



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



Sunday 5th July 2026 - 14th Sunday of the Year

Liturgy & Spiritual Life			Community Life & Service	
Saturday	5:30pm Mass: Lila Campling (ILM) Fr Leo Stoker (LD)	SH	Hospitality after Mass	SH
Sunday	10:30am Mass: Dympna Quinn (B) 12:00pm Baptism of Sienna Jackson-Downey	SJS SJS	Day for Catechists Hospitality after Mass	St Joseph prayer Centre Formby SJS Lounge
Monday 6 th	09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer 10:00am Mass: Ellie (travels)	SH SH	10:00am Counters 10:00am Keep Fit 1:30pm Bridge Club 2:00pm Coffee & Chat 7:45pm Ravens Fencing Club	Parish Office SH SJS Hall SH SJS Hall
Tuesday 7 th	7:30am Ecumenical prayer group 10:00am Mass: James & Kathleen Cunningham (ILM)	Shoreline Church SJS	Parish Office closed	
			1:30pm Music practice 6:30pm Bingo 7:00pm Ukelele Buddies 7:00pm Parish Open Meeting	SJS SH SJS Hall SJS Social club
Wednesday 8 th	11:00am Holy Hour with Exposition 12noon Mass: Kevin Cunningham (PI)	SJS SJS	Parish Office closed	
			9:30am U3A Guitars 11:00am Place2Be Community Market	SH SJS Hall
Thursday 9 th	10:00am Mass: Patrick & Mary Caurney (A)	SJS	Parish Office closed	
			10:30am U3A Choir 10:30am Gardening club 1:00-3:00pm Ainsdale Foodbank 7:30pm Octave Choir	SH SJS Garden's Methodist SH
Friday 10 th	10:00am Mass: Dympna & Dennis Quinn	SH	Parish Office closed	
			10:30am Cleaners	SJS

Sunday 12th July 2026

Saturday	5:30pm Mass: People of the Parish	SH		
Sunday	10:30am Mass: Fr Leo Stoker (LD)	SJS	Hospitality after Mass	SJS Lounge

Parish Priest: Fr Paul Seddon <i>Office hours: 08:00 – 12:30pm & 14:00 – 16:00pm Monday to Friday</i> <i>email: heartstone@rcaol.org.uk Website: https://heartstonerc.co.uk/ Facebook: HeartStoneAinsdale</i>		Administrator: Gary Foulds <i>Parish Office: 01704 577722</i>	
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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 – Zechariah 9:9-10.

The Messianic King is portrayed, not as a proud warrior, but as a humble and gentle champion of peace for all people. He will rule from "sea to sea" and will spread his peace "from the river to the ends of the earth".



Second Reading – Romans 8:9,11-13.

St. Paul contrasts "life in the Spirit" with "life in the flesh". If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, dwells in us, how much can God do in our lives each day. So, we are called, not to live in the flesh, but to live in the Spirit of God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 11:25-30.

Jesus reveals the father to those who are "little" and lightens the burdens of those who are humble. All things have been over to Jesus by God the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Father chooses to reveal him.

Parish Open Meeting: On **Tuesday 7th July** at 7pm in the Parish Centre at St John Stone, the Parish Vision Team will be hosting an open meeting for ALL parishioners to look at the pastoral plan. The leaflet, sent from the diocese, contains 3 suggestions, we have 2 more to suggest to you and you may have others!! Please do your absolute best to attend or let us have your ideas beforehand either by emailing Fr Paul or the parish office or placing your suggestions in the box at the back of church. Your ideas and thoughts are so important as the future of the Catholic Church in our area is decided. Nothing is confirmed yet, have your say and help shape the future!!

Sefton Deanery: This week the Clergy are involved in a meeting concerning the future of the deaneries in our area. Due to the shortage of priests, and partly in response to the Pastoral Plan, we are looking at whether there is a need to increase the size of the deanery, along with the other deaneries along the Sefton Coast and beyond.

Rev. Patrick Evans: Many of you will know Patrick Evans very well. Patrick has been the Methodist Minister in Ainsdale for many years and has become a friend to many. Patrick will be retiring from full-time ministry this summer – he will be greatly missed. There will be a special service to mark his retirement in Ainsdale Methodist Church on **Sunday July 26th** at 4.00pm to bid farewell. This will be followed by a Faith Tea. All welcome.

Gardening Club: All volunteers welcome **Thursday 9 July** 10:30 - 13:00 at St John Stone.

Queenscourt Hospice: A reminder that we will continue to think of ways to support Queenscourt Hospice in these difficult times. Many of you will know that a Hospice Shop is opening in Ainsdale very soon. Also, a well noted statistic suggests that if just over 8000 people donated £5 per week to the Hospice, it would be able to stay open. We will continue to pray for the Hospice at Mass every weekend. Regular Giving Forms, prayer cards and collection boxes for Queenscourt Hospice are available at the back of church over the next few weeks. Please ask if you need any help.

Southport 10K Run: Our Parish Administrator, Gary, will be running in the Southport 10K and will be doing it to raise funds for the Hospice. If you wish to sponsor Gary, then please contact him at the Parish Office or email the Parish.

SVP Appeal: Once again, we are asking for your support for Queenscourt Hospice, which is in danger of being closed due to financial constraints. SVP will be holding a raffle; all proceeds will be donated to Queenscourt. **We are appealing for raffle prize donations** which can be given to SVP members or placed in one of the boxes at the back of church. SVP raffle tickets will be on sale after masses beginning weekend of 20/21 June 2026, tickets drawn **22nd August 2026**.

Earthquakes in Venezuela: You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

Christ the King High School: Please keep the everyone at Christ the King High School in your prayers in this special year. In a few weeks' time all the students and staff are celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the school as they welcome Bishop Tom Neylon, who will be celebrating Mass there in July, the first day of the British Open! It has been a wonderful year and a great way to round off the year by celebrating 60 years in the last week of school before the summer break.

World Cup Prayer: *"Then Jesus said to his disciples, the harvest is rich, but the labourer's are few; therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourer's to his harvest."* (Mathew 9:37-38)
Jesus tells us that the harvest is plentiful, but the labourer's are few. As the World Cup tournament continues towards its final stages, we lift our beyond the moment and pray for the Lord to send and sustain workers and disciples – both those around today and those who will come to the Lord in the future.

RCIA: At this time of the year, we invite people who may be thinking of becoming a Catholic to come along and find out whether they wish to join the Church at Easter next year. So, if you know of anyone who may be thinking of joining the Church, why not ask them and invite them to come along to Mass every now and then. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Paul so that we can make contact and begin preparations.

Southport Hospital: Please note that there are only THREE priests in the area who take it in turns to be "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, then please contact Fr. Paul at the Parish Office, and leave a message, beforehand if you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).

Weekly total Income £868.88 which includes:
Plate/Envelope Offertory £258.01
Standing Orders (weekly & pro-rated) £585.87
Piety £25.00

Thank You!