent for them to consider the possibility of developing St. Agnes' church rather than looking for a new site. It is not my wish to dampen the ardour of the Pastoral Team but working within existing resources is very important for the Church at the present time.

Once again, thank you very much for the thought and consideration that you have given to the proposals and will you please thank the parish priests, the religious sisters and the people who have worked so hard to come to these conclusions.

With all good wishes and every blessing,

Yours sincerely,

Archbishop of Liverpool

the school hall, was condemned by the Council as unfit for purpose and was taken out of use. It was subsequently re-fashioned to serve as the church. Its structural faults, however, have proved an excessive drain on financial resources, and require further considerable expenditure. Documentation to this effect can be provided. Before wasting further resources on a building unfit for purpose, we propose that it be demolished and a new church built on the site to serve the community, maintaining the good relationship with the two parish schools which are nearby. St Agnes church, under this proposal would, of course, remain.

2. If, however, we were allowed to dream, the proposal that has been a key discussion point in our joint pastoral team, and that has gained most support and enthusiasm, is to build a new church closer to the town centre, demolishing both St Agnes & St Aidan's church buildings. While the St Aidan's building is clearly unfit, there is also a tremendous amount of expenditure needed for essential repairs to St Agnes building.

This option would place us right where the people are in the centre of Huyton, where they meet, work and shop. It holds the exciting possibility for an open church in their midst, offering multiple opportunities for outreach at the heart of the community.

There is a good model and precedent for such a move, as happened in Kirkby with the creation of the church of St Michael & All Angels and the demolishing of the churches of Holy Angels & St Michael. We would ask Archbishop Malcolm to give it serious consideration.'

Fr Anton and SS Agnes & Aidan's PAWG members.

Response from the Archbishop to the Pastoral Plan for our Deanery

This was presented by our Pastoral Area Working Group (as printed in the newsletter 7/8 June 2015/and reprinted above).

The following letter was sent by Archbishop Malcolm to Fr Chris McCoy who is the Dean of Huyton Pastoral Area

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th July

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Francis D'Arcy

Sunday 12th July Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

No Mass at St Aidan

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Lynn McNabb, Parishioners of St Aidan & St Agnes
Followed by joint Parish BBQ

Monday 13th July

St Agnes 9.30am - Celebration of the Word & Communion

Tuesday 14th July

St Aidan Requiem Mass 11.00am – Frederick (Freddie) Doran

Wednesday 15th July

St Agnes 7.30pm - Celebration of the Word & Communion

Thursday 16th July

St Joseph leavers Mass 9.00 am (in school) all welcome

Friday 17th July

St Agnes Funeral Service 10.00am - Elsie Williams

St Aidan Funeral Service 11.00am - Peter Murphy

St Aidan Mass 12 noon - Brendan Reilly

Saturday 18th July -

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Peter & Nellie Lynch

Sunday 19th July Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Mary Sheehan

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Peggy Coyne, Tess Hall

**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 5th July 2015

St Agnes - £727.34

St Aidan - £346.52

May Standing Orders

St Agnes £947.00

St Aidan £150.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 1

**Thank you
generous support**



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

**Mollie May Lindburn
Joseph Christopher Welsh-Guatella
Matilda Faith Embleton
William Hardacre**

*Who will be baptised on
Sunday 12th July at
St Agnes Church*

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

St Agnes' Little Church

July 12th

Children's Mass

July 19th

Jean, Lesley and Paula



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 and St Aidan Family BBQ Sunday 12 July

Please note that there will only be one
Mass on this Sunday, at 11.00 am in
St Agnes.

Please feel free to come
along to the BBQ on
Sunday. Fingers crossed
the sun will be shining.....



Dates for your Diary 2015-2016

2015

Friday 24th October WCMAD fundraiser

Thursday 19th November Holy Souls Mass—St Aidan's 7.30pm

2016

Friday 22nd January Winter Night, St Aidan's Club

Friday 26th February Parish Pensioners' Fish & Chip Night

Report from the Pastoral Area Working Group (PAWG)

These are proposals set out by the PAWG members of our two parishes together with Fr. Anton. They are not fixed decisions. Detailed reports of the other parishes in our Pastoral Area are available on our parish notice boards. A few copies are also available at the back of church. The complete report from our Pastoral Area has been sent to the Archbishop for his consideration.

