

**THE PARISH HOUSE AND LEADERSHIP**

**Sacred Heart Church (SH):**  
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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**

**New Parishioner?** Welcome! Please fill in a card from the porch and leave it at Parish Office.

**Cathedral 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June thanksgiving and celebration mass, 11am

**Around the Pastoral Area**

**Singing for Fun:** Tuesdays 7pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. New singers welcome

**St Teresa's Pilgrimage Group** are holding a Quiz (not too serious) 7.45pm on Thurs 25th May in St Teresa's school hall. £3 adults/£2 students, refreshments included.

**Social And Community Life**

**Foodbank Appeal:** supplies are still low, so further non-perishable food donations are very welcome. Suggested items list and donation point at the back of both churches.

**MRANG Visit 31<sup>st</sup> May:** Kay Slater is preparing a social visit for the MRANG ladies to Southport, can you help?

**Ainsdale Station Upgrade:** public meeting: Ainsdale Village Church 5.30 Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Coffee & Chat** for those who live alone, in Sacred Heart hall at 2pm, 29<sup>th</sup> May

**60's Night in aid of Riding for the Disabled Association, North Meols Carriage-Driving**

**Group** with Rock'n'Roll band "Still Standing!" Saturday 10th June, 7.30-11.30pm. Tickets £10 including supper from Brenda: 212578. 60s dress.

**Our Parish Chosen Charities:**

**Spinal Unit Action Group (SUAG)** please represent the Parish at SUAG's barbecue on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30pm. Meet in-patients in a relaxed social setting. Tell Monica know if you can go, and pray for good weather for that date.

**SH Plant Sale & Coffee Morning** raised a whopping £500 – well done!

**Rat Pack Tribute Night:** raised £415 for our Parish Chosen Charities.

*Thank you to all involved in arranging these fabulous events.*

The next event is a bit different..**Body Shop Pamper Evening:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Treat yourself, see expert product demos, get beauty tips, snap up gorgeous products, 7pm in SJS Club £3 admission, includes first glass of wine. Bring your friends/colleagues/neighbours for personal pampering time.

Then Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June there's the **SJS Parish BBQ** (details to follow, put it in your diary).

COMBINED MONEY MATTERS			Next Weekend: 2nd Collection for World Communications Day
Offertory £879.35	Standing Orders £115.00	Total £994.34	

## 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.

**21<sup>st</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide**

Yr A	LITURGY & SPIRITUAL LIFE	COMMUNITY LIFE & SERVICE
Sat S U N	<b>5.30 Mass: Fr Killian, OSA (A)</b> SH	Hospitality after morning masses
	<b>Starting Holy Communion at 9&amp;10.30 Masses</b> SH	
	<b>9am Mass: People of the Parish</b> SH	
	<b>10.30 Mass: Tom Justice (A)</b> SJS	
Mon	<b>5pm Mass: J &amp; J Gorman, J Watton (A)</b> SJS	
	9.15 Rosary 9.30 Word & Communion SH	
Tues	8.45 Adoration & Rosary SH	10.30-3 "The West Coast" St Joseph's Freshfield
	<b>9.30 Mass: Jim Gallinagh (S)</b> SH	6-9 NHS healthy eating programme Red Room
		7-9pm Slimming World SJS
Wed	9.15 Rosary SJS	7.30 Missionary Outreach Meeting Games Rm
	<b>9.30 Mass: Elizabeth Kelly (A)</b> SJS	10am Listeners meet with Gina House
	6.30 Meditation and Evening Prayer SJS	2pm Knit & Natter Red Room
Thur	7.30 Sharing Scripture SJS	8pm Bingo SJS
	9.15 Rosary SJS	
	<b>9.30 Mass: Selina Wilde (A)</b> SJS	2-3pm Dementia Info Session SH
	followed by Adoration til 11 SH	6pm Brownies SH
Fri	4.30 Spiritual Direction SJS	6.30 Spinal Unit Action Group BBQ S'port Hosp
	7.30 Come & See SJS	
	8.45 Adoration and Rosary SH	<b>11.15 Leavers Mass, Christ the King</b> SH
	<b>9.30 Mass: Anne O'Brien (A)</b> SH	7pm Cathedral Mass for Healing SH
Sat	6.30 Meditation and Evening Prayer SJS	7.30 Listeners meet with Gina SH
	7pm <b>Healing Mass at Cathedral</b> Ext	8pm Bingo SH
	<b>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury</b>	<b>FA Cup Final</b>
Sat Eve	9.15 Rosary SJS	Walking group return from Italy
	<b>9.30 Mass: Vic McLellan</b> SJS with Adoration til 11	
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Sunday</b>		
Sat Eve N C S	<b>5.30 Mass: Lorna Callaghan (LD)</b> SH	Hospitality after morning masses
	<b>9am Mass: Clem Cadden (A)</b> SH	
	<b>10.30 Mass: Alex Aldrich (LD)</b> SJS with Christening Welcome: Thea Gamil	
	11.30 Baptism Prep SJS	
	<b>5pm Mass: People of the Parish</b> SJS	

**EASTER LIFE** is the blessing of being Christian, sharing in the promise of God's glory-tasted now, with the hope for completion in eternity. Living faithfully as a disciple of Jesus is the calling of all of us. The Eastertide Liturgy leads us over these 50 days towards another side of the life of our Church:

**PENTECOST LIFE** is the love that not only blesses ourselves and builds community, but showers on us the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the urging of love to share that faith and gospel with others and so continue Christ's mission to the world.

