

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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15th February, 2026 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Week Ahead...

Sat 14th Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4:30 PM – Catherine Murphy, RIP (A) / Margaret Minto, RIP SFDS Holy Mass 6:00 PM – Katrina Craig (Sp. Int.) / Davie Fitzgibbon, RIP (A) / Jodie Lawless (Sick)
Sun 15th Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Matthew Conway, RIP (A)/For a Successful Operation SFDS Holy Mass 11:30AM – Jayden Wang, RIP / May & Archie Molloy, RIP (A) / Judith Ogbaje Omale (Happy 40 th B'day)
Mon 16th Feb	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon – John Archer, RIP (B'day) / Lawrence Perischine, RIP
Tue 17 th Feb	Tuesday in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Ronnie Flynn (Sick/Get Well)/Paul Murphy, RIP
Wed 18 th Feb	Ash Wednesday	ST. JAMES – HOLY MASS – 10:00AM AND 7:00PM SFDS – HOLY MASS – 12 noon – Parishioners / Holy Souls SM – HOLY MASS – 6:00PM – Parishioners / Benefactors
Thurs 19 th Feb	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	SM - Requiem Mass 12 noon – for Patricia (Patsy) Strahan
Fri 20th Feb	Friday after Ash Wednesday	SFDS – Holy Mass 12 noon – Mary Whiteside, RIP (A) Phily Blohm, RIP (A) Followed by Lenten Stations of the Cross
Sat 21st Feb	1st Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 4.30PM – Eileen Dempsey, RIP (B'day) / Irene Sonne, RIP (A) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00PM – Katrina Craig (Sp. Int.) / Les Roberts, RIP (B'day) / Margaret Harrison, RIP (A)
Sun 22nd Feb	1st Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Hilary Smith, RIP (A) / Ian Hutchinson, RIP SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Rose Daley, RIP (A) / Lynda Lamb (Get Well) / The Finegan Family, RIP

For the lately dead: *Patricia (Patsy) Strahan and John Henry O'Connor.*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Catherine Murphy, Davie Fitzgibbon, Matthew Conway, May & Archie Molloy, Mary Whiteside, Phily Blohm, Margaret Harrison, Rose Daley, Irene Sonne & Hilary Smith. Eternal rest....*

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

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

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

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

Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday 11.00.am.

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: *Linda Stevenson, RIP; Special Int. (J); Special Int. (Anon.); Lawrence Perischine; Lorenzo Perischine; Chrissy & Johnny Rawcliffe; Spec. Int. (Anon.)*

08/02: St. Mon: G/Aid: £254.00. L/Plate: £622.25. **Total: £876.25. SFDS:** G/Aid: £248.00. L/Plate: £606.13. **Total: £854.13.**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CATECHISTS NEEDED: Would you like to help engaged couples to prepare for marriage? The Archdiocese is now recruiting catechists to join the marriage preparation team. The **Catechist training will be provided at St Monica's Church, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 9GA** and consists of 5 sessions: **Monday 23 February 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm). Monday 2 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm). Monday 9 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm). Monday 16 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm). Monday 23 March 2026 (6.30pm - 8pm)** Upon completion of training, the catechists will be asked to offer Marriage Preparation Course for couples twice a year. If this is something you are interested in, please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/JGbP8AtZwn?origin=lpLink> For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

RECAP - THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY LAUNCHED IN SEFTON: 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 and Deanery.

This process has four stages.

Stage one - Last year we gathered information about the reality of our parish today - facts and figures about the parish which, in time, will share with us to help us to have as a full a picture as possible about where our parish is at right now. Now we are at **Stage two**, which 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.

'A MILE A DAY WALK' IN MARCH: Maria Shaw (well-known parishioner of SFdS) will be undertaking this Walk in aid of The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation, and is asking for your support by sponsoring her efforts! Forms will be available soon, and it would be great if we could all get behind Maria to help her raise much-needed funds for a Charity that is very close to her heart, and that of her family. If any of our St. Monica's Family would like to help, please put your donation in an envelope, marked '**A Mile a Day Walk**', and place on the Offertory plate. Many thanks in lieu of your usual generosity!

UPDATE ON GLASSES APPEAL

Mrs. Hilda Williams, Co-ordinator of the above Appeal, would like to convey her sincere thanks and gratitude for the overwhelming response - from both Churches - which totalled 1,185 pairs, including an additional 112 pairs recently received from SFdS; these have now been shipped to Mozambique. The Appeal goes on, and we would be grateful for your continuing support. The next shipment will be sent to The Congo in April. A huge "Thank You" to all our very kind donors.

FAMILY OF PARISHES' ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: ST. JAMES: 10.00.am. and 7.00.pm. **ST. FRANCIS de SALES:** 12 noon. **ST MONICA'S:** 6.00.pm.

FAMILY OF PARISHES' LENTEN STATIONS

ST. JAMES: Wednesdays before the 10.00.am. Mass.

ST. MONICA'S: Thursdays after the 12 noon Mass – **COMMENCING THURSDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.**

ST. FRANCIS de SALES: Fridays after the 12 noon Mass

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY for Nugent (*formerly Catholic Social Services*).