

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Social & Community

Sacred Heart's Quiz & Supper: Saturday 24th Nov defibrillator fundraising SOLD OUT!!

With thanks to Fr Patsy Foley and Fr Albert Shaw for cover at Masses.

Coffee & Chat: Monday 26th Nov, 2pm in Sacred Heart hall. All most welcome.

Please note that the **December Coffee & Chat** will be on the earlier date of **17th Dec**, 2pm

Improve Woodvale: 28th Nov in SJS Games Room 7pm: how do we prevent local antisocial behaviour? What's happening in Sandbrook Way? All welcome.

Margaret Roper House celebrates its 30th anniversary on Wed 5th December

CHRISTMAS IS COMING:

Christmas Cards: please take the opportunity for Christian witness by buying and sending cards which include pictures and messages related to Christ's birth. Cards are available after Sunday masses at Sacred Heart and St John Stone.

SJS Christmas Fair 1st Dec: from 1.30pm Christmas Cake raffle tickets will be on sale soon.

Donation requests: **18th Nov:** Gifts suitable for youngsters to buy for parents/family.

25th Nov: decorative items. Cakes on the day please

SH Christmas Coffee Morning & Plant Sale 8th Dec 10.30-12.30. Donations welcome now of bottles, books, gifts biscuits & toiletries. Cakes on the day please

Ainsdale Christmas Lights big switched-on from 5pm on Tuesday 27th Nov.

After the lights have been switched on, head along to Sacred Heart hall for bargains at the...

58th Brownies Toy Sale: from 7pm. Admission 20p

Carols with Banks Brass Band on Lord Street to help everyone get in the festive spirit Saturday 27th Nov from 12 noon. KSC will be collecting donations.

Christmas Bingo at Sacred Heart: KSC have Bingo on Friday 7th Dec in Sacred Heart hall. Doors open 7pm: lots of prizes to be won including joints of meat, chocolates, boxes of biscuits, wine, spirits and cash, all the family is welcome. Money raised goes to KSC charities

SVP Christmas Day Dinner at St Patrick's: Southport SVP host traditional Christmas Day Dinner at St Patrick's Church Hall at 1pm for 1.30-3.30pm. Everyone welcome: to join us please phone 07562378873. Transport can be provided

- Volunteers needed: meet at 7pm on 3rd Dec in St Patrick's Hall to organise preparations

Last week's Offertory: **£938.40**

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

Sunday 18 th November – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Liturgy & Spiritual Life		Community Life & Service	
S a t u r d a y	5.30 Mass: Maureen Cropper (A)	SH	Hospitality after morning masses
	9am Mass: People of the Parish	SH	
	10.30 Mass: Kath Brogan (RIP), Settle's Golden Wedding	SJS	
	11.45 W Y A Family Catechesis #3	SJS	
M o n d a y	5pm Mass: Cath Grant (LD)	SJS	3pm Cursillo closing Mass ext
	9.10 Morning Prayer	SJS	12.00 Deadline for Synod Member nominations
	9.30 Mass: Rita Maginn (LD)	SJS	
T u e s d a y	7.30am Ecumenical prayer: L'pool Rd Methodist	ext	3pm Deanery Priests Meeting Ext
	8.45 Adoration 9.10 Morning Prayer	SJS	6.15 Brownies SH
	9.30 Mass: Our Departed	SJS	7pm Faith Sharing Group SJS
W e d n e s d a y	5pm Priests Spiritual Counsel	ext	
	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	1pm Fr T in training at LACE ext
	9.30 Mass: Our Departed Ron Coughlin (A)	SJS	1-3 Place2Be: Community market SJS
	11am Spiritual Counsel	SJS	4.30 Priests Supervision ext
T h u r s d a y	7.30 Sharing Scripture then Lectio Divina: Daniel 7:13-14 and Apocalypse 1:5-8	SJS	8pm SJS Bingo SJS
	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	
	9.30 Mass: James & Elizabeth Kelly (A) then Adoration until 11am	SJS	1.30 Ainsdale Foodbank ext
	11am Requiem: Kath Brogan	SJS	3.30 set up for Memorial Mass SJS
F r i d a y	7pm Annual Memorial Mass	SJS	7pm SJS Indoor Bowls SJS
	8.45 Adoration 9.10 Morning Prayer	SJS	
	9.30 Mass: Tommy Baker (LD)	SJS	2.30 Ecumenical Meeting SJS
S a t u r d a y	10.15 CtK School Mass	CtK	7.45 SH Bingo SH
	12.30 CtK School Mass	CtK	
	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	
S u n d a y	9.30 Mass: Marjorie Morley then Adoration until 11am	SJS	7.30 Quiz & Hotpot Supper SH
	Sunday 25 th November – Feast of Christ the King		
S a t u r d a y	5.30 Mass: Michael McGrath (LD)	SH	Hospitality after morning masses
	9am Mass: Charlotte Stringer (A)	SH	
	10.30 Mass: People of the Parish	SJS	
	5pm Mass: Cyril Dandy	SJS	



Key: A=Anniversary, B=Birthday, ILM=In Loving Memory,
 LD=Lately Dead, PI=Personal Intention, S=Sick, T=Thanksgiving,
 SH=Sacred Heart, SJS=St John Stone, Ext=External, CtK=Christ the King School