### **STARTING HOLY COMMUNION**

**Congratulations** and many blessings to the children who begin today to join in Holy Communion with their families and the parish: Annie Carney, Evie Hunter, Corey Ashworth, Alexander Burke, Zach Rimmer and Isaac Steed

**The Holy Chalice** is offered to last year's Holy Communicants, starting on 18<sup>th</sup> June, with family catechesis on Sundays June 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am at SJS. Please give your children's names in to the Parish Office now.

**Annual Mass for Healing** at the Cathedral on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May starting 7pm with Bishop Tom Williams as the main concelebrant. All are very welcome.

### **THE PARISH OPEN FORUM:**

**Thank you** to the Vision Team for service and all who joined in last week to help make good decisions and contribute to the concerns of the wider church and world.

**The Record of the Forum** is available from the porches and on the website

### **THE PARISH VISION:**

Pentecost is the first anniversary of the launch of the Parish Vision and our commitment to mission priorities. We have begun our review which includes:

- the discussion at the Forum
- Recruitment for new members for the Parish Vision Team: take a leaflet from the porch or the website. Information sessions: Tues June 6<sup>th</sup>: 3pm and 7pm
- the Listening Process for people to talk one on one: volunteers to be the listeners please contact Gina and there are support meetings on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10am in SJS or Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in SH

### **THE ARCHBISHOP'S REQUEST:**

Thank you for the discussion about the future in our area of the Archdiocese. This has been sent to Fr Atli our Dean. All the Deans meet on 25<sup>th</sup> May to consider people's input and no doubt the Archbishop's council will then be able to plan ahead better, where planning is possible and it isn't always!

### **THE PASTORAL AREA:**

**The Missionary Outreach Team** meets this Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at SJS at 7.30: open to all to develop ways of invitation to "Come & See" and becoming Missionary Parishes. **Southport Catholic Coordinating Group:** the Representatives meet on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Holy Family. New Representatives from our two Churches are needed now.

**Changing World; Changing Church: The WEST COAST:** Following Bishop John Arnold's talk, there is a follow up this Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10.30-3.30 for those of us on **The West Coast of the Archdiocese** to talk together, again at St Joseph's, Freshfield to find fresh ways for faith to flourish. Please let us know if you can come, lunch provided, £20 donation welcome, concluding with Mass.

### **ASCENSION SUNDAY next week**

This is the traditional time for waiting for the promise of the Paraclete, prayer to prepare to receive the Advocate, the Helper, so let us find ways to improve our prayer for the Holy Spirit to lead us more and more in the life of God:

**Prayer for Britain:** Recently Julian of Norwich, 25<sup>th</sup> St Bede, 27<sup>th</sup> St Augustine, June 8<sup>th</sup> the Election, 16<sup>th</sup> Richard of Chichester, 20<sup>th</sup> St Alban, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sts Thomas More and John Fisher and Monday 19<sup>th</sup>–Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> the Southport Walsingham Pilgrimage.

### **PENTECOST on June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Christian Unity:** we celebrate this year the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ainsdale Ecumenical Covenant with:

- exchange of pulpits with other ministers this Pentecost –
- special service at the Ainsdale Show on July 2<sup>nd</sup> - meeting to receive suggestions, open to all, on Wed 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm in SJS House
- special celebration on All Saints Day of 50 years of growing unity this century after 500 years since the start of the Reformation

### **SHARING IN MINISTRY**

**Corpus Christi Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>:** this is when our annual renewal of commitments to Ministry takes place: please discern from now if you can offer some new service, or if you want a change, or need to stop.

**Ministers of the Eucharist,** willing to train for leading Liturgy for the Word and Communion and Adoration please come to the next session: Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

**Welcoming:** Sacred Heart will welcome all to a joint celebration of the **Feast Day Mass** of Sacred Heart on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June: with **one mass at 10am**. A meeting on Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in SH church welcomes all help and volunteers to plan.

**Living Christ Team:** with Anne O'Callaghan as leader we are working out who does what and meet next on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm for further formation. The next Retreat Day is Fri-eve/Saturday-day 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September.

**Digging Deeply: Reading Wisely:** strategies for exploring John's Gospel. A talk led by Dr Ian Boxhall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at LACE, 10-4. £15 including lunch.

**Dementia Friendly Church:** As a parish, and Archdiocese, we are committed to developing a Dementia friendly community. Following this week's national awareness, please receive our handout as you leave church for us all to play our part.

- **Community Choir** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 11-12.30. "Songs We Remember", for those living with dementia and their carers at St Thomas of Canterbury, Waterloo
- **Reminiscence Group** Tuesdays from 20<sup>th</sup> June 10-11 at Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure
- **HeartStone Wellbeing Group** next meets Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30pm in SJS Red Room