



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



Sunday 19th April 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Liturgy & Spiritual Life		Community Life & Service	
Saturday Sunday	5:30pm Mass: Margaret Meadows (PI) 10:30am Mass: John Kennedy (LD)	SH SJS	7:30pm Ukelele Buddies concert Hospitality after Mass SJS Hall SJS Lounge
Monday 20 th	09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer 10:00am Mass: Catherine Moonan (LD)	SH SH	10:00am Counters 10:00am Keep Fit Parish Office SH 1:30pm Bridge Club 7:00pm Confirmation Prep Meeting SJS Hall SJS 7:45pm Ravens Fencing club SJS Hall
Tuesday 21 st	7:30am Ecumenical prayer group Cherish Centre PR9 9LN 10:00am Mass: Marjorie Bennett 90th (B)	SH SJS	6:30pm Bingo 7:00pm Ukelele Buddies SH SJS Hall
Wednesday 22 nd	11:00am Holy Hour with Exposition 10:30am Funeral Mass for Helen Johnson	SJS SH	9:30am U3A Guitars 11:00am Place2Be Community Market SH SJS Hall 11:30am Committal service SH Cemetery
Thursday 23 rd	10:00am Funeral Mass for Joan Burke	SJS	10:30am U3A Choir 11:00am Committal Service 11:30am Room Hire SH SH Cemetery Social Club SJS 1:00-3:00pm Ainsdale Foodbank Methodist 7:30pm Octave Choir SH
Friday 24 th	10:00am Mass: Anne Lovelady (B)	SH	10:30am Cleaners SJS

Sunday 26th April 2026

Saturday Sunday	5:30pm Mass: James Lovelady (LD) 10:30am Mass: Maureen Collins (A)	SH SJS	8:00pm Dance Night Hospitality after Mass Social club SJS SJS Lounge
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Parish Priest: Fr Paul Seddon		Administrator: Gary Foulds	
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Catholic Hospital Chaplain: If you or a loved one are in hospital, please ask a staff member to contact the Catholic Chaplain. Foodbank: 07768 772935			

Readings for the weekend - Reflecting on the Word of God

First Reading – Acts 2:14,22-28.

On the feast of Pentecost, Peter preaches to the Jews about the Resurrection of Jesus.

Second Reading – 1 Peter 1:17-21.

The benefits we enjoy as Christians were won by Christ through the shedding of his Blood. Our response should be a life of holiness.



Gospel Reading – Luke 24:13-35.

The Risen Jesus joins two of his disciples on their journey and showed them that it was by dying that he entered into glory.

Scripture Reflection: *The Emmaus story is a sign of the Eucharist: a Liturgy of the Word is followed by a Liturgy of the Eucharist, when the two disciples eventually recognize the Risen Jesus. By the time Luke wrote his Gospel half a century had gone by since the Lord's death and resurrection. In the Gospel Luke makes the point that those who were with Jesus did not truly recognize him until the Word and the Bread were broken. So, even today, we recognize Jesus BOTH in the sharing of his Word and in the breaking of Bread. May we also learn to recognize him in each other, especially the poor and the needy, as we continue our journey along the road of faith each day.*

Queenscourt Hospice: Queenscourt Hospice is in crisis. The severe financial challenges facing our local hospice is putting clinical services and the future of Queenscourt Hospice at imminent risk. A campaign to "Keep Queenscourt in Service" has been launched along with an urgent call to action from our community to support the hospice at this difficult time. Dr. Karen Groves is inviting each church in the West Lancs, Southport & Formby area to appoint a volunteer who is passionate about Queenscourt, to liaise with a group who would like to consider how churches might help to save Queenscourt Hospice and its crucial services, in this time of crisis. This would be through a campaign of prayer and support in the six months leading up to Hospice Sunday on **18th October 2026**. If you require any further information or wish to volunteer for Sacred Heart & St. John Stone Parish, then please contact Louise at lcharnock@btinternet.com

Bidding Prayers: Many thanks to Carole and to Maria who regularly help Fr. Paul to write the Bidding Prayers for Masses over the weekend. It would be good to have other people involved in this role. If you feel like you would like to help – you do NOT have to be a reader to write the Bidding Prayers – then please contact Fr. Paul. If we have enough volunteers, then we could make up a Rota for the future. Help can be provided if needed.

