

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Social & Community

Sefton Older Persons Forum at ALL on Tuesday 4th Dec at 10.30am

Margaret Roper House celebrates its 30th anniversary on Wed 5th December 2-5pm

Film Night: in the Parish House, Saturday 15th Dec at 7pm. See "The Shack"

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

Ainsdale Schools Carol Service: Monday 3rd Dec in SJS church at 9.30am (NB: no morning prayers or Liturgy)

SVP Christmas Party in SJS Hall on Thursday 6th Dec from 12.30pm;

Rotary celebration of Christmas at the Methodists with music from Marshside Brass Band and "Just Voices" choir. 7pm Saturday 8th Dec in Ainsdale Methodists. Adults £5, under 10's £2

A.L.L. Members Lunch: with singers, Wed 19th Dec – info/booking via ALL's office: 574838

Christmas Day: St Patrick's Everyone welcome: phone 07562378873 (transport available)

Southport Fire Station: all places are already reserved for their Christmas Day lunch

SH Christmas Coffee Morning & Plant Sale 8th Dec 10.30-12.30. Beautiful plants (our poinsettia lasted until October!), great tea, coffee & cake, and gift-buying galore ☺

Cake Donations welcome on the day please. Hamper raffle tickets on sale NOW.

Formby Village Live Nativity 11am & 12.15, Formby Pool Gdns. The beautiful Christmas story

Christmas Bingo:

KSC: Friday 7th Dec in Sacred Heart hall. Doors open 7pm: prizes of meat, boxes of biscuits, chocolates, bottles, cash: all the family welcome. Raising money for KSC charities

St John Stone: Wednesday 12th doors open 5.45pm, eyes down 7pm. Lots of great prizes

Sacred Heart: Fri 14th Dec doors open 6pm eyes down at 7:30pm. Lots of great prizes

Christmas Coffee & Chat: Monday 17th Dec, 2pm in Sacred Heart hall. All most welcome.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS:

Liverpool Cathedral: Carol Service for people living with dementia & their carers 2pm 14th Dec

SJS Christmas Quiz and Carols, 7.30pm in Parish Centre Fri 14th Dec

SJS Our Lady's Guild's Carol Service 7.30pm on Friday 21st Dec in SJS – all welcome.

This week's 2nd collection: SVP Appeal / next week's for Christmas Flowers

Thank you: Last week's Offertory: **£1011;** Animate collection **£97.08**

SH Quiz for Defibrillator funds, with generous donations raised **£634.63**

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 2nd December – Advent begins – Year C begins

Liturgy & Spiritual Life		Community Life & Service		
S a t	4.45 Confessions	SH	<i>Hospitality after morning masses</i>	
	5.30 Mass: Thomas Quinn, Jnr (A) Jeff Prescott (A)	SH		
	9am Mass: People of the Parish	SH		
	10.30 Mass: John Clarke (LD), Dorothy Hirst (LD)	SJS		
	5pm Mass: Joan Ryan (S)	SJS		
NO Morning Liturgy				
Mon	9.30 Ainsdale Schools Carol Service	SJS	2pm Choir	SJS
Tues	7.30am Ecumenical prayer: Christ Church, Lord St	ext	<i>Priests Hospital Ministry</i>	
	8.45 Adoration 9.10 Morning Prayer	SJS	10.30 Sefton Older Persons Forum	ALL
	9.30 Mass: Ron & Joanne Coughlin	SJS	7.30 GIFT	SJS
Wed	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	Office CLOSED for LCR Team Retreat	
	9.30 Mass: Cormac Murphy (A)	SJS	1-3 Place2Be: Community market	ext
	10.30-4pm LCR team retreat, Irenaeus	Ext	2-6pm Margaret Roper's 30th	ext
	7.30 Sharing Scripture	SJS	8pm SJS Bingo	SJS
Thur	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	1.30 Ainsdale Foodbank	ext
	9.30 Mass: Peter Gittins (LD) then Adoration until 11am	SJS	12.30 for 1pm SVP Christmas Lunch	SJS
	10am Music Ministry	SJS	4-6 Parish Vision Team	SJS
Fri	8.45 Adoration 9.10 Morning Prayer	SJS	7pm SJS Indoor Bowls	SJS
	9.30 Mass: Frank Casey (LD)	SJS		
	5pm Priests Spiritual Counsel	ext	7pm KSC Christmas Bingo	SH
Sat	7.30 First Friday Mass	ext		
	<i>Immaculate Conception</i>		10.30 SH Christmas Coffee Morning	SH
	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	11am & 12.15 Formby Village Nativity	ext
	9.30 Mass: Lena Latchena (A) then Adoration until 11am	SJS		
Sunday 9th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent				
S a t	5.30 Mass: People of the Parish	SH	SVP Christmas Appeal	
	7pm renewal of vows Mr & Mrs Hawkshaw		<i>Hospitality after morning masses</i>	
	9am Mass: Our Parish Ministers	SH		
	10.30 Mass: Margaret Gill (LD)	SJS		
11.30 W Y A Family Reconciliation	SJS			
Sun	5pm Mass: Our Deanery Priests	SJS		



Key: A=Anniversary, B=Birthday, LD=Lately Dead, PI=Personal Intention, S=Sick, T=Thanksgiving, SH=Sacred Heart, SJS=St John Stone, Ext=External, CtK=Christ the King School, ALL=Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure

ADVENT BEGINS

“Christ has come – Christ is coming – Christ will come again.”

