

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”

19th January – 2nd Ordinary Sunday – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Liturgy & Spiritual Life		Community Life & Service		
S a t S U N	5.30 Mass: Mena Toohey SH	<i>Synod Theme #3 Launches</i>		
	9am Mass: Canon Albert Shaw (90 B) SH	Hospitality after Sunday morning Masses		
	10.30 Mass: Syd & Frances James (Wedding A) SJS			
	5pm Mass: People of the Parish SJS	2pm J&P Memorial Lecture	LACE	
6.30 Better Together Christian - Unity service	ext	3pm Unity Prayer: Anglican Cathedral	ext	
Mon	9.15 Morning Prayer	SH	9.30 Unity Prayer: St John CoE	ext
	9.30 Mass: Canon Albert Shaw (B)	SH		
Tues	7.30am Ecumenical prayer; St Patrick's	ext	9.30 Unity Prayer: Village Church	ext
	8.45 Adoration 9.15 Morning Prayer	SH	11.30 CtK Chaplaincy	ext
	9.30 Mass: Fr Daniel O'Leary (A)	SH	4.30 Full Governors Meeting	CtK
			6pm Brownies	SH
			7.30 SJS Church Team	SJS
Wed	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	9.30 Unity Prayer: Methodists	ext
	9.30 Mass: Austin Collier (B)	SJS		
	10.30/12.30 Spiritual Counsel	SJS	1pm Place2Be/Community market	SJS
	11.00 Requiem: Helen Bolton	SH	7 for 7.15 CTiA Covenant	ext
7.30pm Sharing Scripture	SJS	8pm SJS Bingo	SJS	
Thur	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	Blood Donors Sessions	SJS
	9.30 Mass: Barbara Heaton (LD)	SJS	9.30 Unity Prayer: St John Stone	SJS
	Adoration til 11.00		1.30 Ainsdale Foodbank	ext
	1.30 Youth Team meeting	SJS	7pm Bowls	SJS
	4pm Priests Spiritual Counsel	ext	7pm Youth Mission Tour Helpers	SH
			9pm Live Music in SJS Club	SJS
Fri	8.45 Adoration 9.15 Morning Prayer	SH	9.30 Unity Prayer: Woodvale Chapel	ext
	9.30 Mass: Edna Kirkness (LD)	SH	7 for 7.30 Burns Night <i>for Live To Learr</i>	SJS
	1pm Requiem: Irene Page	SJS	7.45 SH Bingo	SH
Sat	9.15 Morning Prayer	SJS	10.30 Faith Sharing Group	Ext
	9.30 Mass: Dick Fitzgerald (A)	SJS		
	Adoration til 11			

19th January – 3rd Ordinary Sunday – Peace Sunday

S a t S U N	5.30 Mass: Joan Bakewell (LD) SH	<i>Synod Drop-in & hospitality after Sunday morning Masses</i>	
	9am Mass: Patrick Kelly SH		
	10.30 Mass: People of the Parish SJS	1.30 Holocaust Memorial Service,	
	5pm Mass: Bernard Kay (A) SJS	Christ Church, Southport	
			ext



Key: A=Anniversary, B=Birthday, LD=Lately Dead, PI=Personal Intention, S=Sick or Struggling, ILM=In Loving Memory SI=Special Intention T=Thanksgiving, SH=Sacred Heart, SJS=St John Stone, ext=external, CtK=Christ the King School, ALL=Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure

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Flying by the seat of my bike: thoughts of a Pastoral Associate

On 27th January Animate Youth Ministries visits Christ the King School to present a programme about the Sacrament of Confirmation. *Called by Name* introduces the Archdiocesan Confirmation Programme for diocesan schools in preparation for Confirmation of young people in 2021. Pupils in Catholic Secondary Schools will follow a programme of study in their RE lessons. For those in non-Catholic schools there will be a preparation day at Lowe House, St. Helens on 29th Feb 2020, 10am-1pm. Do you know a young person Year 8 and above who wants to be confirmed? Please point them to me in the parish office! *Eleanor*

CAN YOU HELP WHEN LIFE SAYS "HELP"?

Foodbank needs: cereal, tea, coffee, sugar, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving items, deodorant... in order to give help on Thursdays 1.30pm at the Methodist Centre, Ainsdale.

Dementia Friends are running a free 45-minute session in basic dementia awareness at Southport Fire Station, Manchester Road on Friday 31 Jan, 10.30am.

The Place2Be in SJS hall, helping people each Wednesday, 1-2. Come for a bowl of soup, food, company, advice and the community market with knock-down prices

SOCIAL LIFE

Make Music in SJS lounge: 9pm **Thursdays** til 12 Feb. Come and play/sing/tap your feet!

Burns Night Friday 24th Jan 7 for 7.30pm (*for Live to Learn charity*): **SOLD OUT**

Walking4Fun: goes to the Pennines on Saturday 4 Feb. Let Kev O'Callaghan know if you want to go along. kocsen@aol.com

Missio Envelopes: please bring your Missio envelopes to church as soon as possible. Many thanks for your dedication to this excellent way of helping

GIFT AID: The painless way to increase your charitable donations by 25% at no extra cost to you. Thanks to those who already do... and if you do pay tax, please sign up with Anne Coupe or Clare McConnell

Offertory: £958.23 – with thanks

Combined Gift Aid Tax Rebate: £12173

LIVING THE LITURGY

People need to be shown who Jesus is and what he can do!

