

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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**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 10th March – 1st Sunday of Lent

Liturgy & Spiritual Life		Community Life & Service	
S a t u r d a y	5.30 Mass: People of the Parish SH	<i>Hospitality after Sunday morning masses</i>	
	9am Mass: Fr Tom Cullinan (LD) SH		
	10.30 Mass: Pat O'Callaghan (LD) SJS		
S u n d a y	5pm Mass: Come & See SJS	3pm Rite of Election at Cathedral	Bir
		3.30 Evening Prayer & Benediction	
M o n d a y	9.15 Morning Prayer SH	1pm SVP Lunch	SJS
	9.30 Mass: Come & See SH	7.30 SH Church Team	SH
T u e s d a y	7.30am Ecumenical prayer: Salvation Army ext	<i>Priests Hospital Ministry</i>	
	8.45 Adoration 9.15 Morning Prayer SH	2&7.30pm Lent Safari: Village Church	ext
	9.30 Mass: Dawn Sixsmith SJS	4.30 SJS Church Team	SJS
W e d n e s d a y	12noon Mass the Tuesday Together: weekly Lent group SJS	6.15Brownies	SH
		7pm LCR team evaluation & meal	ext
T h u r s d a y	9.15 Morning Prayer SJS	<i>Pope Francis' 6th Papal anniversary</i>	
	9.30 Mass: Peter McNamara (A) SJS	1-3 Place2Be/Community market	SJS
	10am Communion to Housebound ext	2.15 Priest's Theology Group	ext
F r i d a y	7pm Stations of the Cross SH	4.30 Impact Extra	ext
	7.30 Sharing Scripture SJS	8pm SJS Bingo	SJS
S a t u r d a y	9.15 Morning Prayer SJS	<i>Monica away until 27th March</i>	
	9.30 Mass: Dorothy Keating (S) SJS	3.30 CtK Year 8 Parents Evening	ext
	then Adoration until 11am	1.30 Ainsdale Foodbank	SJS
S u n d a y	10am & 6pm Spiritual Counsel SJS	7pm SJS Indoor Bowls	SJS
	7.30 Come & See #2		
S a t u r d a y	8.45 Adoration 9.15 Morning Prayer SH	<i>CAFOD Fast Day</i>	
	9.30 Mass: Synod 2020 SH	7.45 SH Bingo	SH
	7pm Stations of the Cross SJS	8pm St Patrick's Social: SJS Club	SJS
S u n d a y	7.30 OLG Mass SJS		
	9.15 Morning Prayer SJS	11am Faith Sharing Group	ext
	9.30 Mass: Bobby Hemsworth (LD) SJS	2-3.30pm Learning for Listening #2	SH
	with Adoration until 11am		
Sunday 17 th March – 2 nd Sunday of Lent			
S a t u r d a y	5.30 Mass: Peter Maher (B) SH	<i>Hospitality after Sunday morning masses</i>	
	9am Mass: John (S) SH		
	10.30 Mass: People of the Parish SJS		
S u n d a y	11.30 WYA: Family Catechesis #6 SJS	3.30 evening prayer & benediction	Bir
	5pm Mass: Monica Ginty		

Catholics in Southport Hospital: there is a team for those who wish communion. Please ask ward staff or call 07467 374830. For **emergencies** ask ward staff to contact **the priest on call.**

Parish Life: please tell the Priest of sick parishioners if they wish a visit/communion at home, and/or Prayers of the Faithful at masses

Large Mass Sheets: please do tell us if they are useful!

Irenaeus Scripture Morning, "Reflections on the Book of Revelation", led by Fr Chris Thomas.

10.30-12: 14th March, 32 Gt. Georges Rd L22 1RD

SJS Club: dates for your diaries!

Irish Duo Back o' the Bush, playing great St Patrick's Day tunes this Friday 15 Mar. Tkts £10

Billy Wilcox sings Billy Fury, Ricky Nelson & other 60s artists, Sat 6th April. Tickets £10.

Lourdes Quiz Night The young people of Sefton Coach 7 invite you and your families to a Quiz Night on **Friday 26th April:** 7.30pm in SJS parish hall to frundraise for their Lourdes Pilgrimage. Tickets available from 15th March from Eleanor Lalley: £4/adults, £3/under 18s.

Community & Social

SVP Lunch: Monday 11th March 12.30 for 1pm, in SJS Parish Hall

SVP meeting: 7pm Monday 18th March in SJS.

Llangollen Day Trip: Sat 30th March. £20 for coach. Book with Kevin on 074509 83213

Autism Support Group: Upcoming dates for parents at MeCycle are: 18th Mar, 15th Apr, 13th May, 17th June, all 6pm to 8pm and free to come along

Top Tip: Develop gratitude, count your blessings. Write down 3 positive things for each day.

Safeguarding: apologies to parishioners who applied for DBS clearance in late 2018 and have not yet received a certificate. There are delays in processing applications at LACE; this will be rectified soon. For Safeguarding queries, contact Gina Steed

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HeartStoneparish@btconnect.com with the subject "Parish Invoice" and an attachment

saying "Open PDF file to view invoice" I'm very sorry if you received this message, it seems we were hacked!

Offertory: £929 – Racial Justice £54 – SJS Quiz £157 - Thank You!

Next week's Second Collection is for CAFOD



Key: A=Anniversary, B=Birthday, ILM=In Loving Memory LD=Lately Dead, PI=Personal Intention, S=Sick, SI=Special Intention T=Thanksgiving, SH=Sacred Heart, SJS=St John Stone, ext=external, CtK=Christ the King School, ALL=Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure

FOLLOWING CHRIST IN SUFFERINGS AND GLORY

God is working within us so that we can desire, and do, what is pleasing to God. Our Lenten living is choosing ways of working at our faith so that God's working will bear fruit more and more: for ourselves, for our Church, for our world.

