



HeartStone: the Parish of Sacred Heart and St John Stone Ainsdale

Living the Love of Christ: everyone welcome, everyone matters, everyone involved.



Sunday 18th October 2026 - 29th Sunday of the year

Liturgy & Spiritual Life			Community Life & Service	
	APF WORLD MISIONS COLLECTION			
Saturday Sunday	5:30pm Mass: People of the Parish 10:30am Mass: Billy Birch (A)	SH SJS	2:00-4:00pm Ainsdale Got Talent Hospitality after Mass	SJS Hall SJS Lounge
Monday 19 th	09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer 10:00am <i>Sorry No Mass today.</i>	SH SH	10:00am Keep Fit 1:00pm Counters 1:30pm Bridge Club 7:45pm Ravens Fencing Club	SH Hall Parish Office SJS Hall SJS Hall
Tuesday 20 th	7:30am Ecumenical prayer group 10:00am Mass; Nicholas Doran (A)	Canning Road PR9 7SS SJS	10:30am Scripture group 6:30pm Bingo 7:00pm Ukelele Buddies 7:30pm SVP Meeting	Red Room SH Hall SJS Hall Red Room
Wednesday 21 st	11:00am Holy Hour with Exposition 12noon Mass: James & Patrick Kelly (A)	SJS SJS	9:30am U3A Guitars 11:00am Place2Be Community Market 5:30pm CTK Open evening 7:00pm Latin and ballroom dance class	SH Hall SJS Hall CtK School SJS Hall
Thursday 22 nd	12:30pm: Requiem Mass Rose Bryce	SH	10:30am U3A Choir 10:30am Gardening team 1:00-3:00pm Ainsdale Foodbank 2:00pm Committal Service 7:30pm Octave	SH Hall SJS Gardens Methodist Southport Crem SH Hall
Friday 23 rd	10:00am Mass: Mike Thornber (B)	SH	10:30am Cleaners	SJS

Sunday 25th October 2026

Saturday Sunday	5:30pm Mass: Ethel Kinchin (A)	SH	Hospitality after Mass	SJS Lounge
	10:30am Mass: Austin & Winifred Collier (A)	SJS		
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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Parish Vision Team: Fr Paul, Steve Bousfield, Chris Hawkhead, Ann Rothwell, Irene Walker, Irene Gibbons, Carole Baker, Maria Parker, Paddy & Wendy Durkin.				
SH Hall Bookings: cathbarry89@gmail.com 01704 573207			SJS room Bookings: heartstone@rcaol.org.uk 01704 577722	
Safeguarding Contacts: safeguarding092@rcaolp.org.uk				
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 – Isaiah 45:1,4-6.

The return of the people from exile – a return made possible by King Cyrus – is seen as a sign of God's love for his people, Israel, and of his Lordship over all people.



Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5.

Paul expresses his concern for the people at Thessalonica. He rejoices with them that they received the Gospel with conviction and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:15-21.

Some of Jesus' enemies attempt to trap him into saying something incriminating against himself. The question is put to Jesus to see whether he would declare himself on the side of those who opposed paying taxes to the Romans, or on the side of those who collaborated with the Romans. If he said Yes, he would lose the esteem of the people and would be regarded as a traitor to the Jewish cause and the Jewish religion. If he said No, he could be denounced as attempting to create a rebellion against the Roman forces. In his answer, Jesus recognizes that the State has a role, but its power is limited and does not replace God. As Christians, we can sometimes face the dilemma of who we should serve. Our first and deepest loyalty is to God. To him alone do we render worship, but in other things we gladly acknowledge and serve others. No one can replace God – he alone is the source of our salvation.

Hospice Sunday: PRAYER FOR QUEENSCOURT: On this Hospice Sunday, we pray for Queenscourt and all hospices and palliative care services in the UK and further afield.

May they keep the needs of all patients with life limiting conditions and those important to them, at the heart of their services, providing specialist, skilled, care at the point of need.

May they be able to ensure that all their staff and volunteers have the education, training, and skills that they need to provide the very best care for the greatest number of people needing it.

May they be able to embrace, and walk alongside, all those important to, and who love, the patient with tender, loving, kindness, generosity and compassion to support them on their difficult, exhausting and emotionally stressful journey.

May they work in an integrated way across all healthcare settings and boundaries, serving people in hospices, hospitals, care homes, prisons, and people's homes solely on the basis of need.

May they especially serve the needs of children facing loss and who have been bereaved, at a time which is crucial to their development.

May they be a source of wisdom, advice and education for all other health and social care professionals, teachers and clergy, who share this lonely journey of serious illness.

May they confidently and competently address the fear of the unknown and uncertainty that faces many patients and families on this unfamiliar journey for the first and only time in their lives.

May they know that you Lord walk with them in the work that they do and that they are your hands and voice for those for whom they care. Lord in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

Octave Choir: A Remembrance Service, led by the Octave Choir, will be held in St. John Stone Church on **Saturday November 7th** at 2.30pm. Please come along and join us for this special event. An early notice that the Octave Choir will be performing a Christmas Concert in St. John Stone Church on **Saturday December 12th** at 2.30pm. at this concert they will be joined by the Marshside Brass Band.

Mass Intentions: At present, we are very short of Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass celebrated in memory of a loved one, or to pray for someone who is not well, **(please fill out consent form)** or to simply thanks God for a person's life, anniversary or a birthday, then having a Mass celebrated for them would be a good way of doing this. Simply write their name down, along with a contact name for yourself and, along with an offering if you wish, bring the information to Mass or give it to Gary in the Parish Office during the week. We will endeavor to celebrate the Mass as soon as possible.

Parish Vision Team: The next meeting of the Parish Vision Team will take place on **Tuesday October 27th** at 1.30pm in the Red Room at St. John Stone. At the moment, the Vision Team have been concentrating on looking at the Pastoral Plan for the future of the deanery, but we do discuss other items regarding Parish life all the time. It is very important to have a Vision Team. If you have any items for the agenda for future Vision Team meetings, then please contact Fr.Paul or one of the Vision Team members before the next meeting.

Cashless donations: A device has now been installed at St. John Stone which allows you to make card and cashless donations using debit cards, credit cards, Apple Pay, or contactless devices.



SVP Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish SVP Group will take place on **Tuesday October 20th** at 7.30pm in the Red Room at St. John Stone. Please come along and join us – you will be most welcome.

Christ the King Sixth Form: Christ the King high school are holding a Sixth Form Open Evening on **Wednesday October 21st** from 5.30-7.30pm. All are 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 some of the people from the Parish after Mass. We will hopefully have tea and coffee for everyone. After which the archbishop would like to meet with anyone involved in Parish life, such as the Finance Team, the Vision Team, the SVP, the Social Group, etc., to hear what Parish life is like. It will be great to welcome him to the Parish. More details soon.

Remembrance Sunday: The annual Remembrance Service on Ainsdale Village Green will take place on **Sunday November 8th** at **10.45am**. A reminder that Mass at St. John Stone that day will take place at the earlier time of **10am**.

Gardening Morning: on **Thursday 22nd October** at St John Stone. 10:30am All volunteers are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Knock: Holy Family Parish are also organizing a Pilgrimage to Knock **2027**. The pilgrimage will take place from **Monday 24th May** through to **Friday May 28th**. If you are interested, please contact Holy Family Parish Office or Patricia on 01268762278. Please see the notice at the back of church for further details.

Weekly total Income	£1358.49	which includes:	
*Plate/Envelope Offertory	£330.62	*Evangelii G	£12.00
*Standing Orders (PM)	£585.87	*Piety	£145.00
CAFOD	£285.00		

Thank You!