

St. Aidan's Parish Centre
Memberships available

Tuesday: Slimming World
9.30am, 11.30am & 5.30pm
(Michelle 07940181515)
Country Night 7.30pm

Wednesday

Bingo at 1pm
Quiz Night

Thursday

Bingo 7.30pm
Zumba 6.30-7.30pm (£3)

Boxing Night

Cabaret 'Scott Jones'
£3 per ticket
(£4 visitors)

New Years Eve

'The Commotions'
Cabaret and Disco
Tickets only £6 per person
(£8 visitors)

All enquiries contact:
Jacqui on 0151-489-9024



St Agnes' Parish Centre
New Memberships available

Mon/Tues—Darts Night

Tuesday

Bingo 7.30pm

Wednesday

Quiz night from 9.30pm

Thursday—Pensioners Club, 1pm-3pm

tea and coffee Bingo/Raffle
Bingo 7:30pm

Saturday evening—live entertainment
in the lounge

Sunday—Country & Western night.

The Concert /Function room is
available for hire on Friday & Saturday
evenings, weekday afternoons &
Sunday afternoons.

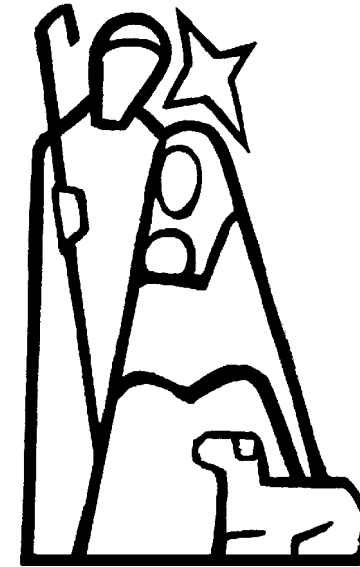
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The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan



NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 23rd December 2012– Sunday
6th January 2013
4th Sunday of Advent**

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 Hall, John Hunter, Paul Roberts, John Roberts, Rose Bryan, Katie Nichols, Daisy May, Claire Bruder, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Craig Wilson, Pauline Campbell, Kathleen Ross, Tricia Robinson, Ryan Johnson, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall, Gerard Taylor, May Cooper, Marie Keights, Ian Gordon, Marie Mills, Dorothy Kelly, Bernard Foley, Anne Maguire, Mary Parker, Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey, Margie, Michael Williams, June Hunt, Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason, Brenda Cubells, Rose Saunders, John Pollard, Lily O'Neill, Dean Easton, Anne Nolan, Lawrence McClintock, Nicky Allen, Bill Jones, Christopher Massam, Jim Phillips, Joe Muraski, Marion Fallon, Betty Johns, Frank & Joan McCann, Vera Cummins, Rose Rimmer, Philip Bromwell, Pauline Burgess, James Soundie, Marie D'Arcy, Jean Brailsford, Thomas Clegg, Daphne Flynn, Jim Rose, Tony Clintworth, Baby Aidan James Morris, Lynn McNabb, Claire Waldron, Kay Vaughan, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Nel Jordan, Josie Campbell, Jack & Winnie Witter, Peggy Skidmore, Baby Eddie Anthony Doran., Emma Davies, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Maria Edge, Mary Fullerton, Mary Organ, Rose Rawlinson, Averyll Fairfield, Hilda Logan, Carol Atkinson, Brendan Reilly, Christine Lees, Jennifer Hewitt, Pauline Clegg, Joseph Hill, Susan McDougalle, Mary Scaife, Pat Madden, Eileen Mooney, Philip Galagher, John Birchall, Ron Crowney, Carl Atkinson, Phil Ridler, David Critchley, Mary Robinson, Ursula Mary Erfani,
We also remember all those mentioned in St. Aidan's Prayer Diary.

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

Christopher John Owens, Sheila Greenall, Peter Thomas Watkinson,

Anniversaries

Ann Roberts, Bridget Heaslip, Tom Ward, Mary Flynn, William Pitt, Frank Kane, Mary McLinon, Till & Kearns family, Tess Hall, Frances Wood, Harry Berks, Alfred Rae,

Please contact the Parish office if you would like an anniversary added to the Prayer List in the Newsletter. Thank you.

