

LIVING OUR PARISH VISION is our commitment to the Catholic Mission in Britain

so a very big Thank You to all who participated so thoroughly in last Sunday's prayer and commitments to our Home Mission:

- the Collection for the Bishop's Conference Evangelisation work: £258.92p
- the commissioning of our new Parish Vision Team. The next meeting is Monday 3rd October: feed in to the team through the suggestion boxes.
- the launching of "Come and See" with commitments of our southern group: fortnightly meetings Tuesdays 7-8pm in St Marie's or Thursdays 7.30 -9.00pm in St John Stone
- the Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham: the retiring collection today is for the massive development work for the National Shrine in Walsingham
- the Families and Catechists commitment to this year's With You Always preparation for Holy Communion with Family Catechesis monthly.

CHARITY and SOCIAL CONCERN is our focus this Sunday, integral to our mission

God's Spirit calls us to learning how to Read the Signs of the Times that we may respond in faith and charity and strengthen each other in unity:

The Liturgy: we welcome Steve Atherton, our Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Leader, : a handout with inspiration on our Catholic Social Teaching from Steve in the Catholic Pic and Fr Daniel O'Leary from The Tablet

: the publication of the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals, signed up to by world governments with targets for 2030 in combating poverty

Mass With and For DISABLED PEOPLE: at the Cathedral 3pm this Sunday: transport available. Come and celebrate the Paralympics inspiration with Nugent Care, our Archdiocesan charity.

"WELCOMING THE STRANGER"

- the Saturday evening gathering was a big encouragement for our team, and local links with Asylum Link Merseyside (ALM), Merseyside Refugee & Natal Group (MRANG) and Women Together Singing
- the Shoreline housing scheme for sponsoring Refugee families
- our next "Day Out To Southport" for newcomers on Saturday 29th October

Our SVP: well linked in the other parishes for helping people who are homeless, the Marian Care food ministry, the soup Kitchen and emergency help (see back page)

Ainsdale Community Care(ACC): which includes the **Foodbank on Thursdays** and many special services e.g. affordable warmth and good eating ways.

"IMPROVE Woodvale": our emerging Neighbourhood Forum is cleaning up the local grot spot and liaising well with Sefton Council. Next meeting: **Thursday 29th Sept, 2pm.**

CREATION TIME: until Tues 4th October: St Francis of Assisi

We are part of Pope Francis' call to improving our caring for the planet and the poor who suffer most from the destructive effects of climate change: **Monday 3rd October at 8pm** all are welcome to a meeting to plan ahead for sustainable living as a parish.

Mass on the Beach on Tuesday 4th October at 4pm to celebrate St Francis and Ainsdale!

HARVEST and THANKSGIVING: Next Sunday 2nd October

we invite all children and families to our **Special Masses With Families:** many special ways for children to read, collect, be involved as we celebrate creation, nature and being alive: **children:** bring pictures of your pets for sharing; **donations welcome** for Marian Care: please see back page.

SHARING IN MINISTRY

Please find your ministry/service team's date and put it in your diary now, to ensure we all grow closer in spiritual and practical ways of collaborative ministry:

- **Music Ministry:** for all involved in music of both churches, Monday 3rd Oct 2pm, SJS **Irenaeus host "Praise the Lord with Music":** leading the parish in prayer with your music, led by St Moira. Saturday 1st October from 10am at 32, St Georges Rd, Waterloo. Bring your favourite hymn, and instruments. £10 - paid by parish if you wish.
- **Ministers of the Word/Readers:** Wednesday 5th October 7.30pm at SH **Fr Denis McBride will lead a day on St Matthews Gospel** on Saturday 12th November, 10am-4pm, in St Anne's, Ormskirk. This is a must for our readers and anyone wanting to grow spiritually. Book your (free) place with our parish office.
- **Parish Social Committee:** SJS Club Management & parish social team: Friday 30th 10.30am
- **Christening Team:** Tuesday 11th Oct 7.30pm at SJS
- **WELCOMING MINISTRY:** for all greeters from both churches, and all the parish to learn improved ways for this priority of mission: Wednesday Oct 12th, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart
- **Ministers of the Eucharist:** Tuesday 18th Oct, 7.30pm

LIFELONG LEARNING and SPIRITUALITY

THE YEAR OF MERCY: Our **Pastoral Area Pilgrimage to the Holy Door** at the Cathedral is next **Saturday, 1st Oct.** 10am until 1.30pm in the Cathedral (including reconciliation and mass). Coach leaves from Sacred Heart 8.30am and Sandbrook Way/Liverpool Rd at 8.45 am. Bring your packed lunch for the Cathedral room. Return coach leaves 1.45.

CURSILLO: eve of **Thurs 13th-Sun 16th Oct** at St Joseph's, Freshfield: 3 days for small group sharing, prayer time and retreat, with Catholic speakers and priests. Very friendly, faith and fun at its best. See Fr Tony, or Monica in office

IRENÆUS: see their website : Scripture mornings, a Community Choir on **28th Sept** at Great George's Road, Waterloo, then **Come and See Day** on **29th Oct** at Faith Primary School, Prince Edwin Street L5 with keynote speakers David Alton and Steve Atherton.

Supporting Families Sharing Faith: WYA Baptism: all families with Baptisms in the last two years are invited to a new, special friendly gathering with each other and our Christening team on Sunday 16th October after the 10.30 mass in St John Stone for sharing stories of life since...practical helps and tips for parenting in the faith.

GIFT(Growing In Faith Together) all welcome to Tuesdays 4th October 7.30pm in SJS Little Church: includes prayer and preparing for January's Living Christ Retreat.

**DIARY NOTE: PARISH OPEN FORUM,
TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 7/7.30PM**