



# 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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**15<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Week Ahead...**

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

**CONFESIONS - 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=lprLink> For more information, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto: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, 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY.**

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

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