

**PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

**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 bring it to Parish Office.

SJS Gift Aid tax refund was **£7972.44** – as a direct result of your Gift Aided donations.  
 Do talk to Anne Coupe and Pete Byrne about Gift Aiding your donations if you pay tax!  
**SJS 2018 Rotas for Readers** are available in SJS's porch.

**SJS Christmas Fair 1.30 16<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**SJS: Donations please: "Surprise Sunday" today. Donations of cakes requested on the day of the fair please. Various raffle tickets now on sale**

**Events for Parish Chosen Charities**

**Nugent: Light up a Life remembrance service** 12.30-1.30 Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at our Cathedral. You can dedicate a light on the Christmas tree to remember & celebrate a loved one's life.  
**Thank you!** Our quiz with Carols and Christmas songs in SJS Social Club raised £312 for the parish charities. It was a fun evening and supper was enjoyed by more than 70 people

**Social, Community & Christmas**

**Coffee & Chat** at SH hall is this Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, with lovely Christmas goodies

**Sociable Sunday** won't take place in December: watch for the next date in the new year.  
 (no charge, you can donate items for Woodvale Foodbank if you wish)

**SJS Christmas Bingo:** Today 10th Dec, hall doors open 5.45pm, **eyes down 7.30pm**

**"Preparing for Christmas with the Church":** Mgr Richard Atherton will give this talk at the Marian Centre, Bath Street North, on both Wed 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1-2pm

**Missio Red Box:** Your Missiopack is coming - with a new sealing label, Autumn Magazine and 2018 Calendar: or check the porch table for your envelope. Please empty your box into the envelope and return to your promoter at Mass or to the address on the envelope.

In 2017 you collected **£1555.76!** Thank you to all for your generosity and continued support.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Irenaeus Scripture Mornings:** Thursdays 7/14<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30-12, Fr Chris Thomas shares 'The Lord is my Saviour', a journey through the Book of Exodus.

**Sox Appeal:** the Marian Centre appeals for warm winter gloves, hats, scarves and socks for homeless folk in Southport, these are desperately needed please – give to Mel Jones.

COMBINED MONEY MATTERS			SVP appeal this weekend Christmas Flowers collection next weekend
Offertory £ 988	Standing Orders £200	Total £1188	

A=Anniversary, B=Birthday, LD=Lately Dead, S=Sick,  
 T=Thanksgiving, CtK=Christ the King School

**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*

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Yr B	LITURGY & SPIRITUAL LIFE	COMMUNITY LIFE & SERVICE
Sat	5.30 Mass: Sheila Meall (RIP) SH	Hospitality after morning Masses
S	9am Mass: Kevin Alliston (S) SH	
U	10.30 Mass: Richard Kelly (T) SJS	
N	Vic McLellan (RIP) SJS	
	11.30 WYA Children begin Confession SJS	
	12.30 Baptisms: Joseph S & Francesca B-F SH	5.45 for 7.30 SJS Christmas Bingo SJS
	3.30 Evening Prayer & Benediction St J.	
	5pm Mass: Maureen Blain SJS	
Mon	9.15 Morning Prayer SH	2pm Coffee & Chat SH
	9.30 Liturgy of Word & Communion SH	7.30 SH Church Team meeting SH
	12.30 Requiem Mass: Jeff Prescott SJS	
Tues	7.30 Ecumenical Prayer Ext	11am Ince Theology Group Ince
	8.45 Adoration & Morning Prayer SH	2.15 Sefton Faith Network L20
	9.30 Mass: Miriam Hunter (LD) SH	7pm KSC meeting, Little Church SJS
Wed	9.15 Morning Prayer SJS	12.30 Nugent: Light up a Life at Cathedral Ext
	9.30 Mass: Nora Murphy (LD) SJS	1pm Talk: Preparing for Christmas with the Church at the Marian Centre S'Port
	10.30 Spiritual Counsel SJS	
	3pm Priests Spiritual Counsel SJS	
	6.30 Soulcare Meditation SJS	
	7.30 Sharing Scripture SJS	8pm Bingo SJS
Thur	9.15 Morning Prayer SJS	10.30 Irenaeus Scripture Morning L23
	9.30 Mass: Denise Rowan (T) SJS	6pm Brownies SH
	then Adoration	7pm Indoor Bowls SJS
		7.30 Come & See #7 SJS
Fri	8.45 Adoration and Morning Prayer SH	Setting up for SJS Christmas Fair
	9.30 Mass: Flo Leadbetter (LD) SH	7pm St John CoE Carol Concert Ext
	6.30 Soulcare Meditation SJS	7.45 Bingo SH
	7.30 O.L. Guild Mass: Members	8pm Improve Woodvale drinks SJS
Sat	9.15 Morning Prayer SJS	11am Faith Sharing Group Ext
	9.30 Mass: Pat Moore SJS	1.30 SJS Christmas Fair SJS
	then Adoration	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent		
Sat	5.30 Mass: Brenda Billington SH	Christmas Octave begins Hospitality after morning Masses
Eve	9am Mass: People of Parish SH	
	10.30 Mass: Jeff Prescott (LD) SJS	Priests Hospital Ministry Week
S	3.30 Evening Prayer & Benediction St J.	
U	5pm Mass: Annie Biddle, J.Watton & Gorman Family SJS	



## OUR ADVENT ATTITUDE and APPRECIATION

**Watching - Listening - & Welcoming** is the way of waiting these days,  
longing to receive afresh Christ the Light of the World.