Prayer, Fasting and Giving are the traditional ways of making Lent a time for growth in Holy Living. To make space to pray for the sorrows, struggles, sins and shame in ourselves, in our Church and in our world – **this** is following Christ into the wilderness so that the Spirit can continue the work of transformation into the Body of Christ – lead us to the joy of Easter Life – and share God's blessings and benefits with all.

CHRIST'S WAY for HOLY LIVING

The Easter Triduum is our annual Liturgy to honour and enter into the Joy of the Risen Life (Easter Sunday is April 21st), following on from God's hidden action on Holy Saturday, after the obedient sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday. We are Christened into this Way of Christ, we follow him in this Way of being changed into Holy Living.

Weekly Triduum? Why not join in the movement to mark this Way of Christ weekly?

- **Friday:** loving obedience leads to solidarity with the poor and willing sacrifice
- **Saturday:** contemplative hope awaits God's hidden action beyond the human
- **Sunday:** receiving afresh and rejoicing at the Resurrection and God's love

NB Did you know?...that Sundays are always for rejoicing and are exempt from the 40 days of penance and Lenten resolutions?...if you wish!

HOLY LIVING IN HEARTSTONE

PRAYER: Stations of the Cross: Weds at 7pm in Sacred Heart; Fridays at 7pm in SJS

Praying with Scripture: the "Walk With Me" booklets are available, and the pink sheet "Wednesday Word" – thoughts & prayers on the Mass readings for the coming Sunday

Evening Prayer & Benediction for all, Sundays in Lent, 3.30pm at St Joseph's, Birkdale
Reconciliation is by request, 1st Saturday Monthly and Tuesday 9th April at 7.30 in SJS.

TUESDAY TIME TOGETHER IN LENT:

Starting this Tuesday, 12 March with Mass at 12noon: then friendly time to talk about scripture, tea/coffee provided, bring a packed lunch. In SJS church, and then in the Red Room. Spread the word: a great way to meet with Eleanor. All welcome

FASTING: Giving up things on the outside is to help our soul give up negative things from the inside. How will you help your heart be healed? Take some time off from gossip, watching screens, TV, food, alcohol...so as to overcome greed: what else?

CAFOD'S Fast Day is this Friday 15th March: with collection on Sun 17th Mar. This is part of CAFOD's "No-one Beyond Reach" renewal to feed starving millions.

Global Healing: this Saturday 2-3.30pm at Sacred Heart.

Video on care of the planet with questions on our way of life – and how this affects the poorest on the planet, "Our Common Home". With Debbie Gerrard.

GIVING: Money: our Parish Chosen Charities are: **Aid to the Church in Need, Christ the King Chaplaincy, Southport Lifeboat** - add an envelope to the mass collection.

The Lenten Alms boxes as you enter church will go to Asylum Link Merseyside.

Ainsdale Foodbank: "40 pence for 40 days" - take the leaflet from the porch to see how you can save up, Gift Aid and donate to Foodbank at the end of Lent.

SVP: voluntary collection after each Sunday mass, helping local people in need.

FOOD: do bring to the porches for the Foodbank to pass on to people struggling.

WITH NEW CHRISTIANS

As committed Christians renew their Baptism at Easter, Lent is a big time for new people to prepare for Baptism, or join our Church in full communion. **Come & See** meets fortnightly now to support the new people among us. The **Rite of Election** welcomes new people in the Cathedral this Sunday and the **Retreat Day on 30th Mar for New People** is a wonderful, spiritual help for them.

WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

Ainsdale Covenant is real and fruitful, and the Lenten Safari gatherings this year are at 2pm or again at 7.30pm on the theme of "Daring to See God Now":

Tues 12 March at the Village Church,

Tues 19 March at Methodist Church,

Mon 25 March at St John's C of E Church,

Thurs 4 Apr at St John Stone Church,

Thurs 11 Apr at Sacred Heart Church

FOR OUR COUNTRY: Churches together in Britain and Ireland are calling us all to pray seriously for Britain in this time of change, turbulence and distress for many

PRAYER FOR UNITY: On Wednesday 28th March at 7.30pm at Leyland Rd Methodist Church, all churches in Southport come together for this prayer: Brexit "crashing out"/a deal or whatever! Let us pray to have faith in God, not only politics!

FOR OUR CHURCH: LISTENING IN SYNOD 2020

LISTENING is very much part of Lenten spirituality for us all and good preparation for the listening groups after Easter. Listen in love to each other, in sorrows and joys.

Eleanor, our Synod co-ordinator has displayed a poster with your Members.

The **Synod Survey** invites your participation now on line at www.synod2020.co.uk

Val Stroud is available to help you with the online survey, contact us in the office.

LEARNING for LISTENING Saturdays in Sacred Heart hall from 2-3.30pm, open to all 30th March: Vibrations from Vatican 2 with John Sullivan: What changes came from Vatican 2? How do we assess its significance for us today?

13th April: Communication in the Church with Valerie Stroud (*Synod Member*) How can improved communication – people, priests, Bishops – enable renewal?

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

We need more Eucharistic Ministers: by joining with St Marie's, with 15 people or more, the training could be held at St Marie's. We don't yet have a suggested date, but please let Fr Tony, Gina or Mike know as soon as possible if you are interested.