

**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,  
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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**

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

**Our Ladies Guild Mass**

You are warmly invited to join the Guild Mass at 7.30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, which will include a procession to Our Lady. Please bring a flower for the Lady Altar.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Anniversaries:** Congratulations to St Joseph's on 150 years, Our Cathedral on 50 years, signing the Churches Together in Ainsdale covenant 25 years ago, and Fatima apparition 100 years ago.

**Cathedral 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June thanksgiving and celebration mass, 11am

**Harp and Soul Concert** at St Elizabeth's, Scarisbrick at 7.00 pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Tickets: £8 from: Kath 880826 or Mary 07484151376

**Social And Community Life**

**Flash-Planting Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** a morning of beautifying Sandbrook Way! Come and help with planting and tidying from 10.30 to 12. Refreshments by Ainsdale Family Church.

**Foodbank Appeal:** Thank you for your Foodbank items so far – supplies are still low, so any further non-perishable food donations would be very welcome. Suggested items list and donation point at the back of both churches.

**MRANG Visit 31<sup>st</sup> May:** Kay Slater preparing for a social visit to Southport, can you help?

**KSC's** sponsored Sea Wall Walk: this afternoon. 5 miles: Pier to sandworks & return, resting half way. Registration 1pm, walk starts 2pm at Marine Drive Ocean Plaza Frontage.

Sponsorship envelopes available

**Our Parish Chosen Charities:**

**Spinal Unit Action Group (SUAG)** would *you* please represent the Parish at the SUAG barbecue on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30pm? Meet in-patients in a relaxed social setting. Do let Monica know if you are able, and pray for good weather for that date.

**Money Matters**

Priests' Training Fund: £388.28 - *Thank you for your continued generosity*

| COMBINED MONEY MATTERS |                 |          |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Offertory              | Standing Orders | Total    |
| £899.71                | £159.00         | £1014.71 |

**HeartStone: the paired Parish of  
Sacred Heart & 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.

**14<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide - Dementia Awareness Week**

| Yr A   | LITURGY & SPIRITUAL LIFE   | COMMUNITY LIFE & SERVICE  |
|--|--|---|
| Sat  | <b>5.30 Mass: Cathedral Thanksgiving</b> SH  | Hospitality after morning masses<br>1pm registration for<br>2pm KSC Sponsored Sea-Wall Walk<br>3pm Sociable Sunday                            |
| S  | <b>9am Mass: People of the Parish</b> SH   |   |
| U  | <b>10.30 Mass: Marjory Morley (LD)</b> SJS   |   |
| N  | 12.30 Baptisms: Ava Tully & Adrian Hadamus SJS   |   |
|  | <b>5pm Mass: Joseph Forshaw</b> SJS<br>or Liturgy of Word & Communion  |   |
| Mon  | <u>Our Lady of Fatima</u><br>9.15 <b>Rosary</b> 9.30 Word & Communion SH   |   |
| Tues   | 8.45 Adoration & <b>Rosary</b> SH<br><b>9.30 Mass: Sr Yvonne (SI)</b> SH<br>7.30 Fr Chris: "Praying with Dementia" St Patricks   | 10-1 Dementia Learning Day @ ALL<br>1pm Ince Theology Group<br>7 for <b>7.15 Parish Open Forum</b> SH   |
| Wed  | 9.15 <b>Rosary</b> SJS<br><b>9.30 Mass: Anna Cooper (LD)</b> SJS<br>11, 12 & 5.30 Spiritual Counsel SJS<br>7.30 Sharing Scripture SJS<br>8pm Lectio Divina: Acts Ch 8: 5-8, 14-17 SJS  | 11-12.30 Songs We Remember – at<br>St Thomas of Canterbury, Waterloo<br>8pm Bingo SJS   |
| Thur   | 9.15 <b>Rosary</b> SJS<br><b>9.30 Mass: Patricia MacLachlan (LD)</b> SJS<br>followed by Adoration til 11<br><b>11.30 Interment – Patricia MacLaghlán</b> SH<br>4.30 Spiritual Counsel SJS  | NO Brownies at SH<br>6.30pm Faith Sharing Group   |
| Fri  | 8.45 Adoration and <b>Rosary</b> SH<br><b>9.30 Mass: Dave Grimley (T)</b> SH<br>5pm Priest's Spiritual Direction Ext<br>6.30 Contemplative Meditation SJS<br><b>7.30 OLG Mass: Guild Members</b> SJS<br><i>with procession – please bring a flower</i> | 10-4 Dementia Conference LACE<br>19 <sup>th</sup> –21 <sup>st</sup> May Irenaeus: L22<br>"I will not leave you or desert you"<br>8pm Bingo SH |
| Sat  | 9.15 <b>Rosary</b><br><b>9.30 Mass: Anthony Grimley (A)</b> SJS<br>With Adoration til 11 SJS   | Walking Group leaves for Tuscany<br><b>10.30 "Flash-Planting to Improve Woodvale"</b> SJS<br>4-6pm Messy Church at St John CoE Club           |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide</b> |  |   |
| Sat  | <b>5.30 Mass: Fr Killian, OSA (A)</b> SH   | Hospitality after morning masses<br>1pm registration for<br>2pm KSC Sponsored Sea-Wall Walk<br>3pm Sociable Sunday                            |
| Eve  | <i>Starting Holy Communion at 9&amp;10.30 Masses</i>   |   |
| S  | <b>9am Mass: People of the Parish</b> SH   |   |
| U  | <b>10.30 Mass: Tom Justice (A)</b> SJS   |   |
| N  | <b>5pm Mass: J &amp; J Gorman, J Watton (A)</b> SJS  |   |

## SPIRITUALITY of EASTERTIDE

**FOLLOWING CHRIST** is clearer in this time of year: where he has gone we are to follow. To share in the **Glory of God that he lives now**, to share out the work of **his Love that he guides us in now**, to **live with the Gift of God's Holy Spirit** that he has sent. Christ goes on ahead of us, and calls us to the Future in God's Promise: we celebrate our faithful following in the Liturgy and Living the Mission.

