

THE PARISH HOUSE AND LEADERSHIP

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Part of the Southport Pastoral Area: <http://www.southportcatholicchurches.org>

SVP number for people in emergency need: **07340 836172**

Are you a new Parishioner? Welcome! Please fill in a card from the porch and

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY LIFE

NO Brownies now until Thursday 20th April

Our Lady's Guild Retreat Day: 8th April starting with Mass at 9.30am in SJS Church, then from 10-3pm in SJS Club. Please remember to bring yourself a packed lunch (tea and coffee provided).

Passover Meal on Monday 10th April at 7.30pm. *Reminder: this is a shared table.* Reply slips are at the back of church; RSVP by TODAY please

Sociable Sundays: at Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure (ALL) on 9th April at 3-4.30pm

Our Parish Chosen Charities:

Thank you! Sacred Heart Quiz last Saturday raised a fabulous **£300** for the three Parish Chosen Charities. Thank you to all who supported this.

Next SJS Social is an Abba tribute night Friday, 21st April. Tickets £12 on sale in SJS bar: going fast, so get yours now!

Around the Deanery

Reconciliation Services: St Marie's Tuesday 4th April 7pm; St Teresa's 7pm 10th April; Sacred Heart 7.30pm 11th April

Money Matters

Hospice Africa Coffee Morning: raised £460 for palliative care in sub-Saharan Africa.

Offertory envelopes: the new envelopes begin next Sunday 9th April. Envelopes are at the back of church. NB numbers have changed (look for your named box). Parishioners who want to begin using Offertory envelopes, please speak to Anne Coupe or Pete Byrne.

COMBINED MONEY MATTERS			<i>2nd Collection at SJS for Easter Flowers</i> <i>2nd Collection next week for Holy Places</i> <i>Lenten Alms go to local SVP</i>
Offertory	S/Orders	Total	
£896.69	£159.00	£1055.69	

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.

2nd April – 5th Sunday of Lent

Yr A	LITURGY & SPIRITUAL LIFE	COMMUNITY LIFE & SERVICE
Sat	4.45 Confessions 5pm Evening Prayer	Offertory envelopes available Hospitality after morning masses
Eve	5.30 Mass: E Vaughan (A) Liz Morton (LD)	
S	9am Mass: Francis Killough (Birth) with Patchwork	
U	10.30 Mass: Joyce Yates (A)	
N	12.30 Baptisms: Sebastian Ratchford, Sophie Darrigan 4.30 Evening Prayer 5pm Mass: People of the Parish	
Mon	9.15 Morning Prayer 9.30 Liturgy of Word & Communion 6.30 Meditation and Evening Prayer	7pm Church Team Meeting SH 7.15 SVP Meeting SJS
Tues	8.45 Adoration & Morning Prayer 9.30 Mass: Fr Sean 10.30 Funeral Service: Tony Manley 6.30 Meditation and Evening Prayer	2pm Church Team Meeting SJS 6pm Spiritual Counsel SJS 7.30 GIFT meeting SJS
Wed	9.15 Morning Prayer 9.30 Mass: Dorothy Houghton (LD) 6.30 Meditation and Evening Prayer 6.30 Stations of Cross led by Norma Lloyd 7.30 Sharing Scripture	2pm & 7.30 Lent Safari at Sacred Heart 3.30 Well-Being Team Meeting SJS 8pm Bingo
Thur	9.15 Morning Prayer 9.30 Mass: Ron Coughlan (S) followed by Adoration til 11 12.00 Ecumenical Clergy 4.30 Spiritual Counsel 6.30 Meditation and Evening Prayer	2.30 Training, Eucharistic Ministers SJS leading Word & Communion NO Brownies SH 7.30 Come & See SJS
Fri	8.45 Adoration and Morning Prayer 9.30 Mass: Mary Immaculate 6.30 Meditation and Evening Prayer 7pm Stations of Cross led by SVP 7.30 Mass: Refugees	8pm Welcoming the Stranger in RedRoom 8pm Bingo SH 8.30 Quiz SJS
Sat	9.15 Morning Prayer 9.30 OLG Mass: John Corlon (A) With Adoration til 11	10-3 Our Lady's Guild Retreat Day Club
9th April – PALM SUNDAY – Holy Week		
Sat	PALM SUNDAY	
Eve	5pm Evening Prayer	New Offertory envelopes begin
S	5.30 Mass: Pat Walsh	Hospitality after morning masses
U	9am Mass: People of the Parish	
N	10.30 Mass: Dick Fitzgerald	
	4.30 Evening Prayer 5pm Mass: Robert Gleeson (A)	

LENT THIS WEEK:

Looking towards the Holy Week in the Liturgy: statues of Saints are removed or covered from now on, to help us adjust out of our usual routines and concentrate our attention and learning, devotions and prayer on Jesus alone. The Scriptures of the masses guide our thinking as threats against him mount “in the gathering gloom”

NO Sharing Scripture /Laudato si this week, because all are urged to join in the **Ecumenical Lent Safari at Sacred Heart 2pm and again at 7.30pm**

This 5th theme in our series “Receiving Christ” will focus on prayer and fellowship.

