

## LIVING OUR PARISH VISION

### A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

THANK YOU to Clare Mc Connell and all who joined in with a great job at our first parish learning event for welcoming. This missionary priority, of everyone sharing responsibility for welcoming in the parish, leads now to building up a team for: **The Learning Community:** to draw up the Charter and strategy for improving welcoming in all aspects of parish life. **This Monday 7.30pm for an hour in St John Stone**, open to all with Vision Team leadership.

### WELCOMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER is nothing short of receiving the Word of God, joining to the Love of God and acting in communion with God. Personal and communal, the Scriptures are the best guide – but not the only – to praying deeply and so we offer:

**Sharing Scripture weekly:** 7.30pm in SJS for next Sunday's readings. This week:

**Lectio Divina:** prayerful, personal reflection before sharing: 3<sup>rd</sup> week monthly.

**The Wednesday Word:** a pink sheet weekly with inspired reflections for next Sunday

**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** sessions:

**2.30pm for an hour on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

**MATTHEW'S GOSPEL:** Fr Denis McBride will lead a learning day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am-4pm, in Holy Rosary, Aintree. A must for our readers – this is next year's Lectionary Gospel - and anyone wanting to grow spiritually. Book your (free) place with our parish office.

### WELCOMING THE BEREAVED

During November especially Catholics honour and pray for the dead, starting on Holy Souls day, Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

**November Lists:** you can put your **Names of Departed** and offering if you wish in an envelope now and hand in at the collection, or to the sacristy, or the office.

**Annual Commemoration Mass:** this mass is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm at Sacred Heart. Everyone welcome and all who have received ministry in HeartStone will be personally invited. For the **Candle Ceremony** everyone is invited to include the name of someone you have lost this last year, whether from HeartStone or not. Hand in the names to the Consolation Team, or Monica in the office.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help at this mass: meeting for planning this Monday at 7pm in the parish house at St John Stone.

**THE PARISH OPEN FORUM is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **Parish Priest's Report** will help prepare, 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 before the Forum.

N.B. FEAST OF ST JOHN STONE ON 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER!!! = 2510

## WELCOMING THE STRANGER

**Asylum Link Merseyside (ALM):** we host our next "Day Out In Southport" for newcomers on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Volunteers welcome: planning Tues 25<sup>th</sup> 8.30 Fr Tony recently enjoyed the assembly at St John's Ainsdale school who have done a harvest collection to help the newcomers and Foodbank.

**MRANG:** we now have 2 volunteers who help weekly the women and their babies. The appeal for good bedding, warm clothing and sturdy shoes continues please.

**Knit and Natter** continues this Wednesday, hats and stuff for winter!..nothing like it!

## SHARING IN MINISTRY

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

- **Ministers of the Eucharist:** the annual meeting is this Tuesday, 7.30pm in SJS
- **Music:** a practical retreat day for all involved in music - and any volunteers to start: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 10.30 til 3pm at Irenaeus in Waterloo
- **Readers:** please confirm with the office you have read the record of the meeting - with the agreed customs for all. Copies of the year plan are available. Do you want a copy of the St Paul's Missal for next year for your preparation?

**Safeguarding:** The Archdiocese continues vigilance, and auditing to ensure good practice. Further support for confidence for all will be offered shortly, including help with challenges in mental health issues.

**DEMENTIA LEARNING SESSION:** an hour's learning for confidence and kindness for those living with dementia: 2pm Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct at Sacred Heart. Please let us know if you are coming (for hospitality purposes).

## LIFELONG LEARNING and SPIRITUALITY

**OUR LADY: October** is especially devoted to **the Rosary:** every Saturday together after morning mass. The Catechists have been teaching the young in Children's Liturgy The Guild of Our Lady invite all to their Birthday Masa and Party...see back page.

**CURSILLO** invites all to the closing mass today at 3pm in Freshfield.

**The Year of Mercy** continues with the "**Come & See**" Day: **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct** at Faith Primary School, L5: Keynote speakers David Alton & Steve Atherton, with workshops on the theme: "It is Mercy which changes the Heart". See poster.

## THE LIVING CHRIST RETREAT

Irenaeus will lead the first of this wonderful, simple retreat days here in HeartStone on Friday evening/Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017. Our GIFT group members will tell us more as we go on: next GIFT meeting on Tuesday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at 8.15pm.

## LOVING OUTREACH

**World Mission Sunday,** 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct, celebrates APF/Red Box holders (sorry the Mill Hill visit had to be postponed). Promoters meet on Wednesday 7.30pm in SH.

**Aid to the Church in Need (ACN),** who monitor Christian persecution worldwide will tell us more at masses and at a presentation next Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7.30pm in SJS.

**Improve Woodvale:** Our next meeting is at Woodvale Community Assn on Meadow Lane on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Find out the latest from Sefton Council!

**Prisoners:** our Church does good work with families; never more needed than now.