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

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

Sunday 25th October 2026 – 30th Sunday of the year

	Liturgy & Spiritual Life		Community Life & Service	
Saturday Sunday	**5:30pm Mass: Ethel Kinchin (A)**	**SH**	**CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR**	
	10:30am Mass: Austin & Winifred Collier (A)	**SJS**	Hospitality after Mass	SJS Lounge
Monday 26th	09.45am Daily: Morning Prayer	**SH**	10:00am Keep Fit	SH Hall
	10:00am Mass: People of the Parish	**SH**	10:00am Counters	Parish Office
			1:30pm Bridge Club	SJS Hall
			7:45pm Ravens Fencing Club	SJS Hall
Tuesday 27th	7:30am Ecumenical prayer group	Canning Road PR9 7SS	10:30am Scripture group	Red Room
	10:00am Mass: Si	**Red Room**	1:30pm PVT Meeting	Red Room
			6:30pm Bingo	SH Hall
			7:00pm Ukelele Buddies	SJS Hall
Wednesday 28th	11:00am Holy Hour with Exposition	**SJS**	**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**	
	12noon Mass: Anne McClennan (LD)	**SJS**	9:30am U3A Guitars	SH Hall
			11:00am Place2Be Community Market	SJS Hall
			7:00pm Latin and ballroom dance class	SJS Hall
			7:00pm Civic society	SH Hall
Thursday 29th	**10:00pm Sorry no Mass today**		**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**	
			10:30am U3A Choir	SH Hall
			1:00-3:00pm Ainsdale Foodbank	Methodist
			7:30pm Octave	SH Hall
Friday 30th	**10:00am Mass: Phil Whiteside/Bill Conway (BR)**	**SH**	**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**	
			10:30am Cleaners	SJS
			10:30amLiturgy Planning Meeting	SH

Sunday 1st November 2026

Saturday Sunday	**5:30pm Mass with Archbishop**	**SH**	**No Dance night this month**	
			Hospitality after Mass	SJS Lounge
	10:30am Mass: Geraldine O'Brien (LD)	**SJS**	11:30am Sing run through	SJS

Parish Priest: Fr Paul Seddon — **Administrator: Gary Foulds**

Office hours: 08:00 – 12:30pm & 14:00 – 16:00pm Monday to Friday — *Parish Office*: 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.

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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 – Exodus 22:20-26.

God tells the people of Israel that there must be no discrimination against or exploitation of the weaker members of their society.

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10.

Paul encourages the people of Thessalonica by telling them that their exemplary lives have become known far and wide, and they are an inspiration to others.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:34-40.

Jesus tells us that the whole of religion can be summed up in the two commandments of Love. In Old Testament times, the "Law" consisted of some 613 commandments. The question as to which commandment was the greatest was frequently discussed amongst the Jewish people. Jesus was asked to name one, but responded by naming two, and suggesting that they were both as important as each other. For Jesus, the second commandment mentioned in today's Gospel, followed directly and necessarily from the first. Love of one's neighbours arises from our love of God. Both commandments are found in the Old Testament. What is new is not the fact that Jesus brought these two commandments together, but that he made them equally important. In essence, we cannot claim that we love God unless we love our neighbours as ourselves.

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 thank 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 this **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.



Archbishop's Visit: Just a reminder that Archbishop John will be visiting the Parish next **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. After celebrating Mass, 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.

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**. Please pray for good weather this year!

Midweek Mass: From this week we will celebrate 10am Mass, when they take place, in the **Red Room** at **St. John Stone**. Please note that these Masses will take place on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** – the Wednesday Mass at 12 will continue to be celebrated in the Church.

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.

St John Stone and Sacred Heart SVP: The SVP would like to take this opportunity to share how your generous donations have helped support people in our parish and wider community, and to sincerely thank all our parishioners for their continued generosity and support. This year, your kindness has enabled us to support two parishes in India, donate £1,845 to Queenscourt, provide food vouchers for young families in need, household items and practical assistance to those struggling, and make donations towards self-help initiatives that enable people to build a more secure future for themselves. We have also continued visiting the elderly, supporting the local soup kitchen, holding fundraising raffles, and offering prayers for our parish and all those in need. Looking ahead, we hope to expand our visiting ministry, particularly to those who are housebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
Our Christmas Raffle will take place soon, with tickets available next month. If you would like to support the SVP through a regular monthly donation, however small, please speak to Joanne on 07721682958 or alternatively use the SVP email: **svpheartstone@gmail.com**

Weekly total Income	**£1033.10**	which includes:	
*Plate/Envelope Offertory	£289.23	*Evangelii G	£36.00
*Standing Orders (PM)	£585.87	*Piety	£85.00
CAFOD	£37.00		

