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Community

Thank you Mass: Cath Bousfield 9am Mass today is especially to thank all who generously supported Cath in her trip to India with the surgical team to repair cleft lips earlier this year.



donate to CAFOD and the government matches the donation until 12th May!

Cursillo 3 Days at St Joseph's, Freshfield Thurs 10th May 'til Sun 13th May. A special time with Catholic team to grow in confidence and gratitude for the gift of faith and friends to share it with Open to all.

Improving:

THANK YOU to the gardening day labourers for the Spring Time Spruce Up in SJS: and the culling and clipping continues on our design for less maintenance and improved tidiness.

THANK YOU to our neighbours, helpers and Rubbish Friends with the Woodvale Spruce Up. WACA have done great work in the woodlands with new fruit trees and a wildflower meadow.

LOCAL ELECTIONS: be sure to vote on Thursday May 3rd.

Social

St John Stones' Club: Thanks to all for the St George's Day celebrations – a new tradition?

Great Quiz Nights: Friday 4th May and Friday 1st June

Houghton Weavers on Friday 11th May. Tickets £12 from bar: be quick, it's always a sell out!

Hog Roast with duo "Sensations" on Friday 22nd June.....

Sacred Heart: A great night at the Quiz & Hotpot last week which made £300 for the parish charities!

Messy Church at Methodists on 28th April, 10.30-12.30

Coffee & Chat: Monday 30th April 2pm at Sacred Heart Hall

Southport Ecumenical Travel Club: invites you on a Malta pilgrimage holiday 1-8th Oct.

From £509, book fast to secure a place through EasyJet holidays online, or contact Peter for help in booking: 01704 548112, 07513095238, thesargentmajor@yahoo.co.uk

SH Quiz & Hotpot Supper made £300 for the parish charities

SJS Social Event made £925 for the parish charities

Combined Offertory: £1041

Retiring Collection this week is for Priest's Training Fund

HeartStone: the paired Parish of Sacred Heart & St John Stone



Our Parish Vision Statement

Jesus Christ is uniting our community of HeartStone in its Vision and Mission so that all might find a place of welcome, prayer and loving outreach when in need

Sunday 22nd April – 4th of Eastertide – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

	Liturgy		Community & Social	
S a t	5.30 Mass: People of the Parish	SH	<i>Hospitality after morning masses</i> Faith 4 Life continues	
	9am Mass: Thanks from Cath Bousfield	SH		
	10.30 Mass: Ignatius O'Brian (A) with WYA presentation of children	SJS		
	4pm Stations of Resurrection #2	SH		
	5pm Mass: Tom Maguire (A)	SJS		
M o n	<i>St George's Day</i>		Parish Administrator on holiday this week	
	9.15 Morning Prayer	SH		
	** 9.30 Mass: Fr T Wood	SH		
T u e s	7.30am Ecumenical prayer: All Saints, Rawlinson Rd	Ext	12.30 Ecumenical Planning Meeting	Ext
	8.45 Adoration and Morning Prayer	SH	3.30 HeartStone Wellbeing Group	SJS
	9.30 Mass: Craig of Margaret Roper Hs (LD)	SH	7.30 Cursillo Ultreya	Ext
W e d	<i>Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel</i>			
	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	1pm Fr T at Irenaeus	Ext
	9.30 Mass: Marjorie Morley (A)	SJS	4.30 Impact Extra at Methodists	Ext
	** 7.30 Triduum Mass: The Slingos	SJS		
	7.30 Sharing Scripture	SJS	8pm Bingo	SJS
T h u r	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS		
	9.30 Mass: Pat Moore (LD)	SJS		
	followed by Adoration until 11am			
	10.30 & 2pm Spiritual Counsel	SJS	4-6pm Parish Vision Team Meet	SJS
	7.30 Come & See	SJS	6pm Brownies	SH
	7.30 Triduum: Rosary, Sermon & Benediction	SJS		
F r i	8.45 Adoration and Morning Prayer	SH	7.45 SH Bingo	SH
	9.30 Mass: Lynne Brighton (A)	SH	8.00 Hospitality: appreciation of all helpers, shared table	SJS
	4pm Priests Spiritual Direction	Ext		
	7.30 Triduum: Rosary, Sermon, Benediction	SJS		
S a t	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	10.30 Messy Church at Methodists	
	9.30 Mass: Norah Foster & Betty Maguire (S)	SJS	11am Faith Sharing Group	Ext
		followed by Adoration until 11am		

Sunday 29th April – 5th Sunday of Eastertide

S a t	5.30 Mass: Roy Bardsley (LD)	SH	<i>Hospitality after morning masses</i> 3pm Rosary on the Coast	
	9am Mass: Malcolm Travers (LD)	SH		
	10.30 Mass: Don Bennett (B) Christening Welcome: Francis Killough	SJS		
	11.30 Baptism Prep	SJS		
	4pm Stations of Resurrection #3	SJS		
	5pm Mass: George McGough (LD)	SJS		



A=Anniversary, B=Birthday, LD=Lately Dead, PI=Personal Intention, S=Sick, T=Thanksgiving (SH = Sacred Heart, SJS = St John Stone)

EASTERTIDE is 50 days from now until Pentecost, with the Liturgy celebrating the 40 days before the Ascension, Jesus present in his Risen Life building up the faith of his followers, their community and preparing them for continuing his mission.

