



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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Becoming the Church God is calling us to be...

4th January 2026 – Second Sunday of Christmas

The Week Ahead...

Sat 3 rd Jan	Second Sunday of Christmas	SM Holy Mass 4:30 PM – Bert Green, RIP (A) / In Thanksgiving (H) SFDS Holy Mass 6:00 PM – Winnie Wallace (New Year) / Katrina Craig (Spec. Int.)
Sun 4 th Jan	Second Sunday of Christmas	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Natalie McKenna, RIP (A) / In memory of Johnny & Chrissy Rawcliffe SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Mary Ann Lynch, RIP (A) / Frank Chute, RIP (A) / Anna Crighton, RIP (A)
Mon 5 th Jan	Weekday after Christmas	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon - Noel Cahill, RIP (B'day)/Leanne Emmett (sick)
Tue 6 th Jan	Holiday of Obligation Feast of The Epiphany of The Lord	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Mundathanathu Family Intentions
Wed 7 th Jan	Weekday of Christmas after Epiphany	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT – 12 NOON (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 8 th Jan	Weekday of Christmas after Epiphany	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon -Harry Saville, RIP/ For Good Results (J)
Fri 9 th Jan	Weekday of Christmas after Epiphany	SFDS – Holy Mass 12 noon – Agnes Owens RIP (A) / Joanne Sweeney RIP (B'day)
Sat 10 th Jan	Feast of the Baptism of The Lord	SM Holy Mass 4:30 PM – Gill Powell, RIP / Eddie & Rio Lee SFDS Holy Mass 6:00 PM – Health for my Family (PR) / Katrina Craig (Spec. Int.)
Sun 11 th Jan	Feast of the Baptism of The Lord	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Anthony Connell, RIP / Elaine Keegan R.I.P. (B'day) Parishioners SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Sean Irving RIP (A) / Parishioners

For the lately dead: Paul Murphy, Kathleen Rowlands and Maureen Dixon

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bert Green, Natalie McKenna, Mary Ann Lynch, Frank Chute, Anna Crighton, Agnes Owen, Christina Marshall, Irene (Ilene) Forester, Sean Irving, Winifred Sims, William Rankin and Michael Berry. Eternal rest..

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

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.

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Donna, Debbie, Thomas, Daniel, Keiren, Special Int. (aniv)

28/12: St. Mon: G/Aid: £98.00 L/Plate: £520.14 **Total: £618.14** **SFDS:** G/Aid: £ 168.00 L/Plate: £607.56 **Total: £775.56**

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION: If you are a Baptised Catholic in Year 8 or above, who has not yet been Confirmed, the Registration to enrol is now open. Please sign-up at: liverpoolcalled.co.uk (This will close on 13th February 2026, and you will need to obtain a copy of your Baptism Certificate).

ST FRANCIS DE SALES FEAST DAY, SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 10.30am. As we are one parish two churches; we will once again be celebrating our patronal feasts together. January 24th marks the feast of SFDS and we will be celebrating our parish mass on **Sunday 25th January 10.30am at SFDS Church.** Celebratory drinks and hot refreshments will be served afterwards in SFDS junior school hall. Please note that there won't be a 9.30am Sunday mass that day at St. Monica's. Lists will be available at the back of church at St Monica's for St. Monica's parishioners to sign up should you need a lift to SFDS or can offer a lift.

ONLINE ALPHA COURSE - Thursday 15 January 6:45pm – 8:00pm (online)

The Archdiocese of Liverpool begins a new 11-week online Alpha Course, running weekly until 26 March. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and meaning in a friendly and open environment. All are welcome.

For more information, email pd@rcaol.org.uk. To register, visit: archdioceseofliverpool.org/Alpha26

MEET YOUR ARCHBISHOP – Wednesday, 28 January, 5:00pm The Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral are delighted to start the New Year with an evening with **Archbishop John Sherrington.**

It will commence with Mass at 5.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Then we will adjourn to the Gibberd Room where we will enjoy a hot pot supper and a glass of wine. The cost is £30.00 per person which will include a hot pot supper, wine and a donation to the Friends. Anyone wishing to sign up should email Claire at c.chanlon@metcathedral.org.uk in the first instance and details of how to pay will be shared. Numbers are limited so sign up fast!

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). Saturday 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.

RECAP—PHASE TWO OF THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY LAUNCHED IN SEFTON

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Each Deanery and parish received its own realistic data and future projections. Next, we will engage deeply with the Pastoral Plan and develop proposals for our Deanery that are both missionary in focus, sustainable and realistic in practice. This strategy is being rolled out across the Archdiocese, with South Liverpool and Warrington & Widnes Deaneries beginning the process. The hope is that within two years, every Deanery will have embarked on this journey - helping us all become the Church God is calling us to be, both now and in the near future. Please watch the newsletter for the next stage which will involve all of us.

THE FIRST MEETING FOR THE NEW WOMEN'S GROUP IN OUR DEANERY will take place on **Thursday 29th January at St Helens centre Crosby.** Tea and coffee 7pm to start discussion at 7.30pm. Ample parking available. All women's of every age welcome, to share faith & friendship. and also your views about starting this group are important. Further information from Mpmmurphypat@aol.com