



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



Sunday 26th April 2026 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Liturgy & Spiritual Life		Community Life & Service	
Saturday Sunday	5:30pm Mass: James Lovelady (LD) SH 10:30am Mass: Maureen Collins (A) SJS	8:00pm Dance Night Hospitality after Mass	Social club SJS SJS Lounge
Monday 27 th	09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer SH 10:00am Mass: People of the Parish SH	10:00am Counters 10:00am Keep Fit 1:30pm Bridge Club 7:00pm Confirmation Prep Meeting 7:45pm Ravens Fencing club	Parish Office SH SJS Hall SJS SJS Hall
Tuesday 28 th	7:30am Ecumenical prayer group Cherish Centre PR9 9LN 10:00am Mass: Bram Scott (A) SJS	6:30pm Bingo 7:00pm Ukelele Buddies	SH SJS Hall
Wednesday 29 th	11:00am Holy Hour with Exposition SJS 12noon Mass: Joan Burke (LD) SJS	9:30am U3A Guitars 11:00am Place2Be Community Market 7:00pm Civic Society	SH SJS Hall SH
Thursday 30 th	10:00am Mass: Catherine Moonan (LD) SJS	10:30am U3A Choir 1:00-3:00pm Ainsdale Foodbank 6:00pm CtK Mass 60 th Anniversary 7:30pm Octave Choir	SH Methodist CtK school SH
Friday 1st	10:00am Mass: Nancy Place (A) SH	10:30am Cleaners 09:30-5:30pm NHS Blood Bank 7:30pm Quiz Night	SJS SJS Hall SJS Social

Sunday 3rd May 2026 Bank Holiday Weekend

Saturday Sunday	5:30pm Mass: Sylvia Siacra (LD) SH 10:30am Mass: David Halliwell (RiP) SJS 12:30pm Baptism of Lilliana Duffy SJS	Hospitality after Mass Hospitality after Mass 11:30am Choir practice	SH SJS Lounge SJS
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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 2:14,36-41.

Peter proclaims Jesus as the Risen Lord and urges everyone to repent and accept Baptism.



Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:20-25.

Addressing slaves, Peter urges them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ, the Good Shepherd, bore his sufferings for love of us.

Gospel Reading – John 10:1-10.

Jesus compares his love for his disciples to the love of a shepherd for his sheep.

Scripture Reflection: *In his address to all the people who felt that they were slaves, in today's Second Reading, Peter urged them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ did throughout his life. Slavery was a fact of life in New Testament times. The New Testament writers do not, as might have been expected, lead a campaign against it. Even if they wanted to do so, they must have been aware that such a public stance would only be judged subversive and would imperil the tenuous foothold Christianity was gaining in the world of the day. Peter's words have a wider application. He singled out slaves only because their burden of suffering was greater than those around them. We pray for all those in slavery in our times today and pray that the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will bring them and all of us encouragement in this very fragmented world.*

Christ The King High School @60: On **Thursday 30th April** at 6.00pm Christ the King High School we will be celebrating a special Mass to mark 60 years since their opening. Please keep the school and all the young people, staff and teachers in your thoughts and prayers at this special time. Applications to join the school on this special event have been open for a few weeks now to comply with fire regulations. But there are now no more spaces available. There will, however, be another event to mark this special anniversary later in the year. Please watch this space for further details.

Confirmations 2025: Our FINAL Confirmation Preparation Session will take place this **Monday, April 27th**, at **7.00pm** in **St. John Stone Church**. This session will mainly be a rehearsal for the TWO Confirmation Masses which take place in **St. John Stone Church** on **Tuesday May 5th** and **Wednesday May 13th**, both at **7.00pm**. It is very important that **ALL** the young people who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation should be at the meeting this Monday. Many thanks to all the helpers and catechists who are preparing the young people for Confirmation this year. If you, or if you know anyone, who would like to join the team for next year, then please contact Fr. Paul at the Parish Office at St. John Stone Parish.

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

St. John Stone Church: Several people have commented on how much they like the statue of the Risen Jesus on the wall at St. John Stone Church. It was only this year that Fr. Paul realized that it could go up without the Cross! So, we were going to put the Cross back after Easter. But if people prefer it the way it is, then please let Fr. Paul know when you see him. It does look good and it reminds us always that **Jesus IS Risen, Alleluia!**

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.

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.

Quiz Night: Yes, it's here again!! The Parish Quiz Night takes place this **Friday May 1st** at 8.00pm in the Parish Lounge. Come along and bring some friends. Doors open at 7.30pm.

Digging Deeper: The next session of the Digging Deeper series of talks will take place at the Salvation Army Worship Centre on Shakespeare Street, Southport, on **May 11th at 7.00pm**. This session will be led by Rev. Jennie Harvey and is entitled "Risen, Ascended, Glorified – Christ over all things." All welcome.

SVP Group: The next meeting of the SVP Group will take place on **Wednesday May 6th** at 7.30pm in the Red Room at St. John Stone. A reminder that, at the moment, one of the Formby members of the SVP, John, will be joining with other SVP members in walking 123km of the Camino de Santiago. He will be doing this to raise funds for the SVP. If you wish to donate, and help to reach his target of £1,500, then please scan the QR Code on poster at the back of church or visit this website: www.justgiving.com/page/svp-johns-camino-walk

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.

Family Fun Day: Monday, 4th May 11:00am – 4:00pm Our Lady of Compassion Parish Centre, L37 3NG Join us for a brilliant community day out! Giant inflatable mega slide, a pirate assault course, traditional games and prizes, face painting, and artisan stalls. Plenty of treats, including hot dogs, cakes, and refreshments. Entry is free with a ticket system for attractions.

Gardening group: 10:30 - 13:00 on **Thursday 7 May** at St John Stone. All volunteers welcome.

Weekly total Income £2442.58 which includes:	
Plate/Envelope Offertory	£459.71
Standing Orders (weekly & pro-rated)	£518.87
Funerals	£244.00
Rent/Piety/Stripends	£1220.00

Thank You!

