



The Parish of St Monica and St Francis de Sales

Sefton Coast South Deanery Deanery Patron: *Blessed Lawrence Johnson*

In a family of parishes with St James Bootle

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Becoming the Church God is calling us to be...

18th May, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

The week ahead...

Sat 17th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - Teresa Henderson, RIP (A) / Marie Sexton, RIP (B'day) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00.pm - The Finegan Family, RIP / Katrina Craig (Special Intention) / Eileen Dougherty, RIP (A)
Sun 18th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - Catherine Riley, RIP (80th B'day) / Kittie & Pat Beattie SFDS Holy Mass 11.00.am - Robert Duffy, RIP (A) / Ann Melia, RIP (B'day)
SM Mon 19th May	Monday of Week 5 Easter	SM Holy Mass 12 noon - Noel Cahill, RIP (A) / Joyce Ashcroft, RIP
SFDS 20th May	Tuesday of Week 5 Easter	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon - Sr. Margaret Mary, OCD / The Carmelite Community (Wolverhampton)
SM Wed 21st May	Wednesday of Week 5 Easter	NO LIVESTREAMED ONLINE MASS WITH FR. PAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-monicas-church
SM Thurs 22nd May	Thursday of Week 5 Easter	SM Holy Mass 12 noon - Christopher Cooney, RIP (A) / Joey Cantwell, RIP
SFDS Fri 23rd May	Friday of Week 5 Easter	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon - In Thanks to Sacred Heart & Our Lady / In Thanks to Our Lady & St. Jude
Sat 24th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - "Birthday Greetings" / Martin Quinn (USA) RIP SFDS Holy Mass 6.00.pm - Katrina Craig (Special Intention) / Christine (Crissy) Gannon, RIP
Sun 25th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - Sarah Archer, RIP (B'day) / Irene Sonne, RIP SFDS Holy Mass - 11.00.am - Maryfina & Karen (Happy Birthday) / Joseph (Joe) Nolan, RIP (B'day)

For the lately dead: Renie Pittaway, Tony Beirne, John Hastings and Piotr Lesielicz.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Robert Duffy, Eileen Dougherty, Teresa Henderson, Noel Cahill and Christopher Cooney. Eternal rest...

CONFESSIONS - St Monica, Saturday: 3.45-4.15; Monday & Thursday: 11.30-11.50am.

St. Francis de Sales, Saturday: 6.50; Tuesday & Friday: 11.30-11.50am.

DEVOTIONS - St. Monica, Rosary, Monday & Thursday: 11.30.am.

St. Francis, Rosary, Tuesday & Friday: 11.30.am.

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00-11.50.am.

Candles lit before the Blessed Sacrament: For Good Results (Anon.).

COLLECTIONS FOR 10th/11th May, 2025

St Monica - Gift Aid: £129.00. Loose Plate: £520.30. **Total: £649.30. PTF: £637.00.**

St Francis - Gift Aid: £223.00. Loose Plate: £613.37. **Total: £836.37. PTF: £561.71. Decoration Fund from 4/5/25: £166.64.**

UNWANTED GIFTS If you do have any Gift-items that would be suitable as Raffle Prizes, please leave at the back of Church.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY - What is it and what can I do to help?

We have been invited to try out a process which is designed to help us, the local church, to decide what we can do to bring the Pastoral Plan to life here in our parish. **This process has four stages. Stage one** sees us gather information about the reality of our parish today. Fr Ged and Mike Langan (SFDS) have begun gathering facts and figures about the parish which, in time, they will share with us to help us to have as a full a picture as possible about where our parish is at right now. Once we have understood where we are, **Stage two** moves us into deciding what we think the priorities in our area are and will be in the future. When we know what we want to focus on most, we can look at **Stage three**, planning concrete things we can do to address our priorities, who will do these things, and when. Finally in **Stage four** we get stuck in and make these things happen.

What can I do now? As we prepare to get going with this process the first thing to do is to pray.

Most importantly, please pray for its success.

If you can, try to spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection, Pope Francis recommended spending time in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, if possible, asking God for his guidance on the following questions:

My Lord and my God, what are you asking me to do for you?

My Lord and my God, what does our Church do which is pleasing to you?

My Lord and my God, if you were here today, who would you reach out to, and what would you say to them?

(Courtesy of Mike Powell, DSC Member St Monica's Church)

The Installation of Archbishop-elect John Sherrington as the tenth Archbishop of Liverpool, will take place in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Tuesday 27 May at 12 noon. There are still some spaces available for people to attend the Mass, but everyone attending will need a ticket. If you would like a ticket, please email Claire Hanlon on c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk **ASAP.**

'COME ALONG TO OUR CABARET AFTERNOON' at Walton Social Club, 7, Church Road, L4 : **Wednesday, 28th May**, from **1.30-5.30.pm.** *Spot the Ball; Bingo; Cabaret and Raffle! Why not go along with friends for a great afternoon out?*

VISIT OF FATIMA STATUE AND RELICS – Monday 2 June

The Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco are coming to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on **Monday 2 June**. On the day: Holy Mass at **10:00**, followed by Holy Rosary, Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At **13:00**, there will be a Fatima talk & film, followed by enrolment & investiture of the Brown Scapular and Holy Hour. The event will conclude with Benediction at **16:00**.

Enquiries: contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE' PENTECOST WALK – Sunday 8 June

This year's walk will start at the Anglican Cathedral and move to the Metropolitan Cathedral along Hope Street. The theme this year is our Jubilee theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope'. There are lots of exciting things planned for the day – save the date. Parishes and groups are invited to come along with banners which can be carried in the procession.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION ON THE WEEKEND OF 1st JUNE *for World Communications.*

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