



THE PARISH OF
ST MONICA & ST FRANCIS DE SALES

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18th October, 2026 – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Week Ahead...

Sat 17th Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass 4.30pm – Jean Flannery, RIP (A) / Linda Stevenson, RIP / Michael Hobson, RIP (B'day) SFDS – Holy Mass 6.00pm – Thomas Finegan, RIP / David Cruse, RIP (A) / Tommy Clegg, RIP (B'day) Ronnie Flynn, RIP / Esther McMahon, RIP (A)
Sun 18th Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30am – Teresa Disley, RIP (B'day) / Neil Dougherty, RIP / Andrew Welsh, RIP (B'day) SFDS Holy Mass 11.00am – Marissa Melvin (Healing) / Arrival of Baby Cassius / Betty Sharpe (RIP) & Family / Kathleen Chiocchi, RIP
Mon 19th Oct	Week 29 in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 12 noon – Wedding Ann. (M & M) / Robert Mooney, RIP / S. Gregory (In Thanksgiving)
Tue 20th Oct	Week 29 in Ordinary Time	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon – Requiem Mass for Mary (Marie) Fitzgibbon
Wed 21st Oct	Week 29 in Ordinary Time	LIVESTREAMED MASS TODAY WITH FR. PAT (NO CONGREGATION) churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 22nd Oct	Week 29 in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – Leanne Emmett (Sick) / Rita Fisher, RIP / Lynn Fairclough (Very poorly) / Paul Freely, RIP (B'day)
Fri 23rd Oct	Week 29 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon - Patrick Spencer, RIP (A) / Ligy Thomas RIP (A) Betty McGregor, RIP (A) / Philomena McNally (Sp. Int.)
Sat 24th Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – Betty Hobson, RIP (A) / Betty Parry, RIP (A) / Catherine Conway, RIP (A) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – The Cushion Family, RIP / Ryan Kelly (USA) Sp. Int. / Jason Kelly (Ireland) Spec. Int.
Sun 25th Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM - Holy Mass 9.30am – Angela Sonne, RIP (A) / The Kinsella Family / Anthony Hough, RIP SFDS – Holy Mass 11.00am – Nigel Hoy (Australia) Speedy Recovery / Jayden Wang, RIP / Pamela Grier (Get Well/Recovery) / Julia-Louise Dreyfuss (Get Well/Recovery)

For the lately dead: Mary (Marie) Fitzgibbon, Patrick Starkey and Anthony Hough.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: David Cruse, Patrick Spencer, Betty McGregor, Ligy Thomas, Betty Hobson, Catherine Conway, Betty Parry and Angela Sonne.

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Noah Edwards (Continued good health); Tommy Mannion (Spec. Int).

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

St. Francis – 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: Friday – 11.00-11.50.am

11/10: St. Mon: G/Aid: £174.00. L/Plate: £572.24. **Total: £746.24. SFdS:** G/Aid: £198.00. L/Plate: £538.56. **Total: £736.56.**
(Thanks also to our “Card swipers”)

CREATING A QUIET, PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE IN CHURCH: Let us continue to reflect on creating an atmosphere of quiet prayer in church: **‘Welcome to Mass: Talk to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.’**

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE We kindly ask all parishioners to be seated in the main body of the church during Mass, and not to stand at the back **or sit on tables!** This measure is for the safety of everyone and will help ensure that the church can be evacuated quickly and safely in the event of an emergency. Thank you for respecting this important safety requirement.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING is everyone’s responsibility: **CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED TO THE TOILET BY AN ADULT.**

MASS INTENTIONS – IMPORTANT NOTICE If you require a Mass to be said on a particular date, **at LEAST 3 weeks’ notice is required.** **We are still receiving Mass requests for dates that are just over a week away** and it is completely impossible for them to be fitted in at such short notice. **If your request is received without at LEAST 3 weeks’ notice, it will have to be said at the earliest date available.** ALL Masses will be said, but not necessarily on the requested date. Thank you.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES’ PARTY NIGHT – (OVER 18’s ONLY) FRIDAY, 4TH DECEMBER: 7.30.PM TIL LATE! IN ST. MONICA’S PARISH CENTRE: Live music, refreshments, Raffle prizes & Spot the Ball. **Tickets @ £20.00. each** available from Cath, after Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Monica’s, and Maria/Collette at St. Francis de Sales. **Tickets are selling very quickly, so get yours as soon as possible. If you can you help by donating items for the Raffle, “thank you”.**

TODAY - SUNDAY, 18TH OCTOBER – 11.00.am MASS AT SFdS, we welcome **Archbishop Malcolm McMahon**, who is joining us to celebrate Adult First Holy Communions and Confirmations with our Candidates who have been preparing for the past couple of months. After the Mass, you are all invited for Refreshments (and Raffle!) in the Junior School Hall.

‘BOOK SWAP’ AT ST. FRANCIS de SALES: Have you got any books (in good condition) that you have read and are just sitting on a shelf? Would you like to “swap” or just donate them? Maria (Shaw) is organizing this facility and would be delighted to receive your books and explain how this new venture works. If so, please have a word with her before or after 6.00.pm Mass on Saturday **at SFdS Church.** **(Please note, books should only be handed in at SFdS Church)**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – Today, 18th October is World Mission Sunday. There will be a **second collection for ‘Missio’** - one of the three Papal Collections held annually, and Pope Leo has chosen, **“We are One in Christ – United in Mission”** as this year’s theme. **“Please give whatever you can – however large or small - to bring hope, transform lives and help our brothers and sisters around the World build a brighter future. Together we can make God’s love more visible where it is needed most.”**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, 25TH OCTOBER for Kevin Thomas, our Seminarian, who is in Rome continuing his studies. This is a very expensive time and any financial support we can give, as a Parish, will be welcomed and greatly appreciated by him.

DEANERY WOMEN’S FAITH & FRIENDSHIP MEETING at St. Helen’s Parish Centre, Crosby: Thursday, 22nd October, 7.00.pm.

LET US ALL REMEMBER POPE LEO XIV IN OUR PRAYERS as the news of his Cancer diagnosis has been revealed. We thank God that there were reportedly no complications during the surgery and pray for his full and successful recovery.

NOVEMBER PIOUS LISTS AND CANDLES Envelopes for the November Pious Lists and Candles will be available in church from next weekend. Throughout November, all Masses will be offered for our departed loved ones whose names are included on the Pious Lists. Please enclose your list of names and donation in the envelope provided.

Candles may also be lit in memory of loved ones at a cost of **£5 per candle per week.** Please circle the number of weeks required on the envelope and enclose the appropriate donation.

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