

**THE PARISH HOUSE AND LEADERSHIP**

**Sacred Heart Church (SH):**  
**483 Liverpool Road,**  
**Ainsdale, Southport,**  
**PR8 3BP**

**St John Stone Church & Parish Office (SJS):**  
**7 Sandbrook Way,**  
**Woodvale, Southport,**  
**PR8 3RN**

**Parish Priest: Fr Tony Slingo**

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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**

**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.

**New Parishioner?** Welcome! Please fill in a card from porch and leave it at Parish Office.

**SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY LIFE**

**Sociable Sunday** this afternoon, 3.30-5pm for company & chat in SJS Little Church/Red Room. All churches welcome. Cake donations welcome.

**OCTAVE choir concert "From Tears to Joy"**: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 7.30pm in SJS Church - a very special evening of spiritual music. This is a wonderful, unique opportunity to celebrate the gifts of the ecumenical choir and build up our local community involvement in very enjoyable music for all. Tickets £5, available now.

**Coffee Morning for Hospice Africa** at St John's CoE, Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10.30-12.30. Tickets (includes coffee & cake) £3 from Chris Collier, or on the door

**Our Next Super Events for our Parish Chosen Charities:**

**SH Quiz & Hot Pot Supper:** Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm. £5 including hot pot supper (bar available). Bring a team, or join a table.

**Aid to the Church (ACN):** leaflets explaining more about the work of ACN available in the porches. We will focus our donations on the charitable support of Christians in Erbil, in Iraq, with others who are in need with them there. Pretty A N Mother's Day cards are available in both porches

**Nugent:** we will focus our donations for good quality rooms for young people in Clumber Lodge. There are Nugent community houses in Woodvale for people with special needs which we hope to visit soon

Fri 31st March 2017, 11-12, we are invited to a "Dignity-tea morning" at Clarence High School, Formby, with their Performing Arts pupils, info: [Nicole.dunn@nugentcare.org](mailto:Nicole.dunn@nugentcare.org).

**Spinal Unit (SUAG)** restart monthly Thursday evening BBQs from May, to support patients and their families.

**Money Matters**

**Offertory envelopes** are available now to collect from the back of church. Please note that numbers have changed (look for your named envelopes). If you're new to the Parish and/or want Offertory envelopes, let Anne Coupe or Pete Byrne know. Start using your new envelopes on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April

COMBINED MONEY MATTERS			CAFOD Fast Day collection was £721.80 Lenten Alms go to local SVP
Offertory	S/Orders	Total	
£1234.93	£159.00	£1393.93	

19 <sup>th</sup> March – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent			
Yr A	LITURGY & SPIRITUAL LIFE	COMMUNITY LIFE & SERVICE	
	Scrutiny #1	Offertory envelopes available	
Sat	5pm Evening Prayer	SH	
Eve	<b>5.30 Mass: Monica Ginty (A)</b>	SH	
S	<b>9am Mass: People of the Parish</b>	SH	Hospitality after morning masses
U	<b>10.30 Mass: May Proctor (20 yrs A)</b>	SJS	3pm Spiritual Counsel SJS
N	4.30 Evening Prayer	SJS	3.30-5 Sociable Sunday SJS
	<b>5pm Mass: John Smith (SI)</b>	SJS	6pm Faith Sharing Group Ext.
Mon	9.15 Morning Prayer	SH	
	9.30 Liturgy of Word & Communion	SH	
	6.30 Meditation and Evening Prayer	SJS	
Tues	8.45 Adoration & Morning Prayer	SH	
	<b>9.30 Mass: Moira Ellison (T)</b>	SH	4pm Spiritual Counsel SJS
	6.30 Meditation and Evening Prayer	SJS	7.30 Training for Retreat Team Ext.
Wed	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	
	<b>9.30 Mass: Keith Jones (A)</b>	SJS	
	<b>2pm Lent Safari at SJS</b>	SJS	
	6.30 Meditation and Evening Prayer	SJS	5pm Clergy Prayer (open to all) St Joseph
	6.30 Stations of Cross led by Debbie Gerrard	SH	8pm Bingo SJS
	<b>7.30pm Lent Safari at SJS</b>	SJS	
	<i>7.30 NO Sharing Scripture</i>		
Thur	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	
	<b>9.30 Mass: Michael Goonan (LD)</b>	SJS	1pm Let's Live Well Lunch with SVP SJS
	followed by Adoration til 11		
	12.00 Spiritual Counsel	SJS	
	6.30 Meditation and Evening Prayer	SJS	6pm Brownies SH
	7.30 Come & See - led by Debbie Gerrard	SJS	
Fri	8.45 Adoration and Morning Prayer	SH	
	<b>9.30 Mass: Thanksgiving (Fr T)</b>	SH	
	4.30 Priests Spiritual Counsel	Ince	
	6.30 Meditation and Evening Prayer	SJS	
	7pm Stations of Cross led by Prayer Group	SJS	8pm Bingo SH
	<b>7.30 Mass:</b>	SJS	
Sat	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	9.30 <b>Community Breakfast &amp; Planting</b> SJS
	9.30 Liturgy of Word & Communion	SJS	Faith for Life, Wrightington Ext.
	Adoration til 11		<b>SH Quiz Night with Hot Pot Supper</b> SH
26 <sup>th</sup> March – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – Mothering Sunday			
	Scrutiny #2	Offertory envelopes available	
Sat	5pm Evening Prayer	SH	
Eve	<b>5.30 Mass: Ron &amp; Dorothy Coughlan</b>	SH	
S	<b>9am Mass: Fr Sean (T)</b>	SH	Hospitality after morning masses Ext.
U	<b>10.30 Mass: Maureen Blain (T)</b>	SJS	Faith for Life, Wrightington
N	4.30 Evening Prayer	SJS	
	<b>5pm Mass: People of the Parish</b>	SJS	

## CALLED TO SHARE IN EASTER GLORY

**Our Lenten living is looking forward lovingly to celebrating the Easter Triduum**

starting with 13<sup>th</sup> April: Maundy Thursday, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart

14<sup>th</sup> April: Good Friday at 3pm at St John Stone

15<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Saturday...personal and optional invites

16<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Vigil and Mass at 8pm at St John Stone.

