

# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

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Sunday 6th January 2019

NEWSLETTER



The Epiphany of the Lord  
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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, Aidan Morris, Maria Edge, Kay McNeill, Wendy Paveley,  
Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Amy Adair, Eddie Doran,  
Sandra Rowley, Joseph Hill, Rose Sankey, George Gibbons, Nick Gregory,  
Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees, Susan McDougalle,  
Pat Madden, Marion, James Taylor, Philip Gallagher, Ursula Erfani,  
Clare Pendleton, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Wyn Graham, Josie Riley, Jennifer McLaughin,  
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,  
Kathleen Hughes, Philip Malone, Nathan Davies, Mrs Lynch, Peter Kelly,  
Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Jerome Mitchell, Lawrence McClintock, Pauline Irvine, John  
Kennedy, Laura Mitchell, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin, Jennifer McKeown, Christina Hill,  
Alan McMahan, Graham Dawson, Kathleen Keenan, Kate Williams,  
John Humphry, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Hunter, Nicholas Cragg, Sarah Doherty,  
Eileen Critchley, Terry Martin, Fr. Bernard Higham, Michael Ryan, Fr. Simon, John Mulcahey,  
Peter Lovelady, Margaret Murphy, Fr Nicholas Wild, Molly Kennedy, James Abraham, Ann  
Holden, Margaret Leadbetter, Mave Mooney, Brenda McArdle, Bridie Dillon, Kayleigh Martin,  
Tricia Andrews, Annette Devine, Teresa Dring, Bernard Riley, Anthony Wilson, Marie Keight,  
Mary Murray, Jack Cardwell, John Cunningham, Kathleen Crellin, Kath Fadden, Baby Grace,  
Wyn Pickup, Dolly Kelly, Alison Randles, Steve Moore, Baby Sonny, Marie D'Arcy  
Anna Michaels

***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 Deceased**

Rose Mountain, Christopher McGuire, Florence Owens,

### **Anniversaries**

Nancy Brickland, Kathleen Conway, Theresa O'Brien

### **Sanctuary Lamps week beginning – 6th January 2019**

**St. Agnes** - Parishioners of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

**St. Aidan** - Parishioners of St. Agnes and 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.***

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday - 5th January -**

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Cecilia Wilkes

### **Sunday 6th January- Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Nancy Brickland, Rose Mountain

St Agnes Mass 11.00am – Marie Flood

### **Monday - 7th January**

St Agnes 9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### **Tuesday 8th January**

**St Aidan Requiem Mass 10.30am— Rose Mountain**

### **Wednesday 9th January**

**St Agnes Requiem Mass 2pm—Christopher McGuire**

St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm - Ruth Coxhead

### **Thursday 10th January –**

**St Agnes Funeral Service 10.15am— Florence Owens**

### **Friday 11th January**

St Aidan Mass 12 noon — Ken Keith

### **Saturday 12th January**

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Kathleen & James Sexton

### **Sunday 13th January - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

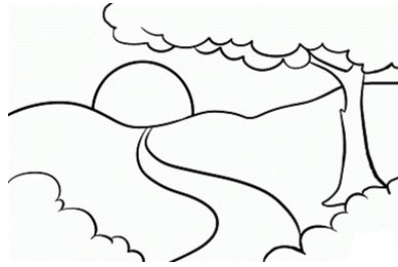
St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Frank & Terry Burns.

St Agnes Mass 11.00am – Marj Till

**Confessions: Saturday at St. Agnes 5pm- 5.20pm  
and 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*

*The old year is worn and tired.  
Time now to kiss it goodbye.  
Take with you its wisdom - the authority  
and the power of all you have learned.  
Remember the past year with love,  
but let go of its despair.*



*Live the year that lies ahead  
with fresh energy and hope.  
Be strong, have courage.  
It is time now for something new.*



### **Holy Communion Programme 2018/2019**

There will be a short meeting after Mass on **Sunday 13 January** at 12.30 in St Agnes Church for all the Catechists, and those who would like to be involved, to discuss the Holy Communion Programme for 2019.

Please try and come as we really do appreciate all your help.

All new Catechists are welcome

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019**

- 21 January - St Agnes Feast Day
- 5 April - We Can Make A Difference Fundraiser - St Aidan's Club 7.00 pm
- 7 April - CAFOD Soup Day in both churches
- 30 June - Parish Barbecue at St Agnes
- 1 September- Family Day at St Aidan
- 4 October - We Can Make A Difference Fundraiser - St Aidan's Club 7.00 pm



## Feast of the Epiphany

Jesus taught us to find God incarnate in *this* world, in our neighbour, in the Eucharist—that is, in the ordinary elements of this earth. That’s a very different notion of religion. This perspective is sometimes called the “bias from the bottom.” It turns everything on its head. That is why today we celebrate three kings paying homage to a poor baby in a feed trough.

