



HeartStone: the parish of Sacred Heart & St John Stone, Ainsdale



Living the Love of Christ: everyone welcome, everyone matters, everyone involved

Sunday 15th May 2022 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Liturgy & Spiritual Life			Community Life & Service	
Sat eve	5:30 pm Mass: Doreen Jones (LD)	SH	Christian Aid Week	
Sun	10:30 am Mass: People of the Parish	SJS	Hospitality after Mass	Communions at Home
Mon	St John Stone is open on the code daily for your praying 9: 45am Morning prayer daily in church of daily mass		09:30 Counters 11:00am CAP job club	SJS St John C of E
Tue	07:30 Ecumenical prayer group 10:00am Mass: Survivors of Sexual Abuse	Community Church SH	Fr Tony Hospital Ministry week 7:00pm St John Stone club open 7:00pm Bingo	
Wed	11:00 - 12:00 Holy Hour with Exposition 12.00 Mass: Tony Brookes (LD) 3:00 Fr Tony Spiritual council	SJS SJS Ext	10:45 St John Stone Gardeners from Bridge Inn 11:00 – 12:00 Place2Be Community mkt 4.30 Impact Youth 7.00 pm St John Stone Club open	SJS SJS Hall Methodists Social club
Thur	10:00 Mass: Eileen Battersby (LD) 11:00 Funeral service for Mary Pantellerisco	SH SH	1:00 – 3:00pm Ainsdale Foodbank 7.00pm St John Stone club open	Methodists SJS
Fri	10.00 Mass: Steponitis Family (ILM)	SJS	Cleaning Team 4:00 Vision Team meeting	SJS SJS
Sat			7.00pm St John Stone club open	SJS

Sunday 22nd May 2022 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Sat eve	5:30 pm Mass: People of the Parish	SH	7:00pm Private function	SJS social club
Sun	10:30 am Mass: Tom Justice	SJS	Hospitality after Mass	

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Thanksgiving: the heart of defiance in Ukraine – the Christian Spirit in Britain

Our Sick: parishioners in care homes, Jean Sullivan, Johan Turner, Robin Bond,

For all our Dead, and those recently:

LIVING THE WORD AND THE LITURGY

As the years of living Easter faith passed, the first Christians came to realize God was doing a “New Creation”!

In the new beginning, God said “Let there be Resurrection.”

And the Holy Spirit followed the command and raised Jesus from the dead and gave him the Trinitarian Life.

Evening came and morning came: the first step.

Then God said, “Let the others follow.....show yourself to them, that they may recover hope, trust again the Promise you brought to them while in the flesh and be lifted up themselves to taste the Trinity life.”

And so, it was – for 50 days the Risen Christ appeared and taught, forgave, and healed, tutored and midwifed their new life. Evenings came, and mornings came. The next step, and it was good.

And God said “ Entrust to them what I entrusted to you, that they may be drawn more and more into the world’s new prospect, from sharing in our Trinity Love. Love them, learn them, let them go – into the whole world as the light of all the nations.”

And so it was that when the Risen Christ returned to the Father for Glorification, his Ascension released the descent of their Holy Spirit, to continue in the Christians the Resurrection Era: to live the Easter life and to Christen all Creation. **The next step – and God saw that it was good, it was very good.**

And who would have thought the start of this New Creation, alive with the Word and the Spirit of God, would meet with such confusion, clashes, and crucifying rejection! That such agonies of birth would continue for Christians – as it had for the Christ. But so, it did – and so it does! Eras came, and eras went: the next steps a plenty....”yet the darkness has not overpowered the light”

The persecutions and the martyrdoms came and went – blood and joy and yet seeds sown.

The Roman Empire and the Christendom Empire came and went – power and yet impotence interned.

The Papal States and the Monarchical mindsets came and went – in church and states, and yet passed away

And Democracy and dreams of equality arose and survive so far – and United Nations makes a good start for unity against war, all religions united in service for holiness and peace....and through it all councils came, and synods came, and the Second Vatican Council arose, globally as never before. And God saw that it was good, very good.