John the Baptist speaks to point out Jesus as God's chosen One, God's Servant, sent to be saviour. Can we continue pointing others to Jesus, to God, to living the faith?

The Holy Spirit came to Jesus to equip him with the love and knowledge for doing God's work in the world – the same Spirit does the same equipping in us as well.

Our faith is precious and can help others live life well – if only we can share faith with others, show how much it matters to us and how it helps.

Thank God Christians are more united in our times in showing others faith in Christ.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: This is the Annual, National Week of Prayer

May this 3rd decade of the 3rd Millennium of Christ's mission be fruitful in unifying us.

Our Liturgy this Sunday includes our Ecumenical Covenant and visiting preachers.

In Southport: "Better Together" is our Southport gathering from more than 20 churches at 6.30pm in Leyland Rd Methodist church this Sunday evening: urging all who are called by God to serve increased unity to gather for prayer and solidarity in service.

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group continues weekly at 7.30am for an hour.

This week Churches Together in Ainsdale invites us to join at 9.30am each day for prayers in the different churches, praying for aspects of Christian mission: see the front page.

CTiA Covenant Committee meets this Wednesday at 7.15 at Woodvale Chapel. Mike Thornber, Annette Wilkinson, Gerard Lavin and Valda Dilworth are our reps.

In the Archdiocese evening prayer today is with both Bishops in the Anglican Cathedral at 3pm for Ecumenical Prayer, and Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald is speaking.

The Ecumenical Commission: Fr Tony is now a member and meets on 5th Feb with the Archbishop's team to further our Church's mission of Unity.

Nationally we join with all Christians at Pentecost time in praying the Our Father for 8 days for healing of the wounds of history and increased Christian Unity.

"One Bread, One Body" is the text of our Catholic Bishops' official teaching on when other Christians can share in Catholic Communion at mass. Have you got Fr Tony's copy of this CTS booklet....he cannot remember to whom he lent it!

SYNOD 2020

The 3rd theme, "How we pray together", begins today until 15th February.

We are all asked to consider proposals for how our church can improve on helping each other in prayer, liturgy, worship, sacraments and the life of holiness.

The Theme Leaflet is given to each today; **Prayer Stations** are in both churches for you to pray and offer proposals; **On-line** you can submit your own proposal - synod2020.co.uk

Next Sunday please stop by after Mass to make your proposals and talk over things together in our **Drop In Sessions**.

HeartStone Members met on Tuesday for discernment and will submit our Theme #2 proposals to the Archbishop's team: 5 from each church.

Southport Members meet on 28th January in Holy Family to continue mutual support.

GROWING IN FAITH



The Living Christ Retreat is on Friday evening 28th/Saturday 29th Feb. This might be a leap year of faith for some – and joyful deepening for others. Sign up now to do something special for Lent: talks and friendly discussions led by parishioners, time for prayer and ending with mass. Come and appreciate the gift of faith and the blessings it brings. **Gina Steed** is our team leader. **Anne Pickup** leads prayer support. **Invitation Cards** are in the porches for all, and **Invitations are going to other churches** with Margaret Gleeson and others. **Our team bonding and formation** continues with table listeners this week. **Please join in our prayer** at weekday adoration times.

MISSION TO YOUNG PEOPLE

In the first week of March gospel groups come to our high schools to encourage the young to value faith and share love with Christ. At the **Floral Hall on Friday evening 6th March** there is an additional concert for teenagers to enjoy and hear the call of God. We are looking for **volunteers** to help run the events, befriend the young and encourage them to practice the faith. **This Thursday 23rd Jan** at 7pm in Sacred Heart Hall we meet to share more information, pray and prepare for this very exciting mission time. We have donated a lot of money and people's time to support this venture, trusting to God's Spirit, and need to have follow-on support for the young after March.

FAITH DOING JUSTICE

Modern Slavery: the J&P Memorial Lecture, "Stop Human Trafficking", at LACE, L17 1AA this afternoon 2-4pm is a start for our involvement. Transport available.

NEXT SUNDAY we will celebrate Peace Sunday, and also next Sunday is the **Annual Holocaust Memorial Service** at Christ Church Southport at 1.30pm

MINISTRY:

2020 Missals are now available for Readers in the porch – do ask if these run out.

Eucharistic Minister Training: Sat 25th Jan, Sat 23rd May, Sat 18th July, Sat 3rd Oct – all at Irenaeus, Waterloo, 9.15am–4.30pm, with lunch. Let us know if you want to go.

A Review of Children's Liturgy is underway and planning for February on continues, meeting for those who can on Thursday at 10am.

Catechists are offered ongoing formation with creative conversations: see Fr Tony

Bereavement Care: our team are welcome to join the **Bereavement Journey** - 6-week free course from Tues 21 Jan, 10.15-12 at Methodists. Covering: death in our culture; the pain of grief; adjusting to change. Book on 07767159684

Hospital Ministry: Southport & Ormskirk Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice

In-patients can ask the Catholic Chaplaincy to visit, to bring Holy Communion, pray with you and offer pastoral support, or call a priest for Sacrament of the Sick or Confession.

Relatives or staff can contact Maria Parker, Hospital Chaplain on 07467 374830.

When you need a priest urgently please ask the ward staff to call him.

Eucharistic Ministers and Priests give generously of their time. In 2019 Catholic 3,588 patients were visited: around 300/month. The priests responded to 210 calls to the dying. It is uplifting that we are called to see so many people, which affirms our beliefs in Jesus, the Bread of Life and our Healer. *Maria Parker, Hospital Chaplain*