The Stations of the Resurrection: mirroring the Stations of the Cross, 14 points of Christ's life with the first disciples before Pentecost. Paintings will be displayed in the Churches in turn, starting now in Sacred Heart. Personal devotion when you wish; communal devotion on Sundays at 4pm, this Sunday at Sacred Heart Church.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Triduum: starting with Mass at 7.30pm this Wednesday, the Feast Day. Everyone is invited, also to the Thursday and Friday Benediction and Sermon. Friday is also a shared table hospitality evening afterwards in the club and always a joyful gathering.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD is how the liturgy presents the Risen Christ to us this Sunday: the one, true, model Leader who is God - the true Head of the Church **Christ's Shepherding is embodied by Archbishop Malcolm in our Church**, and he is calling us all to

SYNOD 2020: ASKING GOD FOR FRESH VISION

We have begun with this **Year of Prayer** for new Vision for renewal and reformation.

How will you add to the prayer asking God for fresh Vision?

Adoremus: Appreciating the Eucharist: the National Congress, in Liverpool 7th-9th Sept, has a few places available. Application forms from the office.

How will we grow in our faith in Christ's Real Presence?

St Joseph's Prayer Centre Retreat Day: with Bishop John Arnold this Tues 24th April 10.30-3.30pm with Mass. Donations £20 with lunch. Bookings: 01704 -875850

Rosary on the Coast: 3pm on 29th April. Join others around our coast for a national prayer event! Burbo Bank Point, by the coastguard station. Or St Joseph's, Freshfield.

Vocations: Ordained Priests make present in communities the shepherding of the Risen Christ. Today, we are all encouraged to pray, be grateful and contribute to the retiring collection and continue the renewal of each seeking the call of God.

POPE FRANCIS EMBODIES CHRIST'S SHEPHERDING:

Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home: Inspiring for many people in the world, and so many Christians as well as Catholics, Pope Francis already leads the call for worldwide respect for Creation and the Environment. His teaching applauds our recent efforts **to fight the Plastic Pollution** – how can you cut down on plastic bottles? Can you use a reusable cup instead of buying unrecyclable “cardboard” ones?

The Call to Holiness Today: his new teaching document is out, and sure to encourage us all in our following of Christ in our own times. Watch this space, and the Vision Team are on the case.

REFUGEES and MIGRANTS : Sharing the Journey

Pope Francis has launched this new global campaign for the rights of people on the move. In September 2018 the United Nations hosts World Leaders making new laws and agreements: we can all play our part now.

CAFOD are leading us: it is time to step up in solidarity, with more people than ever before fleeing war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty.

We're aiming to walk around the world: i.e. 24,900 miles of steps taken by concerned people, with talking and prayer along with the steps, and sending our message to the world leaders. Starting with the walk from the Village Church on Saturday 12th May from 10am, along the beach to Formby and back. Collect your card from the back of church for more information, and sign up on the list if you want to come.

Donations for MRANG who help Refugee Women and Babies:

Kay and the SVP say please continue to give what you can to help: clothes and toiletries and they always value some glitz and glamour if you can! Also, a great new initiative is asking for **sewing machines** so women can make new clothes themselves. Can we host a **visit during half-term? National Refugee Week starts 18th June.**

LISTENING and LEADERSHIP for the PARISH VISION

The next PARISH OPEN FORUM is during June and **the Agenda is open now for suggestions:** eg

Parish Chosen Charities for the next 2 years

Financial Accounting for HeartStone

The **Parish Vision Team** meet this Thursday and among the issues will be further steps in developing Loving Outreach, Learning in the Faith, improving Communications eg with the Church Teams, and looking to the Synod 2020.

HOSPITALITY is a vital part of Loving Outreach: all our volunteers giving service in this important ministry are invited to a social, celebration time in St John Stone's club on Friday 27th April from 8pm. Invitations are going out – do you help in hospitality at either church? ... do come along.

“COME and SEE”: the RCIA, invitation to seek and find Christ and faith among our community invites all to further exploration to improve: Thurs 3rd May 7.30pm in SJS and Wed 16th May 7pm in SH with the Archdiocese: “New Wine; New Wineskins” will look at adapting to be more effective in today's changes,

MINISTRY: Eucharistic Ministers Training, at Irenaeus: Saturday 12th May 9.30-4.30, lunch included, £20 per person. Still some places available... please contact Fr Tony.

THAT THERE MAY BE ONE SHEPHERD, ONE FLOCK

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Churches Together in Ainsdale are committed to supporting a **virtual walk to Haiti with a sponsored 10k walk** on Saturday 12th May. 10am from Ainsdale Village Church, through the nature reserve, along the beach, back to Village Church. The Village Church offer a Big Brekkie from 9am for a hearty start, and lunch on return, 12.30ish. See the poster, sign up and take a sponsor form.

NB this walk can be for Christian Aid's sponsorship for Haiti *and* CAFOD's Solidarity for Refugees at the same time!

Worshipping Together: Thurs 17th May at 7.30pm in St John Stone for all to celebrate Christian Unity from across Southport. Scargill House join us on their pilgrimage: **can YOU put up some people for a night?** Let us know in the office please.