

LIVING OUR PARISH VISION

THE PARISH OPEN FORUM is on Tuesday 8th Nov
from 7pm hospitality for 7.30pm start in the St John Stone Parish Centre
All are invited so as to share responsibility for living out our Vision.

Led by the Parish Vision Team with the Parish Priest, it includes:

- The **Parish Priest's Report** since the last Forum to prepare beforehand
- the **Agenda List** open now at the back of church for your suggested items for discussion.
- your suggestions for the **3 New Parish Charities**: one international, one national, one local...get suggestions in to Monica in the parish office now.
- **Financial Accounting** of the two churches and SJS Parish Centre.
- Revisiting the **Pastoral Area Plan**
- Updating all on the **Welcoming Priority of Mission**

OUR MISSION PRIORITY: - A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

THANK YOU to Clare Mc Connell for leadership in our first **Learning Community** to develop Welcoming: anyone can come to the next planning meeting this Monday at 7.30pm in SJS.

LOOKING TO CHRISTMAS

We begin! See the back page for contributing to the Christmas Fairs.....

Christmas TIME not merely Consumerism! Can you join the growing swell of people who see the wisdom of **cutting down on spending, holding back on giving lots of "things"** and working towards a simple, steady time together instead?

Christmas Cards are available for sale from the porch in St John Stone's from this weekend

PLEASE USE CHRISTMAS CARDS
WHICH INCLUDE THE TRUE CHRIST-MAS

WORLD GIFTS: this ingenious idea from CAFOD is great for Christmas cards/gifts! You donate to CAFOD for a particular gift to people in the 3rd world; CAFOD give you a Christmas Card and Certificate of what you have helped happen; you send it to whoever you decide as their gift, given to help people in the developing world.

Aid To The Church in Need (ACN) have a brochure with beautiful cards and Christmas gifts, coming soon, or visit them on www.acnuk.org

SHARING IN MINISTRY

MUSIC MINISTRY: we want to improve participation, learn new singing, find a director to unite us and we make a start with Sr Moira's help at the retreat day this Monday 31st October, 10.30-3pm at Irenaeus in Waterloo. New volunteers welcome.

Readers: please confirm with the office you have read the record of the meeting. "Seasons of the Word" is available in each sacristy for your preparation.

Ministers of Communion: new customs START next Sat/Sunday 6th November

THE WORD OF GOD IN OUR TIMES:

The Book of JONAH: Pope Francis has urged all Catholics to use this Scripture during the Year of Mercy, so we invite all to special

3 Wednesday afternoon sessions: 2.30pm for an hour in SJS House
starting this week, November 2nd then on 9th and 16th Nov.

Pam Ashcroft is a very lively and experienced, international catechist who will lead us in teaching, reflection, questions and friendly discussion.

Matthew's Gospel: Fr Denis McBride will lead a day on Saturday, 12th Nov, 10am-4pm, in Holy Rosary, Aintree. A must for our readers: book a place via Monica.

NOVEMBER SPIRITUALITY

ALL SAINTS: the 1st day is the celebration of Christ's Resurrection shared with others, and in ancient mythology times, the occasion of the EVE BEFORE (All Hallows Eve = Halloween) challenging the evil spirits to the last time they spread abroad before being overcome by the light of Christ Triumphant. on All Saints Day.

A Christian Liturgy with Bonfire/Fireworks in SH Cemetery at 9pm Monday.

Commemorating Our Departed: **November Lists:** you can put your **Names of Departed** and offering if you wish in an envelope now and hand in. **Masses for Our Departed** will be offered on Thursdays and Fridays, and starting on **All Souls Day.**

Annual Commemoration Mass: on Tuesday 22nd Nov at 7pm at Sacred Heart. All who have received ministry in HeartStone will be personally invited. Anyone can include the name of someone you have lost this last year, whether from HeartStone or not, in the **Candle Ceremony.** Hand in names to the Consolation Team, or Monica in the office.

Remembrance Sunday: Sunday 13th November the combined local memorial is on the Village Green for the 11.00pm silence. From 10.30am the Cenotaph service is shown in the Methodist Chapel for all who wish. On the Saturday in the Methodist Chapel there is a special Art Exhibition of World War One from Tony Bramham.

Refugees Remembered: a special prayer time with the Lampedusa Cross is offered to all on Thursday 24th November at 2pm and again at 7pm. Watch this space.

CHARITY AND SOCIAL CONCERN

LET'S LIVE WELL: Coffee & Chat, SVP and Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure (ALL) – which is the new name for the work of Ainsdale Community Care – have joined forces ecumenically for this project to help people stay at home as long as they want to as they age. Together we can announce now:

Tuesday 8th Nov: 10am in A.L.L: Cooking for One session with great eating

Thursday 10th Nov 1pm SVP Hotpot in SJS Centre: including a learning from experts about saving energy and cutting the costs of heating this winter

THE FOODBANK is still vital: Thursdays at A.L.L. from 1pm. Donations welcome.