Proposal from the Parishes of St Agnes & St Aidan

'Much work has been done over the past seven years to bring the parish communities of St Agnes & St Aidan together, now collaborating in most of the significant areas of parish life and mission. After much reflection and discussion by the joint parish pastoral group, and in response to the challenge of the 2013 Huyton PAWG Pastoral Plan, we have reached the point where we feel the time is right to ask the Archbishop to consult the Council of Priests with regard to the amalgamation of the parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan to form a single parish, preferably keeping the name: "The Parish of St Agnes & St Aidan."

If the union of the two parishes can be achieved, we would then propose two options for the Archbishop's consideration:

1. Both parish communities as presently constituted are vibrant and have a healthy Mass attendance. The present St Aidan's church building formerly

St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

Monday

Slimming World
3.30 pm, 5.30 pm & 7.30 pm

Tuesday:

Slimming World 9.30 am, 11.30 am
(Michelle 07940181515)
Country Night 7.30 pm

Wednesday

Bingo at 1 pm, Quiz Night

Thursday

Bingo 7.30 pm

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

Tues

Darts Night

Saturday

Evening live entertainment in the
lounge

**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**

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.

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.

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

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Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895*

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

*Sr. Barbara - 0151 481 0968
Sr. Gabriel - 0151 489 1302
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Parish Clergy (Parish Priest)

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Take Nothing for the Journey

“Take nothing for the journey”

Some prayer practices encourage us to read a passage of Scripture and be aware of a few words – or word - which speak to us and quietly reflect on them, maybe even repeating them during our time of prayer.

“Take nothing for the journey”

The journey in today's reading is the journey of going out from ourselves and living the Gospel message wherever we are. And what is that message? St. Paul answers that question in the second reading: “Before the world was made God chose us.” And also in John 1:3 “Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.” This is the message we are asked to bring to everyone we meet. But we are told:

“Take nothing for the journey”

We are asked to leave behind our preconceived ideas of having sole ownership of the understanding of the message, of being the only ones who experience God. Richard Rohr talks about Fr Vincent Donovan and his missionary work with the Maasai in Tanzania. When talking to the Maasai about the seven Sacraments, Fr. Donovan described the Sacraments as physical events and encounters when we could experience the transcendent or the holy. He could see that the Maasai were puzzled and dissatisfied to hear there were only seven. One elder finally spoke: “We would have thought that there would be at least 7000!”

“Take nothing”

On our journey we walk together with so many companions, nourishing each other with our experience of “the fullest truth of our being, and if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?” (Pope Francis. The Joy of the Gospel)

“Take nothing”

If we travel unencumbered by baggage and with an open mind and heart we may also be nourished and sheltered by Nature. Again, we read John 1:3 “Through him **all things** were made; without him **nothing** was made that has been made.” One of the legends attributed to St. Francis shows how he allowed Creation to share so many experiences of the Creator.

St. Francis and the Sacraments

*I once spoke to my friend, an old squirrel, about the Sacraments –
he got so excited
and ran into a hollow in his tree and came
back holding some acorns, an owl feather,
and a ribbon he had found.
And I just smiled and said, “Yes, dear,
you understand:
everything imparts
His grace.”*

“Take nothing.”

Mary's Meal's



It is that time of year again when we will shortly start collecting for Mary's Meal's. Items can be donated over the summer holidays at church. This is the fourth year our parish has participated and to date we have sent over 250 completed backpacks. That is the equivalent of every child in one of our primary schools receiving a backpack which is a remarkable achievement. There will be a celebratory mass in early September when all the backpacks will be collected for onward delivery.

Please only donate the items requested on the list, which is at the back of church, as any other items may be removed at the sorting centre to avoid difficulties at customs and also when the bags are distributed in

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.



Nugent Care

Donations of good quality clothes can be left at the back of either church after Mass or handed in to the office. They are also **collecting any type of currency** (coins or notes) including old English and Euros. The money is then sorted, bagged and sent to a coin exchange.