

## Parish Collections

1st December 2019

St. Agnes - £472.48

St Aidan - £198.30

St Agnes' team to count: Team 4

### October Standing Orders

St Agnes - £1012.00

St Aidan - £95.00

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### Sunday 8th December 2019

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**Psalm:** In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

**Gospel Acc:** Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**Gospel:** Matthew 3: 1-2

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### Collection for 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.



## 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)

## WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2020

We will be making another pilgrimage to Walsingham next year 15-18 April 2020. If you wish to travel there will be a £100 non-refundable deposit to be paid by 1st December. The balance will be required by 15th February 2020. Cheques to be made payable to St Agnes Church.

We will be visiting the shrine on Thursday 16th April and possibly Norwich or Ely on Friday 17th April.

The hotel accommodation will be bed and breakfast in Fakenham which is about 20 mins drive from Walsingham.

# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



# NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Year A

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***

Amy Adair, Tricia Andrews, Carol Atkinson, Baby Grace, Baby Sonny,  
Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond,  
Jack Cardwell, Aaron Carmichael, Cathy Clarke, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg,  
Janet & Ray Cragg, Eileen Critchley, John Cunningham,  
Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis, Nathan Davies, Annette Devine, Graham Dawson,  
Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge, Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans,  
Margaret Flynn, Philip Gallagher, Collette Garlick, Janine Garvey,  
George Gibbons, Wyn Graham, Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill, Joseph Hill,  
Christina Hill, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Ann Holden, Barbara & Mike Holman, Kathleen Hughes,  
Marie Hunter, Jimmy Jones, Kathleen Keenan, Marie Keight, John Kennedy, Molly Kennedy,  
Kathy Latham, Kathleen Lawrence Margaret Leadbetter, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees,  
Averyll Fairfield Logan, Peter Lovelady, Mrs Lynch, Brenda McArdle,  
Lawrence McClintock, Susan McDougalle, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown,  
Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown, Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughin,  
Alan McMahan, Kay McNeill, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Pat Madden, Philip Malone,  
Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin, Terry Martin, Anna Michaels, Jerome Mitchell,  
Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Steve Moore, Aidan Morris, Fr. Simon, John Mulcahey,  
Jane Murney Margaret Murphy, Hazel Naylor, Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Mary Organ, Paul,  
Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton, Wyn Pickup, Maisie Pritchard,  
Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe, Josie Riley, Bernard Riley, Sandra Rowley,  
Rose Sankey, Steve Smith, James Soundie, James Taylor, Mary Waldron,  
Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow,.

***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

Danny Mulvenna, Mary Gillan, Marie Alexander, Mary Pottinger, Mary Margaret Olive

### Anniversaries

Bob Latham, The Orr Family, Rose Mountain,

### **Sanctuary Lamps week beginning – 8th December 2019**

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

**St Aidan** - 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 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 rooms for hire Friday, Saturday and noon Sunday. Provide your own catering or ask for a quote. All enquiries contact:

**Jacqui on: 0151 489 9024**

**Please note**

**There is no longer SKY in the club**

## PARISH CONTACTS

### **SISTERS:**

#### **Helpers of the Holy Souls**

*Sr. Elizabeth* 0151 480 7904

*Sr. Mary Rose* 0151 482 6895

*Sr. Silvia* 0151 482 6895

#### **Sisters of St. Mary of Namur**

*Sr. Barbara* 0151 481 0968

*Sr. Gabriel* 0151 489 1302

*Sr. Louise* 0151 489 1302

### **Deacons:**

*Mike Whelan, Joe Morgan*

### **PRIMARY SCHOOLS:**

*St. Aidan* 0151 477 8370

*St. Joseph* 0151 477 8990

*St. Anne's* 0151 477 8260

### **Parish Priest**

*Rev. Fr. Anton Fernandopulle*

0151 489 3085

### **Pastoral Assistant:**

Christine Ball - christinewball@gmail.com

### **PARISH CLUB**

**St. Aidan:** 0151 489 9024

'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

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Christine Ball will be available in the parish office on Thursdays between 10am and 1pm. If you would like to discuss anything about parish life, voice concerns or ideas, please contact her via email ([christinewball@gmail.com](mailto:christinewball@gmail.com)) to arrange a time.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:  
8th to 15th September 2020**

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

Early bird cost: **£545** per person sharing, if deposit of £150 (non-refundable) is paid by 11am Thursday 19th December 2019

Thereafter the cost for this pilgrimage will be **£645**  
Single room supplement of £154



Please contact the Parish office  
or speak to Mary McCloy, Cath Goulding or  
Honor Ambrose

**THE WELCOMING PRACTICE  
Contemplative practice 'on the go'  
A DAY WORKSHOP**

Saturday 18 January 2020 10.00am – 4.00pm  
The Lady Chapel, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral  
Led by Fr Richard Sloan and Revd Mark Waters

You can book a place at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-welcoming-practice-tickets-74947663479>

For any further information call Mark Waters on 07795 822193

Full details are in the porches

**I seek you!**

**An advent retreat with the psalms in everyday life**

Led by Sr. MaryRose and Sr. Silvia

In the **Old School House** (St. John's Road, Huyton, L36 0UX )

**Thursdays**, 7-9pm, 12th and **Wednesday** 18th December  
**Is this the space you were looking for?**

If so, please contact the Parish office (01514893085)

or e-mail (berezckis2002@yahoo.com) to reserve a place!