HOLY WEEK

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY :next Sunday morning masses start in the halls at both churches for the solemn entry and procession into church with palms. Please bring some branches, pampas grass fronds and such to wave....

Ministry: please sign up to volunteer for the Holy Week Liturgies if space on the list

Passover Meal: Monday 10th at 7.30pm in SJS Hall – this involves participants bringing contributions for the shared table. Reply slips hand in NOW please.

Reconciliation and Healing: at St Teresa’s Church on Holy Monday at 7pm
Holy Tuesday 11th at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart.

Chrism Mass in Cathedral: Wednesday 12th at 7.30pm, transport leaves from St John Stone at 6.15pm. Please sign up if you want to come in the coach, or meet up together at the Cathedral.

EASTER TRIDUUM:

Maundy Thursday, 13th April: 7.30pm at Sacred Heart;

This mass honours Jesus giving of himself in the first Eucharist, and his loving service in his own life and through our Church’s commitments to Loving Outreach.

Good Friday 14th April: at 3pm at St John Stone

This Liturgy celebrates the victorious Sacrifice of Jesus to overcome all evil in Love and our continuation of his sacrifice in our lives with fasting, our commitments etc

Holy Saturday 15th April: personal options for spending Sabbath time in prayer, or join the meditation day at SH from 11–4.

Easter Vigil and Mass at 8pm at St John Stone 15th April

Come to the Vigil – the most important mass of the whole year! We celebrate the action of God throughout the whole of history culminating in the Resurrection of Jesus, and our sharing in that grace through faith and Baptism.

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.

SHARING IN LEADERSHIP FOR MISSION

The Parish Vision Team: Our team have been invited by the Archbishop and his council to share learning for others to develop parish leadership teams. Crosby churches are already exploring this. We have decided to hold **Joint Masses** for the feasts of Sacred Heart and St John Stone. Invitations to join the **Welcoming Group** will come out after Easter to continue the Welcoming Mission Priority.

The draft of the new **HeartStone welcoming pack** is being reviewed now, starting with **The Church Teams** meeting this Monday at 7pm and Tuesday at 2pm.

The Parish Open Forum: NB this date will be changed....and new dates announced soon for looking at the changes in our Pastoral Area, and another in July for looking more fully at our way forward on the West Coast.

The Living Christ Team: Thank You to our volunteers for a marvellous formation evening at Irenaeus. People are now discerning ways of contributing to the Retreat Ministry and meet again at GIFT this Tuesday April 4th at 7.30pm.

Spiritual Leadership: Ministers of the Eucharist will receive training for leading services with communion on Thursday 6th April at from 2.30pm in SJS church and future dates are being planned for formation in Sharing Spiritual Leadership.

UNITING TO SHARE IN EASTER GLORY

Improve Woodvale: Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm in SJS Club to celebrate together.

Fr John Gaine’s Retirement: Sunday 23rd April at St Teresa’s is his last mass: 10am with shared table to follow, all welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Triduum: begins on Wednesday 26th April and we hope Fr Sean will be able to accept our invitation to join us this year, as part of our celebration of his Golden Anniversary, and receive our donations, welcome from now.

Cursillo 3 Days; Friday 28th April at St Joseph’s, Freshfield: friendly time with other Catholics for growth and joy. A weekend sure to be a blessing. See Fr Tony.

5 Ways of Sustaining Easter Faith: On Saturday 29th April Fr Chris Thomas will lead a session at SH 9.30-1 then lunch. How to make the most of your faith and live a loving relationship with Christ. A good follow-on from the Living Christ retreat.

Ecumenical Barn Dance: this year on Saturday April 29th at Methodists

Sociable Sunday: this new, warm and welcoming gathering meets next Sunday 9th from 3pm at the Methodists A.L.L. and then again on Sunday 30th April. Open to all the churches and friends.

St Joseph’s 150th Anniversary: 13th May mass with Archbishop Malcolm

John Bell at Methodists: 13th /14th May as part of 150th Anniversary.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

Developments and opportunities are happening and everyone who wishes is invited to the next gathering on **Friday 7th April at 8pm in the Parish House** at St John Stone. Learn about new links with a visitors welcome centre, ecumenical partnerships, links with Formby, the next visit to Ainsdale on Maundy Thursday and the new Community Sponsorship scheme being promoted throughout our Archdiocese with the committed approval of our Trustees.