



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



Sunday 30th August 2026 - 22nd Sunday of the year

Liturgy & Spiritual Life			Community Life & Service	
Saturday Sunday	5:30pm Mass: Sister Mary Zita Fogarty 10:30am Mass: Jean Sullivan (LD)	SH SJS	Hospitality after Mass Singing practice after Mass	SJS Lounge SJS
Monday 31 st	09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer 10:00am Mass: Colin McLean	SH SH	<u>BANK HOLIDAY</u>	
Tuesday 1 st	7:30am Ecumenical prayer group Leyland Rd Methodist 11:00am Funeral Mass for Christina McCourt.	SH	10:00am Counters 12:30pm Committal Service 1:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30pm Bingo 7:00pm Ukelele Buddies	Parish Office SH Cemetery SJS SH SJS Hall
Wednesday 2 nd	11:00am Holy Hour with Exposition 12noon Mass: Maureen Blain (LD)	SJS SJS	9:30am U3A Guitars 11:00am Place2Be Community Market 1:15pm WI	SH SJS Hall SH
Thursday 3 rd	10:00am Mass: People of the Parish	SJS	1:00-3:00pm Ainsdale Foodbank 7:30pm Octave	Methodist SH
Friday 4 th	10:00am – Sorry, No Mass today.	SH	10:30am Cleaners	SJS

Sunday 6th September 2026

Saturday Sunday	5:30pm Mass: Special Intention (RS) 10:30am Mass: Pat Moore & John Mooney (ILM) 12:30pm Baptism of Lottie Duff	SH SJS SH	Hospitality after Mass Hospitality after Mass	SH SJS Lounge
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Parish Priest: Fr Paul Seddon <i>Office hours:</i> 08:00 – 12:30pm & 14:00 – 16:00pm Monday to Friday <i>email:</i> heartstone@rcaol.org.uk <i>Website:</i> https://heartstonerc.co.uk/ <i>Facebook:</i> HeartStoneAinsdale		Administrator: Gary Foulds <i>Parish Office:</i> 01704 577722	
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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 – Jeremiah 20:7-9.

Even though speaking God's message to the people has brought Jeremiah nothing but insults, he is unable to remain silent. Jeremiah is faithful to his God-given mission. But this faithfulness cost him dearly.



Second Reading – Romans 12:1-2.

St. Paul urges the early Christians of Rome not to live like the people around them, but to live out the Word of God each day.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:21-27.

Jesus foretells his suffering and death and reminds his disciples that they too must be prepared to suffer for their faith. In the Gospel we see the faithfulness of Jesus, and the kind of faithfulness that is demanded of those who would follow him.

Peter gladly receives the revelation that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God. But he rejected out of hand the notion of a suffering Messiah – he could not accept the fact that Jesus might have to suffer. In a sense, Peter represents the typical Christian, one caught between faith and doubt, for whom the Cross is a stumbling block. Jesus reprimands him and tells him to set his mind and heart on the way of God rather than on the ways of other men and women. He reminds his disciples that they too must "take up their Cross and follow him", for "the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what they have done."

Musical Gathering: You are warmly invited to our next music event in the parish club at St John Stone on **Friday 2nd October**, from 2pm - 4pm, with your local, in-house band, and songs from across the decades. Entry is free but there will be a voluntary collection for Queenscourt Hospice.

ADOREMUS: Join us on **Saturday 10th of October** 09:00am – 6:00pm for this year's Adoremus. The theme this year is "We Are Eucharist". Come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The event itself is free and available to all. At the Cathedral, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops and a shared time of prayer during the day for all. Workshops details are coming soon!

Digging Deeper: The next gathering of the talks entitled "Digging Deeper" will take place at the Salvation Army Worship Centre, Shakespeare Street Southport, on **September 14th** from 7.00-8.30pm. The next talk is "The Communion of Saints – the shared life of Christ" and will be led by Fr. Chris Thomas from Irenaeus.

Alarms: Please note as from **Monday 24th August** the presbytery and office alarm at St. John Stone will be activated during "out of office" hours.

Scripture Group: A number of people in the Parish have expressed an interest in starting a Scripture Group. We are not sure what the format will be yet, but we are hoping to meet very soon to discuss a way forward. If any of you are interested, then please let us know. It will be good to gather together to share our interest in the Scriptures, especially the readings we have at Mass each week. Please watch this space for further details.

SVP Meeting: On **Wednesday September 16th** at 7.30pm. all welcome. **'SVP Raffle:** The SVP would like to thank parishioners for their generous raffle prize donations, for those who sold raffle tickets and those who bought raffle tickets, all in aid of Queenscourt Hospice. Your efforts have raised the grand total of £1345. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity. Please find a list of raffle prize winners at the back of both Sacred Heart and St John Stone churches.'

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.

Chatsworth House: The Parish of Holy Family in Southport are organizing a day trip to Chatsworth House on **Saturday 14th November**, and they have invited people from all over the deanery to join them. If you would like to go, then please contact Athena at the Parish Office on 01704-532613 to book a place. Approximate cost is likely to be in the region of £60 to cover entry fee to the house and the cost of the coach.

"Look, Listen, Linger, Love" – Retreat: A day retreat to encounter God in the beauty of creation. **Saturday 12th September** 10am-4pm at St Joseph's Prayer Centre. A peaceful day of reflection, prayer, and time together to help us slow down, notice God's presence, and grow in love for Him. £15 with lunch & refreshments included. To book your place, email theprayercentre.stj@psmgs.org.uk or call 01704875850.

Parish Vision Team: The next meeting of the Parish Vision Team will take place on Wednesday September 16th at 1.30pm in the Red Room at St. John Stone. The Vision Team have been working hard on gathering together your responses to the recent leaflet concerning the Pastoral Plan for the deanery. If you have not already done so, please return any suggestions to us at the Parish Office as soon as you can.

A reminder that the next Parish Open Meeting will take place in the hall at St. John Stone on **Thursday September 24th** at 7. 30pm. All are welcome.

Gardening Morning: Many thanks to all of those who regularly help out with the gardening at St. John Stone. The next gardening day will take place on **Thursday 10th September** from 10.30am. All volunteers welcome.

Archbishop's Visit: Just a reminder that Archbishop John will be visiting the Parish on **Saturday October 31st**. He will be celebrating the 5.30pm Mass at Sacred Heart and he would like to meet with people of the Parish after Mass. It will be great to welcome him to the Parish. More details soon.



Weekly total Income £1691.00 which includes:

*Plate/Envelope Offertory	£355.13	*Rent	£600.00
*Standing Orders (PM)	£585.87	*Piety	£35.00
*Stipends	£115.00		