And God permitted the Covid pandemic to arise and spread! So many hopes and happiness shattered, 50 million maybe dead through, or related to, the Covid 19 and its spawn. This much? Is free will valued this much? Covenant of partnership prized so much above superstitious magical miraculous? Is salvation worth so much loss of safety? Is it necessary that the people of God should so suffer...? Yet the Covid exposed for our wake up so many places in other crises of humanity where

the Risen Good Shepherd today urges us still to progress into the New Creation:

- human rights for all – dignity
- equality and ecological mission – work
- wealth and learning to be shared – potential
- violence to be abandoned as antiquated – the new has already begun, do not fight it

And dare we declare that God said “Let the Spirit of Synodality arise and spread among my people –

Let the Shepherd sent for all lead the 3rd Millennium to fresh forms of Resurrection life.”

And statements came, and statements went – but let us begin with Liverpool!

While war on our doorstep returned, unbelievably, the Synodal Shepherd summons us even so:

- to value the Easter life that only the Spirit is sprouting
- dare to demand more Springtime from such a cultured country
- be grounded and motivated in the Word of God for our times

Because He is Risen, so are we. Alleluia.

LITURGY IN EASTERTIDE

The liturgy – especially gathering for mass – remains the consummate, communal means for us to be sustained in our Easter living. There is no substitute for personal prayer, but appreciation of the Eucharist is central, and included as vital in the Synodal renewal actions. **Let us encourage each other in the risk and the responsibility of returning to mass together:**

Saturday 5.30pm at Sacred Heart; Sunday 10.30am at St John Stone

The Sunday 10.30 is available by zoom also in your home: you only need a device to link to the internet:

the link comes in the newsletter, or ask from the office, and Val can help to set you up.

Thanks to Debbie, Anne, and Andrew for their service.

Can you offer a lift to someone? e.g., to Margaret Gillow, 15 Moor Lane for 10.30? Do contact the office

Do you need a lift? We will try to help...contact the office.

Mobility struggles? Do still come to join us – tell the greeters and we can bring you communion in your place.

Still need social distancing? Fine – tell the greeters and they will guide you to special spaces.

Holy Communion to your home is on offer again for those housebound – either at your door or the minister can come inside safely. Do let us know in the office.

Greeting ministry is adjusting now with a **Co-ordinator and a Greeter** at each mass. thanks to Chris Hawkhead for leading on this vital role and its adjustment now to new times.

Ministry of Readers are now urged to return now if you are coming, and new offers of service very welcome, and thanks to Anne Mc Hale for the rota work.

Ministers of Eucharist are needed more and more now, and new offers of service are welcome for the mass, for Eucharistic Services, and communion to people's homes also. But do what you can manage is ok. Thanks to Mike Thornber for co-ordinating this ministry.

Music Ministry is an obvious challenge to develop anew now, and offers to serve with instruments, singing, and using internet are welcome as we look ahead. Thanks to Val Stroud for continuing now to liaise in this ministry with all involved.

- **THE SUNDAY MASS - SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM LINK for 10.30am Mass in St John Stone Church:**

Meeting ID: 814 7477 2817 Passcode: 554150

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81474772817?pwd=THBOU2hPQ3Q2WmJ6SmNTdHVZOUtKdz09>

OUR REVISED FORMAT from now on will include the distinctive phases of gathering, liturgy of the Word, and Eucharist. The altar will be bare from the start of mass. Following the gathering rites of joining together, we focus on the Word of God for us, then after the Prayers of the Faithful, dress the altar for the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion.