### **FOLLOWING IN THE LITURGY:**

Our Eastertide liturgy leads us to the Ascension and Christ's entrusting his Mission to the Disciples. Then **Pentecost** on June 4<sup>th</sup> is the celebration of the Spirit given to us in manifold ways to share in the work of the Kingdom among us.

### **FOLLOWING IN LIVING THE MISSION**

**HeartStone Leadership Teams:** thank you to the Church Teams and the Parish Vision Team who met last week and continue to help marvellously with Fr Tony guiding the work of the Parish Vision. This is a particularly important time because of **the Archbishop's Request** that we all look ahead and help him decide how best to serve our Church's mission locally, with the guidance of these questions:

1. How can we do this with fewer people at Mass and fewer priests?
2. What is the best use of our resources, priests, people and buildings?

**The Archbishop's letter** and some statistics are at the back of both churches: you can write to the Archbishop via our Dean, Fr Atli Jónsson, 40 York Road, Southport PR8 2AY, or via email: [ajonsson@btinternet.com](mailto:ajonsson@btinternet.com)

**The PARISH OPEN FORUM** meets **this Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May; 7pm for 7.15 start in Sacred Heart hall.** All are asked to attend and the agenda list is published now and open for suggestions, including

- Thinking over this year's Easter Liturgy, and the Parish Vision so far
- looking together at changes in the Pastoral Area already and the Archbishop's request for help.
- NB sorry about errors last week: it should have said: Fr Mark Moran from **Knotty Ash** comes to **Holy Family** in September to replace Fr Phil Gregory

**Changing World; Changing Church: The WEST COAST:** Following Bishop John Arnold's talk, there is a follow up on Tuesday 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 to find fresh ways for faith to flourish. Please let us know if you can come, lunch provided, £20 donation welcome, concluding with Mass.

### **Southport's Pastoral Area Planning Team**

**The Missionary Outreach Team** meets on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at SJS at 7.30 and is open to everybody to extend the invitation to "Come & See" and discern further ways of becoming Missionary Parishes.

**SCCG: the Representatives** meet on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Holy Family. New Representatives from our two Churches are needed now.

**HeartStone Priorities: Welcoming:** Sacred Heart will welcome all to a joint celebration of the **Feast Day Mass** of Sacred Heart on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June: with **one mass at 10am**, including a celebration of our Welcoming Ministry. St John Stone will do likewise in October. **Preparation & help** will be arranged at the meeting on Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in SH church, open to all volunteers.

**Digging Deeply: Reading Wisely:** strategies for exploring John's Gospel. A talk led by Dr Ian Boxhall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at LACE, 10-4. £15 including lunch.

**Living Christ Team** our volunteers continue their discernment. Please collect your Irenaeus handbooks. Thank you to our fine volunteers who have signed up. We meet for formation next on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

### **SHARING IN MINISTRY Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Annual Renewal of Ministry** takes place on **Corpus Christi Sunday**; watch this space for further development of Lay Ministry with **Ministers of the Eucharist.**

### **SPIRITUALITY DURING MAY**

**Our Lady's Guild Mass:** You are warmly invited to the Guild Mass at 7.30pm on Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May, with a procession to Our Lady. Please bring a flower for the Lady Altar.

**Messy Church for Children:** glue, glitter & God! Bring your children for a way of learning about God in a fun, crafty, messy way. At St John's CoE, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 4-6pm  
**Starting Holy Communion:** Next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, we welcome the children in our "With You Always" who are starting Holy Communion with us at the 9am mass at Sacred Heart and the 10.30am mass at St John Stone. The Holy Chalice is offered to last year's holy communicants, starting on 18<sup>th</sup> June. Please give your children's names in to the Parish Office now: watch this space for the dates for Catechesis.

**Annual Mass for Healing** at the Cathedral. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May starting 7pm with Bishop Tom Williams as main concelebrant. All welcome.

This is **National Dementia Awareness Week.** As a Parish, and as an Archdiocese, we are committed to developing a Dementia friendly community. We can announce:

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May: morning of talks including **veterans stories, photo-stories and memory boxes**, 10-1pm including lunch, at Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure
- LACE's **Dementia Awareness Conference** Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May 10-3pm: who wants to go?
- **Praying with people with Dementia** led by Fr Chris Thomas: at St Patricks, 7.30pm this Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May.
- **Community Choir** this Wednesday 11-12.30 (and 31 May). "Songs We Remember", for those living with dementia and their carers at St Thomas of Canterbury, Waterloo
- **Reminiscence Group** Tuesdays from 20<sup>th</sup> June 10-11 at Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure
- **HeartStone Wellbeing Group:** Thank you to Jennifer and Gerard for helping Fr Tony and Declan include people with mental health challenges, raise awareness and deflect "challenging behaviour". Safeguarding is included in this group, which next meets on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30pm in Red Room

**IRENÆUS: "I will not leave you or desert you"** A journey through the Book of Joshua **and its relevance to us**, led by Fr Chris Thomas at Irenaeus. Fri 19<sup>th</sup>-Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May. Book by phone with Jenny on 0151 949 1199.