



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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2nd August, 2026 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Week Ahead...

Sat 1st August	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass 4.30 PM – Kitty & Brenda Rudd, RIP (A) / Kevin O’Keeffe, RIP / Anne Hall, RIP (A) SFDS - Holy Mass 6.00PM – The Finegan Family, RIP / Mary Kelly, RIP (B’d day)/ Good Health for Jamie
Sun 2nd August	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Carolyn Sonne, RIP (A) / Stephen Molloy, RIP / Julie Doyle (Good Results/Get Well) SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Duarto Soares & Florentino Calisto, RIP (A) / Mary Griffin, RIP (A) / Lia (B’d day) & Zito – 2 nd Wedd. Ann.
Mon 3rd August	Week 18 in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – In Memory of Connor Thomas Sukin / Marion McCurtin, RIP / Sympathy to The McCurtin Family
Tue 4th August	Memorial of St. John Vianney	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Brian Lukins (Get Well/Recovery) / Bridget Keating (Ireland) Get Well
Wed 5th August	Week 18 in Ordinary Time	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 6th August	Feast - Transfiguration of The Lord	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – Thora Sonne, RIP (A) / Fr. Pat’s Intentions
Fri 7th August	Week 18 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Ann Culshaw (Happy Birthday) / Marie Fitzgibbon (Good Medical Results)
Sat 8th August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – Fr. Ged’s Intentions / Kathleen Malone RIP SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – Frank Finegan, RIP / Betty & William McGregor, RIP (Wedd. Ann.)
Sun 9th August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Frances McDonough, RIP (B’d day) Cathy Anderson, RIP SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Mary Anne Lynch, RIP (B’d day) / Nicolas Chute, RIP (A)

For the lately dead: *Ronnie Flynn, Angela Roberts, Marie McKay, Anne Shackleton, John Thurston and Helen Rawlinson.*
For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Kitty & Brenda Rudd, Anne Hall, Carolyn Sonne, Duarto Soares, Florentina Calisto, Mary Griffin, Thora Sonne and Nicolas Chute.*

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: *Spec. Int. (Anon.); Christina Fisher (Spec. Int.).*

26/07: St. Mon: G/Aid: £285.00 L/Plate: £582.77 **Total: £867.77. SFDS:** G/Aid: £183.00 L/Plate: £742.00 **Total: £925.00.**
(Additional Provision for Priests in Retirement: £40.00.) *Thanks for your generosity, including our 'Card Swipers'!*

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT CLASS WITH DANNY FISHER (for all ages & fitness levels) has now resumed after a 12-month break. This takes place in the **Parish Hall on Wednesdays, 6.00-7.00.pm – next Session - Wednesday, 5th August**, but will be flexible, depending on uptake/demand. The cost per Class is £5.00. Why not come along and give it a try?

CREATING A QUIET, PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE IN CHURCH

Here in our churches, we are a warm, sociable and friendly lot, which is absolutely brilliant! However, we have grown accustomed to **talking rather loudly inside the church before, and sometimes during Mass.**

It would be great if we could all do our best to reduce the noise level, so that we can all enjoy an atmosphere of silent, prayerful preparation before Mass. Maybe consider the following quote which I saw in a church recently -

'Welcome to Mass: Talk to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.'

Maybe we could try that here?

ST. MONICA'S FEAST DAY MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON – SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 10.30.am ***

After the Mass, Archbishop John will bless our newly-refurbished Parish Hall. This is also a wonderful opportunity for our Parish and School communities to come together to celebrate **100 years of St. Monica's School and for our altar servers to receive their St. Stephen's medal.** After the Mass and Blessing, please join us in the Parish Hall for Refreshments.

(* PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS A JOINT MASS AT ST. MONICA'S ON SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER FOR BOTH PARISHES – NO 9.30.am. MASS at SM; NO 11.00.am. MASS AT SFdS).**

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE Following a recent Health & Safety inspection, we have been advised that due to the location of the emergency exits in both of our churches, these areas must be kept clear at all times. We therefore kindly ask all parishioners to be seated in the main body of the church during Mass, and not to stand at the back of the church. 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 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: DON'T FORGET YOUR HOMEWORK!! Following our meeting of three weeks ago, if you haven't yet put forward your proposals – whether that is online or by hand - there is a simple summary of the strategy, and attached is a sheet with 3 questions for your reflections on the two proposals. Once completed, please return your reply sheet to the box provided at the back of Church **as soon as possible.** This process is for everyone to take part in, regardless of whether or not you attended the meeting, so please take a sheet. **Could you please return your completed sheet as soon as possible.**

SAVE THE DATE: ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT DAY WORKSHOP 19th September at St Margaret Clitherow Centre. Whether you are new to the concept of accompaniment, or regularly incorporate it, this workshop is for you. There is no cost and we would just ask that you bring your own lunch. Sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/9zxSLAndhm>
For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

WHAT IS ACCOMPANIMENT? Accompaniment means walking alongside one another in faith, helping each other to encounter Jesus Christ and grow as his disciples. Practically, accompaniment happens through simple, everyday acts of Christian friendship and pastoral care. Accompaniment isn't a programme or committee, it's a culture. It means every parishioner asking, *"Who can I welcome? Who can I encourage? Who might need someone to walk alongside them this week?"* When a whole parish adopts that attitude, accompaniment becomes the ordinary way the Gospel is lived.

SAFEGUARDING ISSUE - Please note, if a child needs to use the toilet **THEY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

PLEASE NOTE - No Coffee Morning or 'Little Church' this month.

CAN YOU HELP BY DONATING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TO THE FOOD BANK (BOTH CHURCHES): Tuna; Rice Pudding; Tinned Tomatoes, Soups, Beans & Spaghetti; Tinned meat(s); Tinned Fruit; Pasta - in fact any non-perishable food items. Toiletries - including Toothpaste, Liquid soap; Deodorant; Sanitary products etc. and Disposable Nappies (all sizes).
(The Food Banks have reported an increase in numbers of those needing help, so all donations are much appreciated)