

LIVING OUR PARISH VISION

Thank You to our Parish Vision Team for sharing in the leadership of the priest: Gina, Clare, Anne and Monica with Fr Tony. Their discernment will be shared with: **The Church Teams** who meet this week to plan for getting things done to support liturgy, social life and maintenance, including the SJS Club report, Parish Supper and Bereavement Mass.

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY: our first mission priority is for the whole parish to share in (especially all greeters) from both churches. This is our chance to grow a learning community to encourage us all in sharing responsibility for welcoming in many different ways. All are invited to come:

this Wednesday, 7.15 for 7.30 start, in Sacred Heart hall

THE PARISH OPEN FORUM is on Tuesday 8th Nov 7/7.30pm in SJS Centre.

This important way to share in the responsibility of living out the Parish Vision is for all parishioners, led by the Vision Team. The **Agenda List** is available now for you to suggest items for discussion. Next year's **Parish Charities** will be chosen also: one international, one national, one local. Suggestions welcome to the parish office now.

MENTAL HEALTH

This Monday is World Mental Health Day: visit www.who.int/mental_health.

Our Archdiocese joins the Alzheimer's Society to grow **Dementia Friends**: Declan Barry has done their training to become our first parish Dementia Champion and we invite all parishioners to our first:

- **Dementia Learning Session:** an hour's learning for confidence and kindness for those living with dementia: 2pm Thursday 27th Oct at Sacred Heart. Please let us know if you are coming (for hospitality purposes).

With Churches Together in Ainsdale 3 reps from each church will join a learning day on Thursday 20th led by Chaplaincy to the NHS, to start our group advising our churches on how to support and include people with mental illness among us.

The Irenaeus Project host a wonderful **singing group** for people living with dementia or just if you like to sing: Wednesdays 11am til 1pm, every 2 weeks from October 12th, 26th, 9th Nov....Such singing groups join with schools for...

Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service at our Cathedral on Wednesday 14th December, 2.00pm: a first and fine initiative, sure to be a joy.

NOVEMBER

We prepare to commemorate our departed loved-ones on Holy Souls day, Tues 2nd Nov.

You can give your **Names of Departed** offerings in an envelope now (in the collection, or to the sacristy, or the office) and for our annual **Commemoration Mass** everyone is invited to name a person you have lost this last year, whether from HeartStone or not, for the candle ceremony (names to the Consolation Team, or Monica in the office, by email, phone or paper).

THANKSGIVING FOR CREATION

➤ Harvest Donations will be taken to Marian Care for their service to homeless people and those in need.

➤ Following Tuesday's marvelous Mass on the beach, the next outdoor activities are both on **Saturday 15th October**:

- **Walking4Fun** next Saturday (thanks to Kevin O'Callaghan for his leadership). Leave SJS carpark at 9am for a gentle walk at Mere Sands Wood, Burscough.
- **SJS Gardening Day** (thank you to Brian Friery and his team).

SHARING IN MINISTRY

THANK YOU for the wonderful participation of those who have made our meetings so important with good suggestions for support and the future:

- **Ministers of the Eucharist:** the annual meeting is Tues 18th Oct, 7.30pm in SJS
- **Music:** a practical retreat day for all involved in music and any volunteers to start: Monday 31st October, 10.30 til 3pm at Irenaeus in Waterloo
- **Children's Liturgy:** our catechists will prepare special masses involving families and children periodically, when they are able.
- **Readers:** please ensure you have read the record of the meeting when you receive it, with the agreed customs for all; and a copy of the year plan if you like. Do you want a copy of the St Paul's Missal for your preparation?
- **Fr Denis McBride will lead a day on St Matthews Gospel** on Sat 12th Nov, 10am-4pm, in St Anne's, Ormskirk. A must for our readers and anyone wanting to grow spiritually. Book your (free) place with our parish office.
- **Safeguarding:** further support for confidence for all will be offered shortly.
- **Skills Workshop: ways of working with Adult Groups** led by LACE on Tuesday 18th October 6.30pm til 9pm at Holy Rosary, L10 2LG.
- **Fr Matthew Nunes** begins work at LACE as the new director of the Pastoral Formation team. We wish him well in this vital support for collaborative ministry

LIFELONG LEARNING and SPIRITUALITY

THE YEAR OF MERCY:

"Come & See" Day: 29th Oct at Faith Primary School, Prince Edwin St L5 focuses on Mercy. Keynote speakers David Alton & Steve Atherton. See poster/Irenaeus website.

"The Divine Mercy" devotions are part of this Jubilee year: how will we use them and learn with them?

Scripture for Mercy: Pope Francis has urged all Catholics to use the **Book of Jonah** this year, so we invite all to special Wednesday afternoon Scripture sessions: 2.30pm for an hour on 2nd, 9th, 16th Nov.

THE LIVING CHRIST RETREAT

Irenaeus will lead the first of this wonderful, simple retreat days here in HeartStone on Friday evening/Saturday 20th/21st Jan 2017. Our GIFT group members will tell us more as we go on...watch this space.

WORLD MISSION DAY: This year we focus worldwide with:

- **Missio** Red Box Holders are invited to a contact day at Mill Hill, Freshfield on Saturday 22nd Oct for their 10am mass, see the centre and shared lunch.
- **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**, who monitor Christian's persecution worldwide, will tell us more at masses and at a presentation on Sat 22nd, 7.30pm in SJS.