

### **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

### **WCMAD Fundraiser**

A fundraiser evening will be held on Friday 23 October 2015 at St Aidan's Club which will commence at 7.30 pm. Tickets will be available from this weekend at a cost of £2 for adults and 50p for children.

As usual, this will be a family evening with a shared table, an entertainer and a disco. There will be the usual array of great raffle prizes.

The funds raised at this event will be used to support our two projects in Homorodu de Jos (in the North West of Romania) and also villages along the Amazon in Suriname, South America served by Fr. Toon and Sr. Egno.

### **Embrace '15**

( Liverpool Catholic Youth Conference)

Embrace 2015 will take place on

Saturday 21st November in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, the weekend of Christ the King & National Youth -

Sunday. The theme for this year's conference will be "Build my Kingdom".

Please check the posters/flyers on the church notice board for more information

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Psalm: May the Lord Bless us all  
the days of our life

Gospel Acc Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth

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# **The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan**

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## **NEWSLETTER**



**4th October 2015**

**Twenty Seventh Sunday  
of Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

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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, Mary Organ,  
 Thomas Clegg, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Aidan Morris, Maria Edge, Kay McNeill,  
 Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy,  
 Sandra Rowley, Phil Ridler, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Eddie Doran, Joseph Hill,  
 Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Higgins, Jennifer Hewitt,  
 Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Christine Lees, Susan McDougalle,  
 Pat Madden, Eileen Mooney, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani,  
 Clare Pendleton, James Taylor, Amy Adair, Rose Sankey, Marion, Dolly Morten,  
 Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Jennifer McLaughlin, Vera Jones, Wyn Graham, Josie Riley,  
 Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson, Mary Davis  
 Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Patrick McKeown, Jimmy Jones,  
 Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Pritchard, Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Nancy Evans,  
 Margaret Murray, Geraldine, Sr. Ann Collette Garlick, Anthony Winrow, Nick Gregory,  
 Roisin & Padraig McRory, Philip Malone, Kathleen Hughes, Anthony Wilson,  
 Jerome Mitchell, Mrs Lynch, Nathan Davies, Lawrence McClintock, Moya Fleetwood,  
 Pauline Irvine, John Kennedy, Dorothy Ireland, Kathy Mitchell, Jim & Josephine Phillips,  
 Sophie Bond, Vera Conley, Colette Martin, Jennifer McKeown, Pat McGiveron,  
 Christina Hill, Julie Bohanna, Edward Coffey, Ann Gavin, Peter Kelly, Jackie Anders,  
 Philip Anders, Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Graham Dawson, Eva Roberts,  
 Baby Sonny

**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

Siobhan Arnold,

### Anniversaries

Gladys McGuinness, Tony McNamara, Eileen Sweeney, Bill Leamy, Philip Brady,

### Sanctuary Lamps Week beginning – 4th October 2015

**St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp – Michael Coyne**

**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.**

### Parish Collections

#### **Sunday 27th September 2015**

St Agnes - £836.25

St Aidan - £359.26

#### **August Standing Orders**

St Agnes £924.00

St Aidan £150.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 2

**Thank you for your  
generous support**



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

**Logan Scott Liam Wallace  
Joseph Squires  
Charlie Devlin  
Joseph Goth**

Who will be baptised  
at St Agnes Church  
Sunday 4th October

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

### 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.

### 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.

### **Dates for your Diary 2015-2016**

#### **2015**

Friday 23rd October

WCMAD fundraiser. St Aidan's Club

Friday 27th November

Holy Souls Mass—St Aidan's 7.30pm

#### **2016**

Friday 22nd January

Winter Night, St Aidan's Club

Mon 12th—Sat 17th September

Lourdes Pilgrimage

## **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**

*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

**Deacon:** *Mike Whelan*

*St Aidan Parish Club*  
0151 489 9024

*St Agnes Parish Club*  
0151 489 3990

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## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday 3rd October**

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Florence, George & Michael Lewis, Tony McNamara

### **Sunday 4th October - Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Mary Lyons

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Joan Crowney

### **Monday 5th October**

St Agnes 9.30am - Celebration of the Word & Communion

### **Tuesday 6th October**

St. Aidan Holy Hour 11-12 pm

Wednesday 7th October - Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

St Agnes Mass 7.30pm - Eileen Sweeney

### **Thursday 8th October**

No Mass

### **Friday 9th October**

**St Agnes Requiem Mass 10.30am—Siobhan Margaret Arnold**

### **Saturday 10th October**

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Alex Malone, Rose Green

### **Sunday 11th October Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Pat McGiveron (b'day)

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Flo Derri, Martin & Sarah Coffey

**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.***

## Love is born and constantly develops amid lights and shadows

We touch today on a very topical, very sensitive and very painful reality of life in our time – the question of divorce. However, today's Gospel indicates that it was a controversial question in Jesus' time and in his society also.

