



**Confirmations 2025:** This week we are very privileged to welcome all the young people who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. This week, the first Confirmation Masses which take place in **St. John Stone Church** on **Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>** at **7.00pm**. We offer a very warm welcome to our very own Bishop John (NOT the Archbishop!), who will be the main celebrant at the Confirmation Masses this year. It is very important that **ALL** the young people who are celebrating Confirmation should be at the Church by 6.45pm. Many thanks to all the helpers and catechists who have been 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. The second Confirmation Mass will take place in St. John Stone on **Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

**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 services. This would be through a campaign of prayer and support in the six months leading up to Hospice Sunday on **18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lcharnock@btinternet.com) Also, to raise funds Portia Watson is competing in the Queenscourt 10K walk on **8<sup>th</sup> May**, Portia will be available at both Churches this weekend if anyone would like to donate.

**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.

**Feast of the Ascension of the Lord:** An early notice that we will be celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord on **Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>**. Mass times are as follows: - **St. John Stone Church at 10.00am.**  
**Sacred Heart Church at 7.00pm.**

Please come along and join us in prayer on this special day.

**SVP Group:** The next meeting of the SVP Group will take place on **Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://www.justgiving.com/page/svp-johns-camino-walk)

**Christian Aid Week:** is **10-16 May** and CTiA will be having our annual BIG BREKKIE on **Saturday, 16th May** from 10am until 12 noon at Ainsdale Village Church - hopefully, as in previous years, on the patio in the beautiful community garden. Please make a note of this now so that you won't miss out on a delicious, cooked breakfast with all your food options catered for. There will also be cakes and plants for sale and a raffle - all in aid of Christian Aid.

**Octave Choir:** You are warmly invited to a concert in Sacred Heart Church, entitled "A World Of Music" on **Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>** at 2,30pm. Tickets are £7 each and can be bought from Cath Barry or by emailing [nymanman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nymanman@yahoo.co.uk) Any money raised will go towards the Compassionate Acts initiative which was set up in Southport a few years ago.

**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<sup>th</sup> May** at St John Stone. All volunteers welcome.

**School Reunion:** Did you attend Notre Dame School in the Archdiocese of Liverpool? There will be a reunion on **17<sup>th</sup> May** for all ex-pupils & teachers, consisting of Mass at 11.00am followed by a complimentary light lunch & a social finishing at 3.00pm, at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo. A donation for our current charity & a raffle prize would be appreciated. Please try to attend, all are welcome. Reply by 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Bernie Shaw, 0161 483 0173

**Weekly total Income £1555.92** which includes:

Plate/Envelope Offertory	£435.05
Standing Orders (weekly & pro-rated)	£518.87
Funerals	£488.00
Piety	£35.00
PTF special collection	£79.00

*Thank You!*