Sanctuary Lamps



This week 22nd December 2012

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp – The Parishioners of St Agnes

St. Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp— McCloy Family

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 22nd December

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm— Julie Morgan

Sunday 23rd December 4th Sunday of Advent

St Aidan Mass 9.30am—Karan McGurk

St Agnes Mass 11.00am— Pat Cardwell

Monday 24th December

St Aidan 5.30pm– Christmas Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord- Alfred Rae

St Agnes 8.30pm- Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord- Tess Hall & Frances Wood

Tuesday 25th December

St Aidan 9.30am Christmas Family Mass-Parishioners of St Aidan & St Agnes

St Agnes 11am Christmas Family Mass-Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan

Wednesday 26th December –Feast of St Stephen

St Aidan 12 noon -Mass- Cecilia McNerney

Thursday 27th December—Feast of St John, Apostle & Evangelist

St Agnes Funeral Service 10.30am —Peter Thomas Watkinson

Friday 28th December—Feast of The Holy Innocents

St Agnes Mass 12noon—Coffey Family

Saturday 29th December—Feast of St Thomas Becket

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm—Harry Berks

Sunday 30th December—Feast of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

St Aidan Mass 9.30am—George Nichols

St Agnes Mass 11.00am—John Edward Jones

Monday 31st December

St Agnes 7.30 p.m Mass of Thanksgiving for the year –Maria Edge

Tuesday 1st January

St Aidan 7.30 p.m New Year’s Day Mass —Mary Murray

Wednesday 2nd January

St. Agnes Mass 7.30pm-Peggy Skidmore

Thursday 3rd January

St.Agnes Mass 9.30am-Catherine Turner

Friday 4th January

St. Aidan 12 Noon-John McPartland

Saturday 5th January

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm—Robert Kelly

Sunday 6th January— The Epiphany of the Lord

St Aidan Mass 9.30am –Catherine Ann Leamy

St Agnes Mass 11.00am—Ron Murphy

Confessions

Saturday at St. Agnes 5-5.20 pm & Friday after 12 Noon Mass at St Aidan’s
(Until there is nobody waiting)

Christmas 2012

Dear Sisters and Brothers

The story is told of a little girl who went with her family to see the beautifully created nativity scene in her church. This is something she has done for a few years at Christmas. “Isn’t that beautiful?” said the little girl’s grandmother. “Look at all the animals, Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus.”

“Yes Grandma,” replied the granddaughter. “It is really nice. But there is only one thing that bothers me. Isn’t baby Jesus ever going to grow up?... He’s the same size he was last year.” Thank God baby Jesus seems to be growing gradually (*not literally*) in our communities. Yes it is the Spirit of Jesus that is found in each of our parishioners both young and old! As we celebrate Christmas 2012, I want to thank and celebrate with you, that spirit of loving, sharing and caring qualities as it continues to grow day by day amongst us.

Thank God that through the loving Spirit of Jesus in our own two parishes, people are learning to come together, leaving their differences and favouritisms behind, and uniting as one large family. Looking back at the year that is coming to an end we could find many examples of this spirit; increases in the attendance and participation at our parish meetings where everybody is given the opportunity to speak freely, our Winter Night and the enthusiasm, shown in supporting Lyndale, our local cancer support facility, on-going contribution to the local food-banks, joint parish pilgrimage to Lourdes and the organisation and efforts involved in bringing together the Suriname, Romania and Albania projects under one ‘umbrella’ and our summer camps in Romania and Albania are prime examples of that spirit of unity where we see Jesus growing daily in our two parishes. During this festive season, Let us not forget to pray and keep in our minds all those who are sick and their families. Once again my heartfelt thanks for each and everyone in our parish family for reminding us that ‘you are the Church’. So as we enjoy this festive season let us remember that Christmas is not so much about opening our presents but it is about opening our hearts so that the Spirit of Jesus continues to grow in us.#

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!!!!!!

Fr Anton Fernandopulle

Parish Collections

Sunday 16th December 2012

St.Agnes £777.22

St. Aidan £351.23

Standing Orders: Nov 2012

St. Agnes £883.00

St Aidan £198.00

St. Agnes’ team to count:

This week team 1

Year of faith

As part of the Year of Faith, we will be holding a Holy hour on Tuesdays at 11am-12 noon. This will be at St. Aidan’s church. Please join us this Tuesday.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012



RCIA

This year’s RCIA course is due to start shortly. If you or anyone you know would like to become a Catholic, please give your name and contact number to the office.