LIVING WITH COVID SAFELY

The Archbishop and his advisors have published new guidelines for pastors to decide upon from April 27th. In the light of these, and considering our circumstances with the Vision Team, in our parish I have decided that from now on:

- each person please grapple boldly with both the unavailability of RISK and the necessity of RESPONSIBILITY
- our responsibility of care to others involves day to day hygiene and safety, and please avoid mass if you have tested positive or have symptoms
- relaxing restrictions now extends to most matters, but still limiting risk where there is a real threat these days
- **mask wearing is now optional** which means you may want to, and others may also
- **sanitising hands is optional**, but sanitiser will be on offer for those who choose
- **finding your own seat is now back** – as long as people DO NOT sit on the end of benches when there is space inside, and people progress into front benches do not stay at the rear
- **coming to communion will not be ushered now** but please join the procession when the bench in front of you has come out, keeping things orderly and slowly reverent
- **at the end of mass, leave when you wish** – but please keep moving to avoid bunching and close gathering inside!
- **hymn books will now be given** out by the greeters as you come to mass, and we ask you return them the porch when you leave
- **the collection** will continue with the basket at the entrance to church; **holy water** is now available; **candles** can now be used for prayer as before, at times to suit yourself; **the piety stall** will return
- **I will continue to review : the sign of peace** as contactless unless negotiated among bubbles
these changes of personal seating if they don't work as outlined

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

The necessity and yet difficulties of TOGETHERNESS are a principal issue in today's culture and in our Easter living.

We continue to offer ways of mutual growth through the Living Christ Ministry:

- **spiritual counsel** is also available at times arranged by you, to talk over how things are going, or anything you want to find out more about
- **Faith Sharing Groups** are strongly recommended by all movements for growing in faith. Help is on offer.
- **The next Living Christ Retreat** is Friday 30th September evening and Saturday 1st October all day, at St John Stone Parish Centre. Anne Pickup is starting to gather the team now.

SOCIAL LIFE

Christian Aid Week 15th May – 21st May

Our Church Halls are valuable and used by parish groups and locals also. Thank you to Cath Barry for managing Sacred Heart hall and bookings. BINGO on Tuesdays there is a welcome service to many, thanks to Peter and Frances Byrne and helpers.

How can we increase the use of St John Stone's lounge and hall by parish or local groupings? With things like the **Coffee and Chat** monthly at SH, and the new Chattering Club at Formby?

St John Stone's Club is still in crisis mode and a serious concern!

Our research show the finances are dire and demanding a decision time for closing if we cannot find answers:

- additional income for surviving with paid manager and bar?
- volunteers able and available in future to run and organize use of premises?
- cover of expenses of lighting, heating, cleaning, security of day to day running and the costs of renewing heating

Many thanks to Donna our manager who is being very strong and helpful in what is now crisis mode. And to Irene Walker for convening the Social Life team. Is anyone wanting to serve Sacred Heart Social life?

The Club is now open weekly from 7.00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for casual use by all and every evening for booked personal events.

Liverpool Notre Dame's St Julie Day is on 22nd May at 10:30am at the Irenaeus Centre in Waterloo. Please contact Bernie Shaw on 0161 483 0173 for further details by 17th May

NEIGHBOURING

Reaching out to share in life with the neighbours is urged a lot in the Synod Plan, and we do so.

In addition to the club and the halls use we are proud to be a part of :

The PLACE 2 BE Community Market every Wednesday

Now established with the SVP as a Special Works, the core team of Nadine, Maggie and Joe are now developing:

- the wonderfully warm Community Café open to all, with drop down price for soup and lite bites
- an invitation to new volunteers to help increase and expand services on the premises of St John Stone
- welcome to the market on Wednesdays inside the club rooms until the market starts at 11am
- asking everyone now to make the necessary suggested donation of only £1.50 per visit to the stalls

Food supply is getting tighter and tighter with all organizations these days, and because this is true also for the Place2Be the parish has decided that from now on our priority of requested donations for food will go to the Wednesday Market.

The standard box in the church porches will now be for your donations for the Place2Be Community Market and no longer for the Trussell Trust Foodbank. Continued donations to them can be taken to the Methodist Centre. Thank you to all for past help

Margaret Gillow would like a lift on a regular basis to the Sunday services at St John Stone. If you can help, please contact the parish office

Window envelopes can be recycled, but please remove the plastic window first !

Metallic wrapping paper is not recyclable, nor are the plastic bows !

Freshfield animal rescue centre are asking for shredded paper for their rabbits to make bedding. You cannot recycle shredded paper, so why not donate it to the rescue centre ?