



HeartStone: the Parish of
Sacred Heart and St John Stone Ainsdale
Living the Love of Christ: everyone welcome, everyone matters, everyone involved.



Sunday 25th February 2024 - Lent week 2

Liturgy & Spiritual Life			Community Life & Service	
Sat Sun	5:30pm Mass: In honour of the Holy Spirit 10:30am Mass: Maureen Botfield (LD)	SH SJS	Hospitality after Mass	Communion to homes
Mon 26th	09.45 Daily: Morning Prayer	Red Room SJS	10:00am Counters 1:30pm Ainsdale Bridge club 7:00pm Indoor Bowls	SJS SJS Hall SJS Hall
Tue 27th	7:30am Ecumenical prayer group 10:00am: Mass: Peter & Andrew Maher (ILM)	SH Red Room SJS	7:00pm Bingo	SH
Wednesday 28th	11:00-11:45 Holy Hour with Exposition 12.00 Mass: Austin & Winifred Collier (ILM) 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	SJS SJS SH	11:00-12:00 Place2Be Community Market 4:30pm IMPACT	SJS Hall Methodist
Thur 29th	10:00 Mass: Janet Jones (LD)	Red Room SJS	1:00-3:00pm Ainsdale Foodbank 2:00pm Lent Safai #3 5:30pm Revolution Dance group	Methodist Ainsdale Village Church SJS Hall
Fri 1st	10:00am Mass: Irene O'Sullivan 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	SH SJS	10:30am Cleaners 1:30pm Music practice 8:00pm Quiz Night	SJS SJS SJS Social Club

Sunday 3rd March 2024 - Lent week 3

Sat 2nd			10:30 Craft Arts & Preloved items Fayre	SJS Hall
Sat Sun	5:30pm Mass: Joan Johnson (LD) 10:30am Mass: John Finlay (RIP) 12:30pm Baptism of Louis McGough	SH SJS SH	Hospitality after Mass	Communion to homes

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Readings for the weekend - Reflecting on the Word of God

First Reading – Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18.

The story from Genesis shows the completeness of Abraham's obedience to God. He is the "father in faith" of all God's children.



Second Reading – Romans 8:31-34.

Paul shares his faith in Jesus with the early Christian Church in Rome. He reminds them that, since God is on our side, we can face anything.

Gospel Reading – Mark 9:2-10.

On Mount Tabor, three of the disciples of Jesus get a glimpse of the glory that was his as the Son of God.

The Transfiguration is an "Epiphany" story. Epiphany stories are common in ancient writing about holy people. In these stories, the veil which separates the invisible from the visible world, and the future from the present, is removed for a moment, and the truth is revealed. This is the earliest Epiphany story about Jesus, older than the voice at his Baptism, and older than the manifestation of Jesus to the Magi. It is no longer possible to say what happened on the mountain. The first and chief significance of the event was for Jesus himself. It was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken. But it also benefitted the disciples who were present, and it is this that the Gospel of Mark emphasises. In the transfigured Jesus, they get a glimpse of the glory of the Risen Lord. Even so, they would not understand this completely until after Jesus has risen from the dead.

Confirmations 2024: Any young people in Year 8 or above can now register for the celebration of Confirmation in 2024. At present we have no date for the Confirmation Celebration in our Deanery – hopefully this will be confirmed in the next few weeks. Register by visiting the Archdiocesan website www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk and follow the on-screen instructions.

Deanery Reconciliation Services: During Lent there will be several Deanery Reconciliation Services. We are hoping that, by attending the Reflection Evenings at St. John Stone's Church, they may help you prepare for the gift of Reconciliation which we will celebrate together at the Reconciliation Services themselves. The dates and times of the services are: -

Tuesday March 12th – St. John Stone Church, Ainsdale at 7pm.

Tuesday March 19th – Our Lady's Church, Formby at 7pm.

Thursday March 21st – Holy Family Church, Southport at 7pm.

Chrism Mass in The Cathedral: If any of you would like to attend the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral this year, then please sign the list at the back of Church. PLEASE NOTE, that this is just to find out how many people wish to go. If there are only a few of us, we might just be able to do a "car share". Alternatively, we might be able to share a coach with other parishes in the area. The Chrism Mass starts at 7.00pm on **Wednesday March 27th.**

Digging Deeper: The next gathering of the Digging Deeper study course takes place in Leyland Road Church on March 6th at 10am. Digging Deeper is an ecumenical study group providing a "Journey through the Psalms". Bishop Tony Porter will be speaking about Psalm 51. The meeting should end approximately 11.30am. All welcome.

LGBTQ+ Support Group: The next gathering of the Archdiocesan LGBTQ+ Support Group will take place on **March 3rd** at All Saints Church, Anfield, Liverpool at 2pm. The Support Group, which has been going over almost three years now, provides a welcome space for all people. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross During Lent: A reminder that the Stations of the Cross will take place on **Wednesdays at 7pm** in Sacred Heart Church and **Fridays at 7pm** in St John Stone Church. Please come along and join us in prayer.



Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk: Put your faith into action this Lent by connecting with your local and global community! Sign up for **CAFOD's Big Lent Walk** and challenge yourself to walk 200km in 40 days. You'll be joining a big team all over England, Wales, and Scotland walking, raising money and helping people around the world overcome poverty. You can sign up as an individual, as a parish or a school here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Craft Arts & Preloved items Fayre: Come along and support the next Craft Fayre here at St John Stone Church on **Saturday 2nd March starting 10:30am.** Gift stalls, teas & coffee etc. Especially visit the Sparkle Stall which is fundraising for the Place2Be



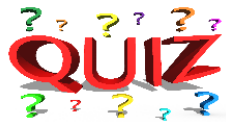
Parish Open Forum: The next gathering of the Parish Open Forum on **Wednesday 6th March at 7:30pm, will be at Sacred Heart Church.** The format of the meeting will be slightly different than usual but hopefully it will help us to discuss the future of the Parish and share our hopes and visions together.

Felling of trees and removal of bushes: A couple of trees located in the gardens at the rear of SJS car park are in a poor state and could be dangerous. They require major tree surgery and may need to be removed completely. A few thorny bushes outside the club will also be removed as they are very close to the footpaths. The work will start on **Thursday 29th February.**

If you have any concerns or queries please speak to Tom McHale, Andrew Curtis, or contact the parish office

HeartStone Adult Befriending Service: Do let us know contact details of who would welcome a visit at home.

Quiz Night: Friday 1st March (remember it's the first Friday of the month) which means its Quiz Night at SJS social Club. Great night out with family and friends. Why not invite someone new this year and treat them!



Sacred Heart Intruder Alarms: Within the next couple of weeks, the intruder alarms will be activated at Church. If you need access to the church hall area, then you will need a key and/or code which will be obtainable from the Parish Office. (The alarms will not be activated if you are in the main church, only the new building area.)

Total Weekly Income £1259.67 which includes:

Standing Orders (weekly & pro-rated) £518.87

- Plate/Envelope Offertory £483.80
- Special Collections £57.00
- Other income (rents, funeral's etc) £200.00

Thank You!