"The 12 apostles as men were the entitled ones in their society. Jesus helped them to shed their entitlement, their sense of false empowerment. He undercuts every attempt at the domination of one group over another. When his own disciples try to take the high road of power, Jesus takes the low road to teach them his new "way".

Jesus undercuts their idea of the 'in-group' against the 'out-group' (Mark 9: 38-40). He undercuts the domination of one over another (9: 33-35), of adults over children (9:36-37 and 10: 13-16) and of the rich over the poor (10: 17-30).

In today's gospel, he undercuts the domination of men over women. This is not so much a teaching on the indissolubility of the marriage bond as a teaching on the domination of men over women. Jesus refuses it. The divorce laws of the day were mainly laws to protect men by allowing them to keep moving ahead freely and to abandon women without penalty. Jesus refuses to buy into that. He says, "From the beginning of creation God made them male and female." He sees them as brothers and sisters, as equals. "And the two shall be one flesh." They shall not be two but one, preaching a word of equality, not of domination." (Radical Grace: R. Rohr)

In reply to the Pharisees' question about the permissibility of divorce Jesus quotes from the book of Genesis in a passage used in our First Reading today. It expresses in beautiful language the ideal of the perfect marriage: "The man exclaimed [speaking about the companion God had given him]: 'This is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh'... This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife and they become one body."

"We know from our own experience that that not all marriages reflect the ideal that Jesus places before us in today's gospel. Many of us will have relatives whose marriages have not lasted. The gospels are clear that although Jesus presented a certain vision for human relationships, including within marriage, he did not condemn those who fell short of that vision. All of us, married or single, are called to love one another as the Lord has loved us, and we all fail in our response to that call. It is in those moments of weakness and failure that the second part of this morning's gospel has most to say to us, 'anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will not enter it.'

We stand before the Lord with a child-like heart, in our weakness and vulnerability, open and receptive to the great gift of the Lord's love that is given to us unconditionally. It is that gift which empowers us to keep reaching towards the goal, the ideal that Jesus puts before us all."

## Synod on the Family

It is perhaps fitting, that today's readings coincide with start of the Synod on the Family.. This year's Synod on the Family, to be held on Oct. 4-25, will be the second and larger of two such gatherings to take place in the course of a year and is the second phase of a three-stage process. Like its 2014 precursor, the focus of the 2015 Synod of Bishops will be the family, this time with the theme: "The vocation and witness of the family in the church and the modern world."

Its deliberations will form the basis of a document written by Pope Francis to be published in the forthcoming Year of Mercy, which begins on December 8. Cardinal Vincent Nichols sees as significant that this document will be published *in the context* of the Year of Mercy and it seems to him quite clear that Pope Francis has established the Year of Mercy as the context into which to place his fruits from the working of the two synods.

Let's pray for the all the members of the synod that they will be open to the Spirit within them and 'with true spiritual discernment, will find concrete solutions to so many difficulties and innumerable challenges that families must confront and will give answers to the many discouragements that surround and suffocate families.'

(Pope Francis in his address at the end of the first synod)

'Perfect families do not exist. This must not discourage us. Quite the opposite. Love is something we learn; love is something we live; love grows as it is "forged" by the concrete situations which each particular family experiences. Love is born and constantly develops amid lights and shadows. Love can flourish in men and women who try not to make conflict the last word, but rather a new opportunity. An opportunity to seek help, an opportunity to question how we need to improve, an opportunity to discover the God who is with us and never abandons us. This is a great legacy that we can give to our children, a very good lesson: we make mistakes, yes; we have problems, yes. But we know that that is not really what counts. We know that mistakes, problems and conflicts are an opportunity to draw closer to others, to draw closer to God.'

This evening we have come together to pray, to pray as a family, to make our homes the joyful face of the Church; to meet that God who did not want to come into our world in any other way than through a family; to meet "God with us", the God who is always in our midst.'

(Pope Francis. Prayer vigil for the festival of families. Philadelphia Saturday, 26 September 2015)

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