*Christ has come – Christ is coming – Christ will come again*



### PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

**Christ Has Come!** .....

and so Christians receive always the forgiveness of God through the prayer of repentance. Turning to God more deeply – turning back to God from having turned our back – turning to God for the first time for those who have not believed – all these and more are ways that “**metanoia**”: *turning around, change of life* is enacted by people to be reconciled to God’s loving kindness and mercy.

*Now is a good, traditional time for us, each and all to work at forgiveness!*

**Personal Prayer:** we each can review our faithfulness and pray for help.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** personal confession is available on request from priests and at the published times regularly.

**Communal Services of Reconciliation** are a powerful way to support each other. The Archbishop allows these to offer absolution only with individual confession so at the communal services you make confession of personal sins as much or as little as you choose after the communal reflection and examination of conscience:

- **Children from With You Always**, preparing for Holy Communion, begin Confession this Sunday at 11.30 in SJS
- **Birkdale Churches Reconciliation Service** at St Teresa’s on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm
- **HeartStone Reconciliation Service** on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm in St John Stone church

“**Forgiveness is for Giving**” is a new book by Fr Chris Thomas. Parish copies are available for you to borrow for your reflection and learning.

### CHARITY, JUSTICE and COMMUNITY CHEER

**Christ is coming...**

and so his followers continue to share out the blessings we have received with others in need:

**HeartStone SVP** helps so many all year in so many ways. This Sunday, Kay Slater makes the **annual SVP appeal and thanks at all masses**. Thanks you to the SVP helpers and our guests who made the Christmas dinner so marvellous last week.

**Coffee & Chat** at SH hall is this Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, with lovely Christmas goodies

**Sox Appeal:** the *Marian Centre* desperately needs warm winter socks, gloves, hats, scarves for homeless folk in Southport, Please give items to Mel Jones at SJS.

**Christmas Day Lunch at Ainsdale Methodist Church** - for anyone who would otherwise be alone: from 12.30pm, no charge. Contact Yvonne or Annette via the Parish office

### CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

**The Feast of Christmas: the Birth of the Saviour**

**Masses in HeartStone are:**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: 6pm in St John Stone – Christmas Eve Mass  
8.30 Carols, for 9pm in Sacred Heart - Christmas Night Mass  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: 10am in St John Stone – Christmas Day Mass

**CHRISTMAS CRIBS** are a great witness: in the home/in your window/ garden

The **Christmas Octave** begins next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec with the special feel of being closer to the arrival – and we especially invite you to bring the **Baby Jesus Figure** from your crib to the masses for a blessing and readiness for the crib at home.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS: Prisoners of Conscience** - next week!

**Ainsdale Ecumenical Cards** - **volunteers please** to take a stack to deliver to the street from the list in the porch

**CHRISTMAS FAIRS:** Bravo to Sacred Heart who started us off so well yesterday. Then next Saturday - 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – it’s St John Stone’s Christmas Fair, 1.30pm

### Carols:

- Friday 15 Dec** Mass with Our Lady’s Guild at 7.30pm in SJS includes a Christmas feel (and drinks after!)  
7 pm Carols Concert in the newly opened St John’s C/E
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Carols in the Streets from SJS around Woodvale rejoicing for all with “Jesus, Light of the World”
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** Carol Service at the Metropolitan Cathedral 2pm
- Friday 22 Dec 7.30pm** at St John Stone
- Saturday 23 Dec 10am** Carols at Co-op



### RENEWAL and REFORMATION: SYNOD 2020

The Archbishop’s call to 3 years preparation includes now:

- his pastoral letter today for all churches
- the Year of Prayer begun with the Advent prayer at all masses after communion, and copies are available for you to take
- a Holy Hour with him in our Pastoral Area on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>
- the priests meet together on January 25<sup>th</sup> including discussion of the recent Deans meeting with the Archbishop about SYNOD 2020
- the Dean, Fr Atli, is communicating the changes to the members of the Southport Catholic Co-ordinating Group(SCCG)
- further interest in the Eucharistic Congress for Sept 2018 do ask Fr Tony