

## OUR CATHOLIC WORLDWIDE MISSION

How blest we are to be part of God's Universal outlook, participating in a healthy, outward looking Vision of all human beings sharing in God's gifts with other species: one common home, one God, one Saviour of all.

**MISSIO:** carries out for us the solidarity we extend today in our prayer and money. MISSIO is the Pope's official charity for worldwide mission, to build up new church communities, support Catholic missionaries and fund faith and outreach projects which restore dignity and hope to vulnerable children and families. This year the focus is on beautiful, heart-rending healing for the broken-hearted in Rwanda.

**Red Boxes** with our 100+ holders continue this generosity throughout the year: thank you to you all and to our promoters working with Jennifer and Pat.

### AID to the CHURCH in NEED (ACN)

Founded on Christmas Day 1947, ACN supports the faithful wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need – supporting 5,000 projects throughout the world and providing regular updates from the suffering Church. Information is shared at each mass; you can subscribe to ACN personally, visit [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org), and look out for their brochure with beautiful religious products and Christmas Cards.

An ACN Information/Slide Session is open to all in SJS Church, this Saturday 7.30pm.

**WORLD GIFTS:** this ingenious idea works so well as a real WIN-WIN! You donate to CAFOD for a particular, named way of helping people overseas – CAFOD give you a Christmas Card and Certificate of what you have helped happen – you send it to whoever you decide as their gift, given to help people in the developing world.

**LAMP** is the Liverpool Archdiocese Missionary Project linked into South America: retiring collection and prayer support on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## LIVING OUR PARISH VISION

**THE PARISH OPEN FORUM is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 7/7.30pm in SJS Centre.**

All are invited so as to share responsibility for living out our Vision. Led by the Parish Vision Team with the Parish Priest, it includes:

- The **Parish Priest's Report** since the last Forum to prepare beforehand
- the **Agenda List** open now at the back of church for your suggested items for discussion.
- your suggestions for the **3 New Parish Charities:** one international, one national, one local. ...get them in to Monica in the parish office now.
- **Financial Accounting** of the two churches and SJS Parish Centre.

**OUR MISSION PRIORITY: - A WELCOMING COMMUNITY**

THANK YOU to Clare Mc Connell for leadership in our first **Learning Community** to develop Welcoming: any can come and join us at the next planning on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Parish House.....and watch this space!

### - WELCOMING TO MASS:

thank you to our greeters who are so important. More volunteers are welcome at this time of year.....

Our Apparitors are evolving in what they do, many thanks and watch this space.

## - WELCOMING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

A marvelous shared learning with the Churches Together in Ainsdale last week has inspired us for further learning: anyone who feels God is calling them to help guide our Church in this area can see Fr Tony. A further session is planned in the New Year.

**DEMENTIA LEARNING SESSION:** an hour's learning for confidence and kindness for those living with dementia is open to all this Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct at Sacred Heart from 2pm. Please let us know if you are coming (for hospitality purposes).

### - WELCOMING THE STRANGER

**Asylum Link Merseyside (ALM)** brings visitors for our next "Day Out In Southport" this Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Volunteers welcome: **planning Tues 25<sup>th</sup> 8.30**

### - WELCOMING THE BEREAVED

**November Lists:** you can put your **Names of Departed** and offering if you wish in an envelope now and hand in at the collection, or to the sacristy, or the office.

**Annual Commemoration Mass:** on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 7pm at Sacred Heart. All who have received ministry in HeartStone will be personally invited. Anyone can include the name of someone you have lost this last year, whether from HeartStone or not, in the **Candle Ceremony.** Hand in names to the Consolation Team, or Monica in the office.

## LIFELONG LEARNING and SPIRITUALITY

**THE YEAR OF MERCY:** continues with the "**Come & See**" **Day: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct** at Faith Primary School, L5: Keynote speakers David Alton & Steve Atherton, with workshops on the theme: "It is Mercy which changes the Heart". See poster.

**SCRIPTURE FOR MERCY:** Pope Francis has urged all Catholics to use the **Book of Jonah** so we invite all to special **Wednesday afternoon** sessions: **2.30pm for an hour on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

**MATTHEW'S GOSPEL:** Fr Denis McBride will lead a day on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am-4pm, in Holy Rosary, Aintree. A must for our readers: book a place via Monica.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** a practical retreat day for all involved in music - and any volunteers to start: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 10.30-3pm at Irenaeus in Waterloo

**Readers:** please confirm with the office you have read the record of the meeting  
**Ministers of Communion:** THANK YOU to all for your wonderful, vital sharing and the new customs will START on Sat/Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

## CHARITY AND SOCIAL CONCERN

**Improve Woodvale:** Our next meeting is at **Woodvale Community Assn (WACA)** on Meadow Lane on **Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.30pm.** Hear the latest from Sefton Council with Cllr Lynne Thompson; join the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, develop the Grot Spot

**LET'S LIVE WELL:** Coffee & Chat, SVP and Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure (ALL) – which is the new name for the work of Ainsdale Community Care – have joined forces ecumenically for this project to help stay at home as long as they want to as they age.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov: 10am in A.L.L: Cooking for One session

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 1pm SVP Hotpot in SJS Centre

**SVP meeting** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> at SJS 7.15pm

**THE FOODBANK** is still vital: Thursdays at ALL from 1pm. Donations welcome.