Family of Parishes: Just a reminder that we are trying to work alongside other parishes for the foreseeable future. We are in the southern part of the Deanery which make up our "Family of Parishes" with Our Lady of Compassion, Formby, Holy Family, Ince Blundell, and Our Lady of Victories, Highton. Those of you who use the website will notice that we will regularly hold events and services together. Please watch this space for further details.

Eucharistic Ministers & Sacristans: We always need more volunteers in all areas of Parish Life but, at the moment, we especially need more Eucharistic Ministers who would be willing to take Holy Communion to the sick and the housebound. We also need more people to help prepare the altar in both churches for Mass both on Sunday and at the weekend. Please come along and help out if you can and see a member of the Parish Vision Team or Fr. Paul as soon as possible.

Catholic Spring Dance: A "Spring Dance" for young Catholics will take place in St. Margaret Mary's Parish Centre on **Friday May 8th**. The group organizing the event are hoping that the Dance will take place in other parts of the archdiocese soon. If you are interested, please contact springdance00@gmail.com

First Holy Communions 2026: If you know of any families who would like their children to celebrate their First Holy Communion this year, please tell them to contact Fr. Paul at the Parish Office as soon as possible. They will be most welcome. First Holy Communions usually take place during the month of June, so here is plenty of time to prepare them.

Christ The King High School @60: On **Thursday 30th April** at 6.00pm we will be celebrating a special Mass to mark 60 years since the opening of our school. Former pupils, staff, and governors are invited to attend this celebration, followed by a reception and tours of school. For numbers and to comply with fire regulations, please complete the following form if you are attending <https://forms.gle/LB1SkCigPWYJgM67> or contact Deacon Dennis on 01704 565121 or jonesd@christtheking-school.com

Confirmations 2025: Many thanks to all the young people and their families who have been coming to the Confirmation sessions over the last few weeks. The next preparation meetings will take place on **Monday 20th and 27th at 7.00pm**. The Confirmation Celebrations themselves will take place in St. John Stone Church on **Tuesday May 5th and Wednesday May 13th**, both at 7.00pm.

Live Music Gathering: You are warmly invited to another Music event at St John Stone Parish Centre on **Friday 29th May** from 2pm - 4pm. Come along, bring a friend, relax, enjoy the music (from across the decades) and join in on the songs.

Southport Hospital: Please note that there are only THREE priests in the area who are "on call" for the hospital. This means that, sadly and inevitably, there may be times when a Catholic Priest will NOT be available. If you, or any of your loved ones, are due to go into hospital, please contact Fr. Paul beforehand if you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).

Buddies Concert: Ukelele buddies are presenting a great evening of live music raising funds for spinal unit action group (SUAG) on **Saturday 18th April** 7:30pm at SJS. Tickets costing £10 available from Anne McHale on 07832359876. (bring your own drinks !!)

SVP Thankyou: If you would like to support our SVP on a regular basis, you can put money in the SVP boxes or set up a regular standing order. Standing order details- Account Name: D100909 SVP ST JOHN STONE-AINSDALE, Sort Code: 60-60-04, Bank Account: 46084525. Your support can make a difference to those in need in our community. Thank you.

Dance Night: Yes, it's here again !! Get those dancing shoes on for **Saturday 25th April** with the top personality vocals of **Kadie Jo Green**. Doors open 8:00pm.

Be a Trust Governor: Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Trust are looking for Governors to support leaders in providing the best Catholic education for pupils in our schools. If you are interested in using your skills to benefit our pupils. Please contact: governance@pfcmat.org or go to <https://www.pfcmat.org/Governance/>

Facebook: We have a new Facebook page for the parish. It is very much being built at the moment but is live. Please follow this link: **(3)** **Facebook** (press Ctrl & Enter) Once on the page please click Follow.

Weekly total Income £1073.95 which includes:	
Plate/Envelope Offertory	£555.08
Standing Orders (weekly & pro-rated)	£518.87

Thank You!

