

**THE PARISH HOUSE AND LEADERSHIP**

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

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

**SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY LIFE**

**Coffee & Chat** for those who live alone, in Sacred Heart at 2pm, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

**Slimming World:** will meet in the Games Room on Tuesday Evening, 27<sup>th</sup> April

**Christian Aid Ceilidh, 29<sup>th</sup> April:** As part of the ecumenical fundraising for Christian Aid, Churches Together in Ainsdale invite you to a Ceilidh. Shared table, so please bring food to share. Tickets £10 available from Methodist Church Office.

**Social Walk: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** to Dunsop Bridge in the Ribble Valley, eating at the Lower Buck Inn. Limited places, so book early as it's a popular venue. The walk is not hard. Meet at 9am in SJS car park. ☎ Kevin on 566070 ✉ [kocsen@aol.com](mailto:kocsen@aol.com)

**Our Parish Chosen Charities events:**

**SJS Socials:** are rapidly becoming "sell out events", so get your tickets early! The Next SJS Social is a **Rat Pack tribute night on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. Tickets coming soon.

**SH Famous Coffee Morning & Plant Sale.** Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30-12.30. Plants, books, cakes and refreshments on sale. Admission free. Donations of books & cakes requested.

**Metropolitan Cathedral Anniversary Events**

**LightNight: Voices of the Metropolitan Cathedral – Rotation 18269, 7pm 19<sup>th</sup> May:**

Liverpool's citywide LightNight marks 18269 days since the Cathedral's Consecration in 1967. New-media artist Andy McKeown creates a new large scale light performance in collaboration with the Cathedral Choir, including music by Thomas Tallis, Olivier Messiaen and Arvo Pärt.

**Around the Deanery**

St Joseph's church celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Archbishop Malcolm will lead the Mass at 11am.

**Money Matters**

The Good Friday collection for Holy Places was £404.77. The Lenten alms collection which will benefit local SVP activities raised £113.80 Thank you for your generosity.

COMBINED MONEY MATTERS			Next 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection is on 7 <sup>th</sup> May for Priests' Training Fund
Offertory	S/Orders	Total	
£1457.57	£159.00	£1616.57	

**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.

**23<sup>rd</sup> April – 2nd SUNDAY of Eastertide**

Yr A	LITURGY & SPIRITUAL LIFE		COMMUNITY LIFE & SERVICE
Sat Eve	<b>St George's Day</b> 5.30 Mass: John MacLachlan (LD)		SH
S U N	9am	Mass: People of the Parish	SH
	10am	Fr John Gaine's Retirement Mass at St Teresa's (then shared table)	
	10.30	Mass: Tom Maguire (A)	SJS
	11.30	W Y A Team Meeting	SJS
	1.30	Divine Mercy at OLOL	OLOL
	5pm	Mass: Fred Vogel (LD)	SJS
Mon	9.15	Morning Prayer	SH
	9.30	Liturgy of Word & Communion	SH
		2pm Coffee & Chat	SH
Tues	8.45	Adoration & Morning Prayer	SH
	9.30	Word and Communion	SH
		6-9pm NHS using SJS hall 7.30pm Cursillo at Ultreya	
Wed	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel</b>		
	9.15	Morning Prayer	SJS
	9.30	Word and Communion	SJS
	6pm	W Y A Family Catechesis	SJS
	7.30	Sharing Scripture (led by Debbie Gerard)	SJS
*	7.30	Mass: Guild Members - Triduum #1	SJS
Thur	9.15	Morning Prayer	SJS
	9.30	Mass: Ellen Warren (RIP) followed by Adoration til 11	SJS
	7.30	Triduum #2	SJS
Fri	8.45	Adoration and Morning Prayer	SH
	9.30	Word and Communion	SH
	7.30	Triduum #3	SJS
		6pm Brownies 7pm SCCG meeting @ St Marie's 7-9pm NHS using SJS hall	SH
Sat	8.45	Adoration and Morning Prayer	SH
	9.30	Word and Communion	SH
	7.30	Triduum #3	SJS
Sat	9.15	Morning Prayer	SJS
	10.30	Mass: Marjorie Morley With Adoration til 11	SJS
		9.30-1pm Irenaeus: 5 Ways Day 7.30pm Ecumenical Barn Dance for Christian Aid – at Methodist Hall	SH
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of Eastertide</b>			
Sat Eve	5.30	Mass: Fr Sean	SH
S U N	9am	Mass: People of the Parish	SH
	10.30	Mass: Lynn Brighton (A)	SJS
	5pm	Mass: Harold & Barbara Glover 55 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	SJS
		Hospitality after morning masses  Cursillo retreat concludes	

## PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### **Divine Mercy Devotions: This afternoon:**

- OLOL, Hillside from 1.30pm with mass at 3.15pm.
- Our Lady's, Formby from 2.30pm with Mass at 4.00pm

**Cursillo 3 Days:** Fri 28<sup>th</sup> April-Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May at St Joseph's, Freshfield. A special, friendly time with other Catholics with Fr Tony. Sure to be a blessing and growth in confidence to our faith and mission.

**5 Ways of Sustaining Easter Faith:** on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> April Fr Chris Thomas leads a session at SH 9.30-1 then lunch. Encouragement in practical ways to make the most of your faith and have a loving relationship with Christ. A good follow on from the Living Christ retreat, but open to all. No charge, donations welcome.

**GIFT:** the monthly prayer group meets next on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm in SJS. We have agreed that the time in GIFT will be only for prayer and sharing. Formation and planning will be at separate times.

**SOULCARE Meditation:** the next monthly Saturday is 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**John Bell of the Iona Community** is at Ainsdale Methodists, Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm with inspirational talks on Christian living, for their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## SHARING IN SPIRITUAL MINISTRY

**Eucharistic Ministers** Mike and Mary have coached several Eucharistic Ministers to lead services of Word and Communion.

**Living Christ Team** volunteers continue their discernment. Please collect your Irenaeus handbooks. We meet next on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in SJS.

**Leading Funerals and Prayer Times** help is needed with these ministries: please talk to Fr Tony.

## UNITING for VISION and MISSION

**Fr John Gaine's Retirement:** Today is Fr John's last mass at St Teresa's: we pray for his long and happy retirement. **St Teresa's Parish** has joined with OLOL and St Joseph's: Fr Atli will decide whether mass times need to be amended.

**St Joseph's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** celebrations take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, with a mass at 11am led by Archbishop Malcolm.

**Our HeartStone Parish Vision** includes our commitment to the Southport Pastoral Area Plan and with these changes in Southport, and the Archbishop's recent request for all deaneries to look ahead and advise him, we have changed the date of the next Parish Open Forum so that all parishioners can share ideas:

the Southport Co-ordinating Group meets at 7pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at St Patrick's



parishioners from both Churches are warmly invited to join Clare McConnell to explore how we can become even more welcoming as a Parish. The meeting is at 7pm on 4<sup>th</sup> May in the Red Room at SJS. Please come and help us grow our mission of being a ***Welcoming Parish***

our Church Teams meet on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

the Parish Vision Team meet on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May



and all are invited to an extraordinary **Parish Open Forum** 7 for 7.30pm, on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** when we can talk together and see if any adjustments are helpful or possible.

**“Changing World; Changing Church”** Following Bishop John Arnold's talk, there is a follow up on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10.30-3.30 for those of us on **The West Coast** of the Archdiocese to talk together, again at St Joseph's, Freshfield