LOVE and LITURGY IN NOVEMBER: PURGATORY

St Catherine of Genoa (d.1510) known for her mystical wisdom, shared her revelations of the after-life:

The souls in Purgatory cannot think “I am here and justly so” or “I wish I had never sinned, for now I would be in Paradise”. They cannot remember the good and evil in their past lives, nor that of others. **Such is there joy in God’s will, that they have no concern for themselves.** They see only the goodness of God, his mercy towards people. Only once do they understand the reason for their Purgatory: the moment at which they leave this life. After that moment ... they are immersed in charity, they can only will and desire pure love. **There is no joy, save that of Paradise itself, to be compared with the joy of the souls in Purgatory.**

As the rust of sin is consumed, the soul is more and more open to God’s love. For just as something, if laid out in the sun cannot be penetrated by the sun’s rays, whilst still covered, so the soul opens itself fully to the rays of the sun only as the soul’s covering is removed.

Joy in God, union with him, is the end of these souls –

And God will not cease until he has brought the soul to its perfection”.

If we are to become perfect, the change must be brought about IN us, but not BY us – the change is the work not of ourselves, but of God.

In Purgatory great joy and great suffering do not exclude one another.

OUR ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS: this **Thursday 22nd Nov at 7pm** in  St John Stone. All who have received ministry for bereavement in the past year have been invited to join us and all are welcome to include your own bereavements in this mass. It is always a beautiful occasion to make renewed communion with our departed.

SHARING IN THE PARISH VISION:

The **Forum Record** is available for collection from the church porches from today. We will follow up on the ideas from the Forum, and the plans for the coming year

- The **Vision Team** meet next on Thursday December 6th
- Thank you to the **Joint Church Teams** for the meeting last week and the plans and sharing that arose from the time together:



RED WEDNESDAY: 28th November:

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) spearhead this movement to stand up for the Human Right of Practising Your Religion throughout the world. This enables us to show our solidarity

and care about millions of Christians persecuted throughout the world today - as we do each Friday and in Morning Prayer - and also people of other faiths.

Wear something RED that day – we will be using RED prayer – and RED light!

LIFELONG LEARNING:

Living Liturgy: Tuesday 27th November, 7–9pm at LACE. This new publication integrates liturgy prep, daily living, prayer and study, with practical ways to reflect on and celebrate Mass for Sundays and solemnities. Transport available.

SYNOD 2020: the local discussions and listening will begin next Lent but for now our preparations include:



- continued **prayer** for Fresh Vision from God, and to become more missionary
- appreciation of **Being Baptised** as a follower of Christ, discipleship.
- seeking volunteers to become our **Synod Members:** 1 from each church, and an additional 8 from across the Pastoral Area. Members will help in the listening and gathering and feeding back to the people and the Archdiocesan co-ordinators.
- Please offer your names to the parish office by noon **Monday 19th November.** Also **suggestions** for Pastoral Area Members to the parish office or Fr Atli. The priests are meeting in the Pastoral Area this Tuesday.
- Do nominate others you think would be suitable, best to ask them first. Names must be sent to LACE by 14th December.

The sheet with explanation of the dates and requirements for the Synod Member is available from the church porches or the website: <https://www.synod2020.co.uk/>

CHRISTIAN UNITY. A retreat for renewal:

“**The Scandal of Christian Disunity:** why it must stop now!” an ecumenical retreat at  Freshfield, Wed/Thurs 28/29th Nov, 10-5, £25. Prayer and talks led by Fr Chris Thomas and Bishop Cyril Ashton. Open to all to continue the good work in Southport churches which brings hope to many Christians on Merseyside. See Fr Tony.

CHARITIES: We start now with our chosen charities for the next 2 years:

- **ACN again:** helping destitute families and persecuted Christians, especially in Erbil, Iraq
- **Christ the King’s Chaplaincy** with fresh and exciting ways of valuing faith
- **Southport Lifeboat** with their ambitious development plans
- **Our SVP:** give help to those desperate; support Women Refugees Connect; work with Nugent and Micah for our weekly Wednesday Pace2Be community market

SVP Request: Can you help refugee ladies who haven’t got a winter coat or warm jumpers? Size 24 and above needed please: see Kay if you can help.

Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure (ALL) at the Methodist Centre with many activities, including the **Foodbank** Thursdays 1.30-3pm. Try the “**Christmas Charity Dance**” on Saturday 1st December at 7.30pm Tickets £12.50

LOOKING TO ADVENT:

Sunday 2nd December Advent begins: let it be a time of deepening prayer and appreciation of God’s gifts and beauty all around us. Distinctive music in the Liturgy leads us towards **Christmastide** from 17th December to 13th January. On Sunday Advent#1 **please bring your Advent wreaths, door hangings, candle rings, Advent Calendars etc** for blessing and prayer together to launch our Advent season. 

Sacred Heart: be assured we will back as usual to the church as soon as the boiler is replaced – hopefully for Advent. Until then, **weekday masses** will be in St John Stone. **Sunday masses** will continue at Sacred Heart with usual times.