



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



Sunday 18th May 2025 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Liturgy & Spiritual Life			Community Life & Service	
Saturday Sunday	11:30am Memorial service for Ronnie Coutinho 5:30pm Mass: People of the Parish 10:30am Mass: Eddie Gaul (RIP) Avril Gaul (A)	SJS SH SJS	09:00-8:00pm NHS Blood Donations Hospitality after Mass	SJS Hall SJS
Monday 19 th	09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer 10:00am: Mass: John & Mary Imelda Riley (ILM)	SJS SH	10:00 Counters 1:30pm Bridge Club 7:45pm Ravens Fencing club	Office SJS Hall SJS Hall
Tuesday 20 th	7:30am Ecumenical prayer group 09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer 10:00am Mass: Friends of Valda Dilworth (Si)	Community Church SJS SJS	6:45pm-9:45pm Bingo 7:00pm Ukelele buddies	SH SJS Hall
Wednesday 21 st	09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Hour with Exposition 12:00pm Mass: James & Bridget Moore (A)	SJS SJS SJS	11:00am Place2Be Community Market 4:30pm IMPACT	SJS Hall Methodist Hall
Thursday 22 nd	09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer 10:00am Mass: John Sinmons (A)	SJS SJS	1:00-3:00pm Ainsdale Foodbank 5:30pm Revolution Dance Group	Methodist SJS Hall
Friday 23 rd	10:00am Mass: Robin Bond (A)	SH	10:00am Electric works 10:30am Cleaners	SJS/SH SJS

Sunday 25th May 2025

Saturday Sunday	5:30pm Mass: John Ginty (A) 10:30am Mass: Tom Justice (A)	SH SJS	Hospitality after Mass 12:00 – 7:00pm Room Hire	SJS Lounge SJS Hall
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Parish Priest: Fr Paul Seddon <i>Office hours:</i> 08:30 – 12:30pm & 13:30 – 16:30pm Monday to Friday <i>email:</i> heartstone@rcaol.org.uk <i>Website:</i> heartstonerc.co.uk <i>Facebook:</i> HeartStoneAinsdale		Administrator: Gary Foulds <i>Parish Office:</i> 01704 577722	
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Readings for the weekend - Reflecting on the Word of God

First Reading – Acts 14:21-27.

Paul and Barnabas retrace their steps, encouraging the early communities of Christians.



Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-5.

John shares a vision of a new world and the new order of things inaugurated by Christ.

Gospel Reading – John 13:31-35.

During the Last Supper, Jesus gives his apostles a new commandment – to love one another as he has loved them.

Scripture Reflection.

The First Reading tells of the conclusion of Paul's first missionary journey. He and Barnabas retrace their steps, encouraging the early Christian communities, and preparing them for the persecutions which would inevitably come. In the Gospel the scene is the Last Supper. Judas has departed and Jesus knows he is journeying to the Cross. By so doing, he is giving glory to God, who in return gives glory to him. The apostles cannot follow him just yet, but they are given the New Commandment, the "commandment of love". The Second Reading, which comes from the final part of Revelation, opens with a vision of a new Heaven and a new earth, and a new Jerusalem. This glorious future to which God is leading us will be fully realised in the afterlife, the gift of Heaven God offers to all his children.

Pentecost Service: Please try your very best to come along to the Pentecost Service outside **Ainsdale Village Church** on **Sunday June 8th at 2pm**. The service is an act of witness, as the different Christian churches from the area come together, as the apostles did at Pentecost, and celebrate God's presence among us. The service should only last 20-30 minutes or so, but we are going to have a "Bring to the table" afterwards. If you can bring some food and nibbles, please do so, and let us come together to celebrate Pentecost Day as Christians in God's love