Let us make this season an opportunity for our faith to grow in HOPE – that we will dare to increase our LONGING - for God’s Real Presence, LISTENING - for Christ’s guiding Word, A-WAITING - the Holy Spirit’s action within us more and more. The Old Catechism teaches:



“Hope is a supernatural virtue whereby we confidently expect from God His grace in this world and eternal glory in the next”

THE LITURGY

As a community of faith we strengthen each other. There is great encouragement in the solidarity of coming together for our Sunday Eucharist. Do invite others.

This week: we dedicate to this Advent time – together in church to continue in our homes. This leads us to celebrate the feast of The Holy Family in Christmastide.

Next week: we celebrate the ministries which continue Christ’s mission:

Ministers of the Word renew their commitment – We launch anew our Missionary efforts with “Sharing the Good News” in January. The SVP annual appeal is given.

Advent #3: please bring your Baby Jesus Crib Figures to church for blessing.

Advent #4: we welcome and anoint people wanting to Come and See with us.

Parish Reconciliation Service: Tuesday 11th December 7pm at St John Stone. The receiving afresh of the Mercy of God helps our preparation for Christmas joy: general confession to God in silence or one sin to the Priest. Individual absolution.



PRAYER: perhaps join in the morning prayer in church, or the Adoration?
Make a renewed effort to pray daily in your own way?

The “Walk With Me” booklet is available to support your daily prayer with thoughts on the Scriptures and prayers for each day of Advent.

Faith4Life Eucharist: Thursday 20th Dec at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

GIFT Prayer Group: this Tuesday the monthly prayer group welcomes everyone who wishes. Quiet time, reflection on teaching, prayers to help each other be faithful.

REFLECTION: you may have your own books, booklets for your meditations In addition to the “Walk With Me”, **Advent Extra** is a fine booklet from the Redemptorists with inspirational teaching and prayer, help yourself from the porch. “Sharing Scripture” is on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Parish House- looking at the Sunday Readings in a down to earth way. Everybody welcome -good time to try it! “Wednesday Word” is a pink sheet, in the porch each Sunday, looking at the reading for the following Sunday. Free: help yourself; or online at www.wednesdayword.org
BOOKS on Advent are available to borrow - help yourself from the porch.

Newman Circle Talk: Christian Themes and Islamic Theology

Rev Yazid Said will speak to this topic at St Helen’s Parish Centre, Crosby on Thursday 6th Dec at 7.30pm. Hosted by the Newman Association. All welcome.

SHARING IN MINISTRY and SERVICE

Vision Team – sharing in the priest’s leadership, the team members meet this Thursday for a fresh start – Anne Pickup facilitating, planning to welcome our new Pastoral Associate, Eleanor Lalley, in January. They make retreat on Tues 11th Dec.
Ministers of the Word – as above, next week our Readers renew their commitment. *Missals for the readings for 2019, Year C, are available to any who wish from today.*
Ministers of the Eucharist – new people are being asked. More training for Liturgy of the Word, for the One Bread at our Sunday Eucharist, Hospital ministry.
Our Choir and Singers- how precious is your ministry. An important time for us all.
The Living Christ Team: please tell Gina if you are offering ministry for 8/9th March. We welcome the retreat time together at Irenaeus this Wednesday and some planning at the end of the prayer time in GIFT on Tuesday
Missionaries: next week we launch the invitation: “Sharing the Good News”: four sessions for people to “Come and See” what God shares with us, starting 8th January.
Safeguarding: all priests are having new, compulsory training of a very high standard. Our Parish Reps give indispensable service: Gina Steed, Annie Major, Anne Pickup. Renewal of parishioners DBS forms is ongoing and important. Thank you all.
Flowers and Church Decoration: our volunteers come into their own this season. Thank-you to you all for your dedication, creativity and hard work.
Altar Servers: bravo to Evie and Becky who have started at Sacred Heart, to all our regulars, and our adult servers – old and new – during the week.

GENEROSITY and JUSTICE

Foodbank on Thursdays at the Methodists need your donations of food and toiletries – boxes in the porches for your items to church. *Or* do a “reverse Advent calendar”... on every day in Advent, place an item in our boxes.

Nugent Hamper Donations: last year, with your support, Nugent gave out 300 hampers. Could you donate anything from this list: Christmas pud or cake (non-alcoholic), mince pies, biscuits, chocolate or selection boxes, biscuits for cheese, crisps, jam? Deadline for donations to Colin in the office by 2pm Wednesday 5th Dec
Christmas Day Dinner at St Patrick’s: Southport SVP host traditional Christmas Day Dinner at St Patrick’s Church Hall at 1pm for 1.30-3.30. Everyone welcome: phone 07562378873. Transport can be provided (Volunteers meet 7pm on 3rd Dec to prepare)
Southport Community Fire Station: we hear that places are already all taken for their Christmas Day lunch

The United Nations

There are hopeful and vital Summits urging all nations to fuller commitments to saving our Planet through ecological care; and the new Compact on Refugees & Migrants throughout the world meets in Morocco on 10/11th Dec.

Sacred Heart boiler replacement: work starts! Until it is replaced, **weekday** masses are in St John Stone. **Sunday** masses continue at Sacred Heart.