Please consider signing up for the ministry lists for the Triduum... coming soon!

**Real Easter Eggs** are available from the back of church at the special price of £3.75 (RRP £3.99). The Meaningful Chocolate Company includes a story booklet about the resurrection and the real Easter. Perfect to share with family and friends this year

**Easter Cards** are available from the piety stall in the porches from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Beautiful designs and a good way to spread the word of Easter faith.

**New Catholics: Come and See** a dozen new people will be received as Catholics during the Easter Vigils as part of our Southport "Come and See". Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare during special Lent services: in HeartStone we welcome Maureen and Steve. They are joining others from the Archdiocese with Archbishop Malcolm on 1<sup>st</sup> April for a special **Retreat Day** at St Joseph's, Freshfield.

**Passover Meal:** this year it is on Monday of Holy Week in SJS Hall – please fill in a reply slip if you will be joining us this year (info needed for catering purposes).

## LIVING LENT LOVINGLY and PRAYERFULLY:

**Lenten Alms Box:** the donations box is just inside each church for contributions towards our Lenten Alms this year - for our parish SVP

**Soulcare Meditation:** this silent time with evening prayer is open to all each evening at 6.30pm. Also for the day or part of it from 11-4.30 on **Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April** and also open to all for quiet time on **Holy Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**Our Lady's Guild: Lenten Retreat Day** on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April in SJS, 9.30am-3pm, in St John Stone church and club. Open to all and all genders!

**St. Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby** : Contact: 01704 875850,

- "A Changing World, A Changing Church" with Bishop John Arnold of Salford Diocese Tuesday 21st March 10.30-4. £20 donation (includes lunch).
- "Growing in Love with the Healer of our Souls" on 29<sup>th</sup> March (led by Sr. Annie Lunney SMG). The day starts with community Mass at 10am.

## PASTORAL AREA UNITY:

**Holy Hour and Evening Prayer:** the priests of the Southport Pastoral Area invite you to join them at St Joseph's on this Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 5-6pm.

**Mass with Music Ministry:** Our representatives from the parishes joining for music ministry will serve at a Pastoral Area Mass at **St Marie's on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** will be an opportunity for us to pray and sing together.

**Southport Priests Leaving: Fr Gaine is Retiring!** Sunday **23<sup>rd</sup> April** at St Teresa's is his last mass: 10am with shared table to follow, all welcome. **Fr Phil Gregory** is reassigned to special ministry in support of priests and will be replaced in September.

## UNITY IN SHARING LEADERSHIP

**Our Parish Vision** is our way of unity, and to hold us on course in our work:

**The Parish Vision Team** shares with Fr Tony in the discerning and decisions. The next meeting is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Suggestions and feedback are welcome: use the box in the porch or email. There is an invitation for parishioners to join in to see what the team does: any requests?

**The Church Teams** meet monthly; at the recent one, thank you for the good critique of the accounting, social life planning and liturgical liaison. Maintenance demands are coming to the fore now: the hand-rail in SH, church lights in SJS

**The Parish Open Forum** is next on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. This is a good focus for us to clarify changes in the Archdiocese and Pastoral Area, and make our decisions for our continued implementation of the Parish Vision, from September 2017.

## SHARING IN THE MINISTRIES:

**Living Christ Retreat:** our volunteers for our own team go to the Irenaeus Centre on Tuesday 21st March for formation. On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April Fr Chris will lead a time on the **5 Ways of Sustaining Faith**. Open to all and the Pastoral Area.

**Thank You** for the wonderful Retreat day with Ministers of the Eucharist: watch this space for continued formation in Sharing Spiritual Leadership.

## MATTHEW'S GOSPEL: Seek the Pearl of Great Price

Fr Chris Thomas will lead us learn afresh about the purpose of the writer, the original audience and the relevant themes for us Christian disciples today. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 10am-4pm with light lunch, at SJS. No charge, although donations welcome.

## AINSDALE CHRISTIAN UNITY

**Lent Safari** this week is in HeartStone: on Wednesday at 2pm and repeated at 7.30pm in St John Stone Church. This 3<sup>rd</sup> theme in our series "Receiving Christ" helps us reflect on receiving Christ in Holy Communion and how we can do it these days!

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Covenant:** the clergy share a study day in May, we are committed anew to a shared work for people with mental illness, we are developing charitable work through "Let's Live Well Together". this Pentecost exchange pulpits for preaching, and celebrate the Ainsdale show with special gladness in July.

**COMMUNITY LIFE:** You are all warmly invited to the new venue of our Parish Centre at SJS for the now very popular free **Community Breakfast:** 25<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am. This time, everyone is invited also to stay and join in with the **Community Planting in Sandbrook Way**. Help us tidy the existing shrubs, plant bulbs, and remove any litter to **Improve Woodvale**. Stay for whatever time you can spare.

**Fr Sean's 50<sup>th</sup> Ordination Jubilee:** people who went to Edinburgh say it was well worth it and Fr Sean was so happy. Our contribution to him includes:

1. Envelopes are now available to make your donation to a gift to him from HeartStone.
2. We are inviting him down for a celebration – and Bingo! – and the best guess at the moment is the OLG Triduum after Easter. What do you think??