Parish Development Strategy: On Monday the Deanery Synodal Councils from the three deaneries of the Sefton Coast gathered to look at the Parish Development Strategy. You may remember that leaflets concerning the implementation of the Pastoral Plan were given out at Mass a few weeks ago, the weekend after Easter, 26th & 27th of April. Before then we asked for a volunteer to join Fr. Paul to represent our Parish on the proposed setting up of a Steering Committee/Group to look at the plan. Many thanks to Val Stroud, from the Parish Vision Team, who has volunteered to help with the start of this process which is to gather information about the Parish of Sacred Heart & St. John Stone. This initial task of gathering information will continue until the end of the summer so that, in the autumn, the Synodal Councils can look at the gathered data and plan together a way ahead for all the parishes in the area. If you haven't already done so, please do take a leaflet home with you. From time to time, when we have news and further information, we will try our best to share this information with you at Parish level. It is hoped that, at some stage in the future, we will be able to widen the involvement for more parishioners from all the churches in the area to become involved in some way. Please remember that this is a pilot initiative, it has never been done before. But as we face inevitable changes to our church we must look at everything we have and decide how to reshape our church for the future so that we can face any changes that come our way. Please pray that the process goes well and that we can truly listen to the call of the Holy Spirit to make decisions which will help our Church be the Church that God wants us to be.

Confirmation 2025: Many thanks to all the young people who have signed up for Confirmation this year. The Confirmation Celebrations will take place at **7.00pm** in **St. John Stone Church** on **June 23rd & June 25th**.

We are delighted to inform that our very own Bishop John will be the main celebrant at the Confirmation Masses. The preparation meetings will take place, in St. John Stone Church, on **Monday June 2nd, 9th, & 16th at 7.00pm**. If you know any young person who would like to be confirmed this year, please let them know. It is never too late. However, ideally, we do hope that they can come to ALL three of the preparation meetings along with the rehearsal which we will let you know about as soon as we can.

Anointing of the Sick: If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, especially if you are due to go into hospital or are not feeling well, please contact Fr. Paul as soon as possible. There are only 3 priests in the area who are regularly "on call" for the hospital now, so, if you go to hospital, it may not always be possible to contact a priest. There will be times when there are no priests available.

Mass Intentions: At present we are very short of Mass Intentions at Sacred Heart & St. John Stone. If you wish to have a Mass Intention celebrated, please give it to Gary at the Parish Office or Fr. Paul after Mass.

Adrian Dilworth: Valda & family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, thoughts and prayers over their recent loss of Adrian. "These thoughts & words help on our journey, thankyou."

Gift Aid: Thank you to all who signed up to the Gift Aid Scheme or who took Offertory Envelope boxes last weekend. There was a great take up. Maria will be at the back of church this weekend if anybody missed the opportunity to sign up or take one of the forms home to complete. Please see her after Mass. Thank you again for all your support.

Adopt a Pot: Thank you to everyone who donated plants/money. If you would like to continue/start to support this incentive, then please contact Pauline Collier in person or on 07922187299

Metric Marathon Relay: 22 pupils from Christ The King Catholic High School completed our Metric Marathon Relay. We have so far raised over £700 for CAFOD and Woodlands Animal Sanctuary. Our Just Giving page will remain open for 1 more week for anyone who wants to show their support for our incredible athletes. Thank you to everyone who has so far donated and also to everyone who has given their time and effort into making this event possible. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/jason-oliver-4>

Dance Night: Don't forget to book you tickets for **Saturday 31st May** dance night with Guitar vocal Paul Chase, and female vocalist Michelle Hanson. Doors open 8:00pm

Christian Aid Big Breakfast: **Saturday 24th May, 10am-12md**. Also, in previous years we have had donations of homemade cakes and preserves, if you could ask again that would be much appreciated.

Vocations Weekend for Women: (20s and 30s) -Discerning God's Call in your life **23rd - 25th May**, Liverpool The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

Summer Singalong with Octave on Sunday **29th June 2:320pm** at Sacred Heart Church to support Sefton Women & Children's aid. Free Admission and refreshments available.

Weekly total Income £1035.09 which includes:

Plate/Envelope Offertory	£316.22
Standing Orders (weekly & pro-rated)	£518.87
Rent	£200.00

Thank You!