Let’s be honest, our culture places the most value on fame, power, and money. Even people who call themselves Christians are much more fascinated by celebrities and so-called success than they are by the downward path of Jesus. Once you can see that God is in the ordinary and that you don’t have to climb upward or be more pure or perfect to find God, you start honouring God in what Jesus calls “the least of the brothers and sisters” (Mathew 25:40) and in the very common earth beneath our feet. Thus God said to Moses, “Take off your sandals, for this is holy ground” (Exodus 3:5). Jacob used an ordinary rock to mark the place where he dreamt of a ladder to heaven (Genesis 28:12).

Brian McLaren offers an honest, prophetic critique of Christianity’s misplaced values in domination and artificially contrived success:

Growing numbers of us are acknowledging with grief that many forms of supremacy — Christian, white, male, heterosexual, and human—are deeply embedded not just in Christian history, but also in Christian theology. We are coming to see that in hallowed words like *almighty, sovereignty, kingdom, dominion, supreme, elect, chosen, clean, remnant, sacrifice, lord*, and even *God*, dangerous vices often lie hidden. . . . We are coming to see in the life and teaching of Christ, and especially in the cross and resurrection of Christ, *a radical rejection of dominating supremacy in all its forms.*

The theological term for [this] is *kenosis*, which means self-emptying. . . . Rather than seizing, hoarding, and exercising power in the domineering ways of typical kings, conquistadors, and religious leaders, Jesus was consistently empowering others. He descended the ladders and pyramids of influence instead of climbing them upwards, released power instead of grasping at it, and served instead of dominating. He ultimately overturned all conventional understandings of . . . power by purging [it] of violence—to the point where he himself chose to be killed rather than kill.

The apostle Paul urges us: “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:5-8).

### **Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 17th September 2019**

Flight from Manchester to Split  
7 nights hotel accommodation on half board basis  
Full religious programme  
20kg checked in luggage

The cost for this pilgrimage will be £635 and you will need to pay a £200.00 non-refundable deposit to secure a place  
Single room supplement of £154

Cheques to be made payable to St Agnes Church

Please contact the Parish office



### **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 as soon as possible 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.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Please find a copy of the latest newsletter (SAFE) from the Safeguarding Dept at LACE on the Safeguarding notice boards in the main entrance of St. Aidan's and St Agnes Churches. It contains a message from Alex Griffiths the newly appointed Safeguarding Co-ordinator at LACE as well current news. Also attached is a copy of Pope Francis' letter to the 'People of God' (August edition) and also a statement from the Bishops of England and Wales, as they gathered in Rome for the ad Limina Apostolorum visit.  
If anyone requires a printed copy of this information please contact Cath Golding or the parish office

## Parish Collections

### Sunday 30th December 2018

St. Agnes - £615.87  
St Aidan - £265.14

### Christmas Offerings

St. Agnes - £1,182.36  
St Aidan - £595.22

St Agnes' team to count: Team 4

### November Standing Orders

St Agnes - £983.00  
St Aidan - £90.00

*Thank you for your generous support*

### Page references for Mass Sunday 6th January 2019

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Psalm All nations shall fall  
prostrate before you,  
O Lord

Gospel Acc: We saw his star as it rose  
and have come to do the  
Lord homage

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Preface: 37-38



### Baptism Preparation meeting: First Monday of each month St. Agnes' church at 7:30pm

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. Aidan's Baptisms:

3rd Sunday at 11am (Deacon)  
4th Saturday at 12 noon (Fr. Anton)

### St. Agnes' Baptisms:

1st Sunday at 12.30pm & 2pm (Fr. Anton)  
4th Sunday at 12.30pm (Deacon)



### Saturday 26th January 2019

This will be held on the last  
Saturday of every month  
from 8am -12pm in  
Sr. Elizabeth Kelly's meeting room  
St. Agnes Church, Huyton Hey Road



## 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 with 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.

## PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

**Main Parish Office: St. Aidan**  
92 Adswood Road, L36 7XR  
Tel/fax: 0151 489 3085

### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9.00am - 12.30pm  
Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm

### St Agnes Church

82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ  
Tel: 449 2209

Mass cards available from either church

### Email Address:

agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk

### For your information:

Parish Newsletters are posted on  
Parish Website every week at:

**www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk**

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

## St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

### TUESDAY

Country Night 7.30pm

### WEDNESDAY

Bingo at 1.00pm. 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

**SKY and BT have returned to the  
club and all matches are on**

## PARISH CONTACTS



### SISTERS:

#### Helpers of the Holy Souls

Sr. Elizabeth 0151 480 7904  
Sr. Mary Rose 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 477 8990  
St. Anne's 0151 477 8260

### PARISH CLERGY:

#### Parish Priest

Rev. Fr. Anton Fernandopulle  
0151 489 3085

### Deacons:

Mike Whelan, Joe Morgan

### PARISH CLUB

St. Aidan: 0151 489 9024

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## PILATES CLASSES

### STARTED AGAIN SEPTEMBER

FREE Pilates Classes for people  
who have been diagnosed or undergone  
surgery for Breast Cancer

To be held every  
**Wednesday Evening at 7.30-8.30pm at  
St. Margaret Mary's Junior School Gym,  
Pilch Lane, Huyton.**

If interested, please contact BREASTMATES  
on 07835 982879 or 07835 918576