

## Parish Collections

Sunday 25th November 2018

St. Agnes - £580.13  
St Aidan - £302.54

St Agnes' team to count: Team 3

### October Standing Orders

St Agnes - £1,017.00  
St Aidan - £90.00

*Special collection—Animate Youth  
Thank you for your generous support*

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Psalm To you, O Lord, I lift up  
my soul

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

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Preface: 34-35



## Baptism

**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)

## Collection for the homeless

We would be grateful for any donations of  
socks, hats, scarves, gloves toiletries for  
the homeless in Liverpool helped by the  
Sisters in Seel Street.

Many Thanks



## 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.

# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

# NEWSLETTER



Sunday, 2nd December 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Year C

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, 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 McMahon, 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,

**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

Gerard Longworth, Denyse Davies, Irene Ruth,

### Anniversaries

Margaret Webster, Maureen Renwick, John Fadden, James Gillespie, Thomas Brady.

### **Sanctuary Lamps week beginning – 2nd December 2018**

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

**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.*

## 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

'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

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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

## ADVENT RETREAT

' Waiting for the Christ Child.. re-discovering the child within...'

Let your Advent be more meaningful and give yourself a break!



We invite YOU.. yes, YOU... whatever your age, stage in life etc to come together for Tuesday evenings 7pm- 9pm to have times of silence, to play, to work with film, to reflect and for those who wish, have a time of sharing.

Thank you to those who came to our first reflection on Tuesday evening

Dates: 4th December, 11th December,  
18th December

Where: In the Old Schoolhouse in St. John's Rd.

The usual suspects: Sr. Silvia and Sr. MaryRose. It would help if you could text/'phone, email or send a pigeon to let us know you are interested in coming, but you can also just appear!

07770 830290 MaryRose 07908 961250 Silvia

### 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.



### ST. AIDAN'S GARDENERS WANTED

If you can spare any time to help out at St. Aidan with gardening.

Planting, watering, digging, pruning, general tidying or just making the tea, could you contact the office on:

**489 3085**

### EASTER VIGIL 2019 (RCIA)

*Baptism,  
First Communion, Confirmation*

Any children/adults who are 10 years or older who wish to be baptised or receive First Holy Communion will need to contact Fr Anton.

They are expected to attend church regularly and receive separate instructions (catechism) as the programme that is in place is only for the children in Year 4. Thanks

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 1st December - vigil of the 1st Sunday of Advent

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Patricia & George Lynch, Richard Markey

### Sunday 2nd December —First Sunday of Advent

St Aidan Mass 9.30am – John Fadden, Margaret Webster

St Agnes Mass 11.00am – Winnie Moffitt, Mr & Mrs Gosney

### Monday 3rd December— Memorial of St Francis Xavier, priest

St Agnes - 9.30am - Celebration of The Word and Communion

### Tuesday 4th December

St Aidan an hour before the Blessed Sacrament 11am till 12 noon  
(closing with the Angelus)

### Wednesday 5th December - Memorial of St John Almond, priest and martyr

### St Agnes Requiem Mass 12noon—Irene Agnes Ruth

St Agnes Mass - 7.30 pm - Maureen Renwick

### Thursday 6th December-

### Friday 7th December - Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

St Aidan Requiem Mass 11.30am—Denyse Davies

### Saturday - 8th December -

St Aidan - Mass 12 noon *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

### Saturday - 8th December - Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Joan McRae,

### Sunday 9th December - Second Sunday of Advent

St Aidan Mass 9.30am – Margaret Webster, John Fadden

St Agnes Mass 11.00am – Gerard Flanagan.

**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*

## Prophets As Liberators

We find the beginnings of the prophetic tradition in Deuteronomy 18, where Moses calls himself a prophet and sets out the first daring criteria for the role. Moses has led the people out of slavery and into freedom, which is the archetypal spiritual pattern for every human life. Poor Moses' job is finding out how to keep the Israelites really free, after they first found their physical freedom. This is a much more difficult job, and I know almost no republics, democracies, or monarchies that achieve it. Ironically, some oppressed and enslaved people do achieve it, as we have seen with so many Black Americans.

Let's use this as our simple understanding of a prophet. A prophet *is one who keeps God free for people and who keeps people free for God*. It is a two-sided task. He or she is committed to the covenant love between humanity and the Divine--at all costs--and keeping God totally free for people. That is a very hard thing to do, because at least in the Bible the priestly class invariably makes God less accessible instead of more so: "Neither entering yourselves nor letting others enter in" as Jesus boldly puts it (Matthew 23:13). For our own job-security, the priestly mentality tends to say, "You can only come to God through us, by doing the right rituals and obeying the rules." Formal ministers are too often good at teaching people "learned helplessness." That's why the prophets spend so much time destroying and dismissing these barriers to create "a straight highway to God" (Matthew 3:3) as John the Baptist tries to do, and Jesus does with such determination and partial success. But now you know why they were both killed

The other half of the prophet's job is to keep people free for God. People get trapped in chains of guilt and low self-esteem, what they judge to be poor performance and less than perfect attendance. As if the goal of religion is "attendance" at an occasional ritual instead of constant participation in an Eternal Mystery!

Walter Brueggemann, Old Testament Christian scholar, says that the only consistent pattern he could find in the way God works with God's people is that there is no pattern! There is no one image of God in the Bible. There must be at least 50, I would think. God is always breaking God's own rules to get to this person, to change this situation, to transform this event. If you are honest about the text, this should be clear. You do realize, I hope, that every time God forgives, God is breaking God's own rules, and saying relationship with YOU matters more than God being right! I would base my life on that assertion.

Adapted from *Way of the Prophet* (no longer available);  
and *Prophets Then, Prophets Now*

## GIFT AID TAX REFUNDS ETC - TAX YEAR 2017/2018

Many thanks for supporting our collections etc throughout the above tax year. As a result the following tax refunds have been received.

### St Agnes

Gift Aider envelopes and Standing Order Payments	£5,472.25
Cash collection and non-Gift Aider envelopes and Standing Orders	<u>£2,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£7,472.25</b>

### St Aidan

Gift Aider envelopes and Standing Order Payments	£1,902.45
Cash collection and non-Gift Aider envelopes and Standing Orders	<u>£2,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,902.45</b>

Your continued generous support is vital in enabling us to meet the various demands of our parish. Thank you

Fr Anton

### FREE LISTENING SERVICE

Have you ever been listened to..?  
... without comments... without judgement..  
... in a safe place ...  
... where your feelings and experiences are held respectfully ...  
... a place where your heart can speak even when your tongue is still  
The Old Schoolhouse is offering this free service with a facilitator who has several years experience of accompanying people from all walks of life.

This service will be available at the following times:

Tuesdays 12.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursdays 10.00am – 2.00pm

You are welcome to arrange a meeting by ringing the Old Schoolhouse Reception on **0151 480 9177**.

### Parish Meeting

Parish General Meeting  
(all parishioners welcome)

Sunday 9th December 1pm at St. Agnes

### ST. AGNES MISSION BOXES

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month.

**Thank you for all your support**

### Car Parking

**Please pay attention to parking on the streets during Mass.**  
**Often cars are parked which makes it impossible for wheelchair users and prams to pass safely on the pavement**

Residents also need to access their driveways with ease.

