



HeartStone: the Parish of Sacred Heart and St John Stone Ainsdale

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



Sunday 25th May 2025 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Liturgy & Spiritual Life			Community Life & Service	
Saturday Sunday	5:30pm Mass: John Ginty (A) 10:30am Mass: Tom Justice (A)	SH SJS	12:00pm Big Breakfast Hospitality after Mass 12:00 – 7:00pm Room Hire	Ainsdale Village Church SJS Lounge SJS Hall
Monday 26 th	09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer 10:00am: Mass: James & Elizabeth Kelly (A)	SJS SH	<u>BANK HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED</u>	
Tuesday 27 th	7:30am Ecumenical prayer group 09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer 10:00am Sorry, no Mass today. <i>Fr. Leo, Bishop John & Fr. Paul are attending the Installation of the new Archbishop, John in Liverpool Cathedral.</i>	 SJS	10:00 Counters 6:45pm-9:45pm Bingo 7:00pm Ukelele buddies	Office SH SJS Hall
Wednesday 28 th	09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Hour with Exposition 12:00pm Mass: Peter & Andrew Maher (ILM)	SJS SJS SJS	11:00am Place2Be Community Market 4:30pm IMPACT	SJS Hall Methodist Hall
Thursday 29 th	<i>Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.</i> 12noon Mass: Harold & Barbara Glover 7.00pm Mass: Archbishop John Sherrington	 SJS SH	1:00-3:00pm Ainsdale Foodbank 5:30pm Revolution Dance Group	Methodist SJS Hall
Friday 30 th	10:00am Mass: Jim Croughan (S)	SH	9:00am-8:00pm NHS Blood donation 10:30am Cleaners 1:30pm Music preparation	SJS Hall SJS Red Room

Sunday 1st June 2025

Saturday	5:30pm Mass: Jimmy McQueen	SH	Hospitality after Mass	SH
Sunday	10:30am Mass: Thomas Dunbar (A)	SJS	8:00pm Dance Night Hospitality after Mass	SJS Hall SJS Lounge
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Readings for the weekend - Reflecting on the Word of God

First Reading – Acts 15:1-2,22-29.

A big issue for the early Church was how much of the Law and the traditions of Moses should be imposed on those becoming new members of the Church. This is how the problem was solved.



Second Reading – Revelations 21:10-14,22-23.

We are given a majestic picture of the new Jerusalem, the Heavenly Church of the future, when God's Kingdom will come in all its glory.

Gospel Reading – John 14:23-29.

We hear part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. It is dominated by news of his imminent departure from the disciples, which we celebrate on the Feast of the Ascension this week.

Scripture Reflection.

Many people from outside the Jewish community accepted Christianity as a result of the preaching of Paul and Barnabas. But then a question arose: how much of the Law and the traditions of Moses should these converts have to accept and live by? At first, there were great divisions on this issue. Eventually everyone agreed that the new converts need not adhere to everything – and so, instead of becoming a Jewish sect, Christianity became a universal religion. The Gospel concerns Jesus' departure from his followers. He is concerned to assure his disciples that he would not leave them orphans. Despite his leaving, he and they will not be apart. If they keep his Word, they will be drawn into the love of the Father and the Son. By being part of his Church today, we are part of this love, a love that will never end.

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

Installation of Archbishop John Sherrington: This week we will be celebrating the Installation of our new Archbishop, John Sherrington. The Installation Mass takes place in the Cathedral at 12noon on Tuesday – please note that there will be no Mass in the Parish that day since Bishop John, and Frs. Leo and Paul have got to set off early to get a place there. Please keep Archbishop John in your prayers. Hopefully we might get him to come over to Ainsdale very soon.

Parish Vision Team: The Parish Leadership/Vision Team recently expanded its membership and. Together with Fr. Paul, look forward with joy to serving our Parosh Community for the next three years. Ten volunteers came together for an informal meeting on 15th May and shared a wealth of gifts, talents and skills that they possess. We even managed to recruit an eleventh person for the team! We gave grateful thanks for the wonderful service given by Monica Gannon, Anne Pickup & Andrew Curtis, who have now retired. Chris Hawkhead, Steve Bousfield, and Val Stroud will serve for another three years alongside Anne Rothwell, Irene Walker, Irene Gibbons, Carole Baker, Maria Parker, Wendy and Paddy Durkin. We will next meet on **June 26th** in the Red Room at St. John Stone.

Lourdes Prayer Initiative: Every Deanery has been given a lantern that will be placed before the altar at our weekend Masses. The Lantern should be with us in the next couple of weeks. People will be invited to place any petitions for the Lourdes Pilgrimage into the basket. These petitions will be taken to Lourdes, during the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage this summer, and placed at the Grotto where Our Ladv appeared to St. Bernadette.

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord: Please note that Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, that time when Jesus, after his Resurrection and spending time with his disciples and friends, ascended to God the Father in Heaven. On this feast day we celebrate the great love of God in giving us his Son as our Saviour. By going back to the Father in Heaven, Jesus became the mediator between God and his people. The feast should fill us with the hope that one day we too will be taken up to Heaven by God, who revealed his great love for us in the person of Jesus.

Mass times for Thursday are: -

**St. John Stone Church at 12noon.
Sacred Heart Church at 7.00pm.**

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. Please do take one of the Gift Aid envelopes for your Mass Offering. It really does help the Parish more and will not cost you an extra penny.

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

Gardening Morning: Thank you to everyone who has been volunteering to improve the garden's. There will be another gardening morning 10:30 - 13:00 on **Thursday 5 June** at St John Stone. All volunteers welcome.

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-12pm**. Also, in previous years we have had donations of homemade cakes and preserves, if you could ask again that would be much appreciated. Ainsdale Village Church.

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 £1444.18 which includes:

Plate/Envelope Offertory	£447.31
Standing Orders (weekly & pro-rated)	£518.87
Funerals, Special collection	£478.00

Thank You!