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 7th December - Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor**

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - The Orr Family, John & Anthony Murray, Mary Hughes

**Sunday 8th December – Second Sunday of Advent Year A**

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Tom Collins, Kathleen Crellin  
St Agnes Mass 11.00am - Robert Wiltshire, Rita Goodwin

**Monday - 9th December**

St Agnes 9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

**Tuesday 10th December**

**St Aidan Funeral Service 12noon—Mary Gillan**

**Wednesday 11th December**

St Agnes Mass 7.30pm— Danny Mulvenna

**Thursday 12th December**

**Advent Retreat 7—9 p.m. at the Old School House.**

**Friday 13th December - Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

St Aidan Mass 12 noon—Helen Ward

**Saturday 14th December— Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor**

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Bob Latham, Don Simpson

**Sunday 15th December – Third Sunday of Advent Year A**

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Rose Mountain, Mary Hercules  
St Agnes Mass 11.00am - Catherine McCarthy, Michael & Desmond Head.

**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  
to the Prayer List in the Newsletter. Thank you.*

### SHARe Knowsley News Update

We are appealing to those who regularly make a donation to SHARe Knowsley and also pay tax to consider giving by standing order and completing a gift aid form so we can claim back the tax. Forms can be found at the back of the church or see Margaret Roche.

Thank you for your continuing support.  
Thank you so much, Margaret

### COMMUNITY CHOIR

If you are aged 7 or older and want to be part of our community choir, join us on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm until 7:45. Dates are as follows:  
December 10th St Agnes Church  
December 17th Carols by Candlelight St Agnes Church  
**(All children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult)**

### SYNOD TALKS

Complex Catholicism:  
Discovering the reality of young Catholics in England & Wales  
**Monday 9th December**  
Hosted by Liverpool Hope University  
Lecture begins at 7.30 p.m. and concludes 8.45 p.m.  
(tea & coffee from 7 pm)  
Optional Night prayers at 9 p.m.  
Www.synod2020.co.uk/lectures

### ST. AGNES MISSION BOXES

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month.  
Thank you for all your support

### FOURTH DIMENSION TRUST - **Charity Shop**

Do you have three or four hours free during the week?  
If so, the Fourth Dimension Shop in the village is in need of new volunteers to work in the shop and would love to hear from you. The shop is an ecumenical charity founded to raise money through the sale of goods and refreshments to assist in developing countries and to meet the needs of our own area.  
If you are interested in helping, please contact:

**The Fourth Dimension Shop in  
Huyton Village  
Tel: 0151 480 5257**

### SAFEGUARDING

Any parishioner who undertakes a role within the church has to have a DBS check. This is not the requirement of the church but a legal obligation. There is a folder in both churches with all the information regarding awareness of safeguarding as well as information on the many issues surrounding different situations should you need help.

### *Allowing God's Word to Speak to Us*

On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Cardinal Vincent Nichols officially launched the Year of the Word under the title, 'The God Who Speaks'. His prayer is that we may all be enriched and transformed by the living Word of God. Perhaps we may do no more than read the Scripture passages for each Sunday. But maybe we could spend more time with them, allowing God's word to speak to us and transform us.

In today's gospel reading, God speaks to us about repentance which is much more than just being sorry for the past. The word usually translated as "repent" is the Greek word *metanoia*; this might be best translated as "turn around your mind" or change. It involves a deep and radical change in one's thinking and behaviour. But most of us won't move toward any new way of thinking or actual change until we're forced to, which usually means some form of suffering or some disturbance that upsets our habitual path. Those are our experiences of inner wilderness where we face the truth of who we are and what our life is like. Sometimes we go to the wilderness, other times it comes to us. Either way it is hard work which most of us would rather avoid. There is no quick fix. There is no way out of or around the wilderness. The only way is **through** the wilderness. It's the place where our lives can be transformed, the place we are most open to changing and being changed. For every wilderness there comes the word of God.

In the wilderness of exile the word of God speaks of coming home: 'Make your home in me as I make mine in you.' (John 15:4)

*In the wilderness of doubting our self-worth the word of God speaks of our divine origin: 'Let us make man in our own image and likeness.' (Gen 1:26)*

In the wilderness of the restlessness of anxiety the word of God speaks of stillness: 'Be still and know that I am God.' (Psalm 46)

*In the wilderness of apparent absence of God the word of God speaks words of presence: 'Truly Yahweh is in this place and I never knew it.' (Gen 28)*

Hidden within every wilderness is the beauty of divine presence.

*(Various sources including Michael Marsh)*

### BEREAVEMENT CARE

Help, care and support is offered to all those bereaved, either recently, or anytime during the past. We are not counsellors, just a group of parishioners who have received training for this special ministry.

We offer a listening service if you wish to talk and share memories of your loved one. We can offer home visits, praying of the Rosary with the family and practical help and support. This service is available for both parishioners and non-parishioners. We also offer monthly DROP-IN sessions. This is an open invitation for anyone to come along and have a cup of tea/coffee.

**1st Wednesday of the month 2pm-4pm Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room,  
St Agnes Church**