

THE PARISH HOUSE AND LEADERSHIP

Sacred Heart Church (SH):
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St John Stone Church & Parish Office (SJS):
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Parish Office times: Tues, Thurs, Fri 10-5, Wed 1-5, (Newsletter deadline: Thurs 3pm)

Part of the Southport Pastoral Area: <http://www.southportcatholicchurches.org>

SVP number for people in emergency need: 07340 836172

Are you a new Parishioner? Welcome! Please fill in a card from the porch

NB GAS! From this Monday the path beside St John Stone's Parish House will be closed because of the diggings for new gas mains to the house and club. DANGER!

Fr Sean: Sadly Fr Sean has had to send apologies at not being able to accept our invitation to come to the OLG C Triduum to celebrate his Golden Anniversary. We will try to get him down another time when he is able. Any ideas?

Thank You OCTAVE and all who supported the wonderful evening of spiritual music and raised £900+ for our HeartStone SVP.

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Sociable Sunday: this new, warm and welcoming gathering meets in future on the 2nd Sunday monthly, from 3.00pm at various venues of the Ainsdale churches.

Improve Woodvale: Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm in SJS Club we gather to continue building up the local friendships, update on the development of the Sandbrook Way site, the next Community Breakfast plans, Springtime Saturday planters.

ABBA: tribute on Friday 21st April in SJS Club

This next social for our Parish Chosen Charities starts at 8pm and tickets are £12 from Donna at the bar in the Club.

SVP Lunch: the Easter lunch is set for **Wednesday 26th April**

Ecumenical Ceilidh: this year's support for Christian Aid is on Saturday April 29th at Ainsdale Methodists from 7.30pm with "EverReady" Ceilidh Band. Tickets £10 from Mike or Kay or at the door. Soft drinks only: available or bring your own. Please bring a contribution to the shared table.

After Easter things Return: Friday Meditation and Evening Mass on May 5th
Knit & Natter on Wednesday 10th May at 2pm.

Wednesday Word: won't be available as a printed copy this week, but you can download it at www.wednesdayword.org/parish/resources.htm

COMBINED MONEY MATTERS		
OFFERTORY	BANK S/O	TOTAL
£1155	£136.00	£1291

SJS Flowers: £97 Octave SVP: £900+
Good Friday Collection: Holy Places
Eastertide: Friends of the Holy Land

**HeartStone - the Paired Parish of
SACRED HEART and 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

Newsletter for Two Weeks

Yr.C	<u>HOLY WEEK</u> 9 th April- PALM SUNDAY	<u>EASTER WEEK</u> 16 th April - <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>
Sat Eve S U N	5.30 Mass: Pat Walsh 9am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 Mass: Dick Fitzgerald 5pm Mass: Robert Gleeson (A)	SH 6.30am Sunrise Service on Ainsdale Beach SH 9am Easter Mass: People of the Parish SJS 10.30 Easter Mass: Mike Darcy SJS 5pm Easter Mass: Teresa Slingo
Mon	9.15 Morning Prayer ** 9.30 Mass: Brian Dilworth (A) 7pm Reconciliation Service 7.30 PASSOVER MEAL	SH **10.00 Mass: Sonny Goonan(LD) St T SJS
Tue	8.45 Adoration and Morning Prayer 9.30 Mass: Most Forgotten in Purgatory 7.30 Reconciliation and Healing Service	SH 8.45 Adoration and Morning Prayer SH 9.30 Mass: Dick Fitzgerald (LD) SH 7.30 Improve Woodvale Meeting Club
Wed	9.15 Morning Prayer 9.30 Mass: Vic McLellan (B) 11.45 Funeral Service: John McLachlan 2 pm Music & choir Practise 5.30 Coach leaves SH for Cathedral 7.30 CHRISM MASS at Cathedral	SJS 9.15 Morning Prayer SJS 9.30 Liturgy of Word & communion SJS SJS 7.30/8.00 Sharing Scripture & Lectio SJS 8pm SJS Bingo
Thu	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> 9.30 Morning Prayer (NO morning Mass) 10.30 Welcoming the Stranger Visit 2pm OLG C Committee Meeting	SJS 9.15 Morning Prayer SJS 9.30 Mass: SJS then Adoration 'til 11am Red Rm 6.00pm Brownies SH
Thu	<u>EASTER TRIDUUM</u> 7.30 MASS of LORD'S SUPPER With Washing of the Feet Watching until Midnight	SH SH
Fri	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> 9.30 Morning Prayer (NO morning Mass) 11.00 Walk of Witness in Formby 11.30 Stations of the Cross & Fasting Lunch 3pm THE PASSION of the LORD 7.30 Meditation at the Tomb	SJS SJS SH SJS SJS
Sat	<u>HOLY SATURDAY</u> 9.30 Morning Prayer (NO morning Mass) 11-4 Soulcare Meditation/ Graves Visit 8pm EASTER VIGIL & MASS	SJS SJS SH SJS
<u>SUNDAY 23RD APRIL - 2nd Sunday of Eastertide</u>		
Sat. Eve	5.30 Mass: John MacLachlan (LD) 9am Mass: People of the Parish	SH SH
SUNDAY	10am Fr John Gaine's Retirement Mass at St Teresa's (then shared table) 10.30 Mass: Tom Maguire (A) 11.30 W Y A Team Meeting @ SJS 5pm Mass: Fred Vogel (LD)	St Teresa's SJS SJS

1.30 Divine Mercy @ OLOL

HOLY WEEK

Passover Meal: Monday 10th at 7.30pm in SJS Hall – this involves participants bringing contributions for the shared table.

