



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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19th April, 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter

The Week Ahead...

Sat 18th April	Third Sunday of Easter	SM – Holy Mass 4.30 PM – <i>Jaime, RIP / Emma Higginson, RIP (B'day) / Julia Steele, RIP</i> SFDS - Holy Mass 6.00PM – <i>Joseph Doyle, RIP (A) / Ellen (Good Health) / Sheila Gilhooley (Spec. Int.)</i>
Sun 19th April	Third Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – <i>Peggy Dickinson, RIP (A) / Kevin McAuley, RIP / Linda Stevenson, RIP</i> SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – <i>Colette Pearsall (Easter) / Winnie Wallace (Easter) / Margaret King (Easter) / Jayden Wang, RIP</i>
Mon 20th April	Week 3 of Easter	SM – 11.30.am – Requiem Mass for <i>Joan Newman. RIP</i>
Tue 21st April	Week 3 of Easter	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – <i>Paul Gerard Iddon, RIP / Tommy Wright, RIP / Marie Hulligan, RIP</i>
Wed 22nd April	Week 3 of Easter	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 23rd April	Solemnity of St. George	SM – Holy Mass – 12 noon – <i>Lillian Mary Rice, RIP (B'day) / Mandy Hindley (Get Well)</i>
Fri 24th April	Week 3 of Easter	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – <i>Georgina Garvey, RIP / Marie Harrison, RIP / Dot Tully (nee Rimmer), RIP</i>
Sat 25th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – <i>Jean Callacher, RIP (A) / Joanne Cavanagh, RIP</i> SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – <i>Thomas Finegan, RIP / Ann Deans, RIP / John Kelly, RIP (B'day)</i>
Sun 26th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – <i>Bunty Gavin, RIP / Abbie Austin (Spec. Int.)</i> SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – <i>Henry Lynch, RIP (A) / Annie Lynch, RIP (A) / Peter (Bob) Wood, RIP (A) / James Chute, RIP (A)</i>

For the lately dead: Joan Newman, Joanne Cavanagh, Baby Gabe Stanley Nixon, Derek Baker, Mr. Arnold, Andrew Kenny, Kristopher Quirk and Eddie Blackburn.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Joseph Doyle, Peggy Dickinson, Henry Lynch, Annie Lynch, Peter (Bob) Wood, James Chute, Ann Deans and Jean Callacher.

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

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

DEVOTIONS - St. Monica, Rosary: Monday, 11.30.am-11.50.am

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

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

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Spec. Int. (Anon); Patsy & Billy Rankin, RIP; Spec. Int. (J); Eddie Blackburn, RIP.

19/04: St. Mon: G/Aid: £274.00 L/Plate: £571.23 Total: £855.23 SFDS: G/Aid: £337.00 L/Plate: £783.41 Total: £1120.41

'MILE A DAY WALK': Grand total raised for The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation: **£1200.00!** "Without your magnificent generosity and support, this would not have been possible, and knowing you were all behind me kept me going! A massive 'thank you' to everyone for your unbelievable kindness. (Maria)

GET FIT AFTER EASTER! Total Body Workout Class to take place at **St. Monica's Parish Hall, Fernhill Road**, with our own Danny Fisher. Suitable for all levels of fitness - come along and give it a try - only £5.00. per session. Day & time to be confirmed, so please keep an eye on the Newsletter for details.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to join the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group. The group meets fortnightly at the Pauline Book Centre in Liverpool City Centre on Tuesdays: 6.30-8.00pm. The next meeting will be on 21st April. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

SPRING 2026 – 'ALL TOGETHER NOW' is a Registered Charity set up to provide a 'tip-top' news service for anyone whose life is affected by disability, long-term health conditions or age. FREE copies of the paper are available at the back of church. Please take one and pass it on! *(Please pray that funding will continue to support this important publication).*

DID YOU ATTEND NOTRE DAME SCHOOL in the Archdiocese of Liverpool? There will be a reunion **on 17th May at The Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo**, for all ex-pupils & teachers, consisting of Mass at 11.00am, followed by a complimentary light lunch & a Social, finishing at 3.00pm. A donation for our current charity & a raffle prize would be appreciated. Please try to attend, all are welcome. Please reply by 3rd May to Bernie Shaw: 0161 483 0173, or email: Berniemshaw@hotmail.com

HELP US SHAPE YOUTH MINISTRY FOR THE FUTURE: We want all young people to flourish, to know that they are cherished by God and are a vital part of the Church. So, as an Archdiocese, we are committed to explore how we can best accompany young people. Your voice is crucial. **What will happen:** You will meet others and have your chance to share your experiences and ideas about how the Church might best respond to the needs of young people today. All feedback will be carefully listened to, as part of a diocesan wide process planning youth ministry for the years ahead

Who's invited: We want to hear from **adults, young adults and 11-18 year-olds**. Please join us. (Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult). **Come to our open meeting: TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 7.00-9.30pm - St Monica's Parish Hall, Fernhill Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 9GA.** *(The process is being facilitated by Danny Curtin, who worked in youth ministry and youth work in the Church for many years).* For more information, contact Sarah McGeehan on: s.mcgeehan@rcaol.org.uk or 07415099048

OUR PARISH GOES CONTACTLESS! As of this weekend, our parish has introduced a new **Contactless Donation Stand in church**. This is a very quick, easy and secure way to support the parish using your card or phone for either a general donation or Offertory donation. Please do give it a try - thank you for your generosity and support!

Are you an adult thinking about becoming Catholic, or have you been Baptised but not yet Confirmed?

You are warmly invited to take part in our upcoming Adult Faith Formation course at St Francis de Sales Presbytery. The course will take place on Saturday mornings at St Francis de Sales Presbytery, with dates to be confirmed. If you haven't yet been in touch to express your interest, **please contact Fr Ged by email, via either St Francis de Sales or St Monica's. We would be delighted to welcome you.**