A big thank you to the pupils and parents of St. Joseph’s school who raised £94 for the parish Romania appeal.



In God's Bosom

No one has ever seen God- or so the ancients said. They believed you could not see God because God was invisible. They believed you could not see God because God was invisible. Or, if one did see God, that person would not live to tell of it. Thus, Moses asks to see God's glory, not God's face. He is protected in a cleft of a rock, and covered by God's hand when God passes by. He is allowed to see

God's back, as God tells him, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live."

In the same way, today's gospel affirms, "we saw his glory" – but even more, divinity has become entirely visible in the Word made flesh. In the face of Jesus and in the face of all his followers, we see God's face – and live to tell of it! The exquisite poetry of John's prologue takes us back to the origins of the cosmos, to the explosion of light and heat when life came into existence, brought into being by the power of God and the Word, one in being, one in generative love.

This divine desire to share love and life culminates with the "pitching of a tent" by the Word among humankind. In the desert sojourn with Israel, God would speak with Moses in the tent of meeting that Moses set up outside the camp. A pillar of cloud would descend upon it when Moses entered it to speak with God; then Moses would return to the camp. With the birth of Jesus, God inhabits the "tent" of human flesh, not in a place apart, but right in our midst.

Whereas Moses entered the tent for a solitary encounter with God, now God enters the tent of humanity so as to make "grace upon grace" directly available to every single one. This divine love and intimacy are revealed to us by the "only Son" who is "in the bosom of the Father."

The intimacy of this relationship is not always as vividly expressed, as some translations render this phrase on John 1:18 as "at the Father's side."

A more literal translation is "in the bosom" (*kolpos*) or "breast" of the Father. This image is reprised later in John, when, at the Last Supper, the Beloved Disciple is reclining "in the bosom [*kalpos*] of Jesus. The same intimacy between the Father and Jesus is shared with all disciples, who make visible in every generation

Praying with Scripture

Whose face most clearly revealed God to you recently?

What does it feel like to be in the bosom of God?

PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

Main Parish Office:
St Aidan's
92 Adswood Road
L36 7XR

Office Hours: Monday 9am-4pm

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

Hours: Friday - 1pm — 4 pm

(Church no- 0151 449 2209)

Also available from St Aidan's

Church

489-3085

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to Main Parish Office

New Email Address:

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For your information

Parish Newsletters are posted on Parish Website every week.

Parish Web Site-
Parishes-of-stagnes-
staidans.org.uk

PARISH CONTACTS



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Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895

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Sr. Barbara –228-2239

Sr. Gabriel-489-1302

Sr. Sarah-489-1302

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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.



Romania & Albania 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 Albania. There is a group that meets every first Saturday of the month at 6.30pm at **92 Adswood Road** (after 5.30 Mass). If you are interested, please come along!



Sacramental Preparation

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation during December. If your child missed the preparation for this Sacrament please contact the office to make alternative arrangements.

The next meetings are:
Tuesday 15th January, 6pm St Agnes' Club
Wednesday 23rd January, 6pm St Aidan's Club



Joint Parish Youth Club

The youth group is for children and teenagers from Year 5+. We meet Thursday evenings in the Sr. Elizabeth meeting room at St. Agnes' from 7-9pm. Entrance is 50p and there are refreshments available to purchase. Please join us!

We are looking for adult helpers who may be able to offer activities for the young people. If you are interested in helping, please see Annette Dunning or contact the office.



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"

Missing Parishioners...

If you have noticed somebody missing from Mass for a period of time, please let the office know. Sr. Margaret has designed a card to send out to people, telling them that they are missed and inviting them back. People stop coming to church for all sorts of reasons and it is nice for them to know that the community is thinking of them and praying for them.

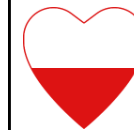
St Agnes' Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

The rotas for St Agnes readers and Eucharistic Ministers will be available for collection this weekend from the back of church..



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. So if you have any left over holiday money—please dig it out, however little!



Krakow Trip

Thanks to those going to Krakow for providing your passport details. We have now booked flights the flights. Unfortunately because there so many of us, the prices went up as we were booking! The price for each person is £163.39. Please make cheques payable to "St. Aidan's Parish".



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.