Reconciliation and Healing: at St Teresa's Church on Holy Monday at 7pm
Holy Tuesday 11th at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart.

Choir and Music Practice: this Wednesday at 2pm in SJS to prepare for the Easter Vigil: singers and instruments all welcome

Chrism Mass in Cathedral: this Wednesday 12th at 7.30pm, Coach shared with OLOL/St Joseph's leaves from Sacred Heart at 5.30pm

EASTER TRIDUUM:

Maundy Thursday, 13th April: 7.30pm at Sacred Heart;

This mass honours Jesus giving of himself in the first Eucharist and his loving service: in his own life and continuing in our Church's commitments to Loving Outreach.

The families preparing children for communion in the "With You Always" have a special place in tonight's mass.

Good Friday 14th April: at 3pm at St John Stone

This Liturgy celebrates the victorious Sacrifice of Jesus to overcome all evil in Love and our following him in loving sacrifice in our own lives and commitments.

See the front page for other devotions, including the walk of witness from the Formby Library at 11am: transport available.

Holy Saturday 15th April: personal options for spending Sabbath time in prayer, or join in the meditation time and cemetery visit at SH from 11-4.

Easter Vigil and Mass at 8pm at St John Stone: Holy Saturday 15th April

Come to the Vigil – the most important mass of the whole year! We celebrate the action of God throughout history, culminating in the Resurrection of Jesus, and our sharing in that gift through faith and Baptism. This year we begin in the church at 8pm, and welcome 3 new Catholics through our "Come and See".

EASTERTIDE starts on SUNDAY and is 50 days leading to PENTECOST

The Risen Christ has inaugurated in history the Kingdom of God, and in his love, draws us as his followers into personal blessings for our holiness of life and participation as Servants of God's Kingdom in his continuing mission to the world.

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

Messy Church for the Children: very special play time in church for the little ones at St John's Cof E, Ainsdale. Special Easter event time: Saturday 22nd April from 4pm, and then on 20th May. Do go and try it out!

Divine Mercy Devotions – Sunday 23rd April: OLOL, Hillside from 1.30pm with mass at 3.15pm. Our Lady's, Formby from 2.30pm with Mass at 4.00pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel Triduum: begins on Wednesday 26th April with the first evening a mass at 7.30pm and then at 7.30pm Thursday and Friday.

Cursillo 3Days: Friday 28th April at St Joseph's, Freshfield until Monday 1st May closing mass at 3pm. A special, friendly time with other Catholics in a team with Fr Tony. Sure to be a blessing and growth in confidence to value our faith and mission.

5 Ways of Sustaining Easter Faith: On Saturday 29th April Fr Chris Thomas will lead a session at SH 9.30-1 then lunch. Encouragement in practical ways to make the most of your faith and live a loving relationship with Christ. A good follow on from the Living Christ retreat, but good for everyone. No charge, donations welcome.

GIFT: the monthly prayer group meets next on Tuesday May 2nd at 7.30pm in SJS. We have agreed that the time in GIFT will be only for prayer and sharing in future and formation and planning will be at separate times.

SOULCARE Meditation; the next monthly Saturday is May 6th.

John Bell from the Iona Community is at Ainsdale Methodists: Saturday 13th May from 2pm with an inspirational talk on Christian living. Part of their 150th Anniversary.

SHARING IN SPIRITUAL MINISTRY

Thank you Eucharistic Ministers who have begun further training. Mike and Mary will join Fr Tony in coaching further learning. Watch this space. The **Living Christ Team** volunteers continue their discernment. We now have the handbooks from Irenaeus: please collect yours. We meet next on Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm. **Leading Funerals, and Prayer Times** are further ministries we need, in addition to adoration, psalms, stations and rosary that are led already by parishioners.

UNITING for the EASTER VISION and MISSION

Fr John Gaine's Retirement: Sunday 23rd April at St Teresa's is his last mass: 10am with shared table to follow, all welcome.

Fr Phil Gregory is leaving in September for ministry to clergy in the Archdiocese. **St Teresa's Parish** will join with OLOL and St Joseph's after Easter.

St Joseph's 150th Anniversary: celebrations continue on Saturday 13th May, with a mass at 11am led by Archbishop Malcolm.

Our HeartStone Parish Vision includes our commitment to the Southport Pastoral Area Plan and with these changes in Southport, and the Archbishop's recent request for all deaneries to look ahead and advise him, we have changed the dates of the next Parish Open Forum so that our leaders and all parishioners can share ideas:

the Southport Co-ordinating Group meets Thursday April 27th
our Church Teams meet on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th May
the Parish Vision Team meet on Thursday 11th May

and all are invited to an extraordinary **Parish Open Forum on Tuesday 16th May** when we can talk together and see if any adjustments are helpful or possible.

"Changing World; Changing Church" Following on from Bishop John Arnold's talk at St Joseph's, Freshfield, there is a follow up on Thursday May 23rd, 10.30 to 3.30 for those of us on **The West Coast** of the Archdiocese to talk together.