



THE PARISH OF
ST MONICA & ST FRANCIS DE SALES

Sefton Coast South Deanery • Patron: Blessed Lawrence Johnson

In a family of parishes with St James, Bootle

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20th September, 2026 – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Week Ahead...

Sat 19th Sept	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass 4.30pm – Lorenzo Perischine, RIP (A) / PR (Healing/Sp.Int) / Patsy & Billy Rankin. RIP SFDS – Holy Mass 6.00pm – Thomas Finegan, RIP / Teresa Doyle, RIP (A)
Sun 20th Sept	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30am – John Ray, RIP / Kathleen Malone, RIP / Joan Boyle, RIP SFDS Holy Mass 11.00am – Clare Harrison (Good Health/Speedy Recovery) / Jayden Wang, RIP
Mon 21st Sept	Feast of St. Matthew	SM Holy Mass 12 noon – Bill Dickinson, RIP (B'day) / Sally Griffiths, RIP
Tue 22nd Sept	Week 25 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Jack Newton, RIP (B'day) / Elizabeth (Liz) Rice, RIP (A)
Wed 23rd Sept	Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina	LIVESTREAMED MASS TODAY WITH FR. PAT (NO CONGREGATION) churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 24th Sept	Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – “Birthday Greetings” / Ray Rogers (Get Well)
Fri 25th Sept	Week 25 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Jackie Culshaw, RIP / Alan Edwards, RIP / Kristopher Quirk, RIP
Sat 26th Sept	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – Gerard Tancred, RIP (B'day)/Jean Thompson, RIP SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – Mary O'Regan (Get Well) / Paul Doyle, RIP / Margaret King (Get Well)
Sun 27th Sept	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM - Holy Mass 9.30am – David Stevenson, RIP / Neil Dougherty, RIP / Tanatswa Msipa (To be our Guardian Angel) SFDS – Holy Mass 11.00am – Julia Morrissey, RIP (A) / William Taylor (B'day) / Jayden Wang, RIP

For the lately dead: *Anastasia (Ann) Jackson, Rita Fisher and Noah Woods.*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Teresa Doyle, Lorenzo Perischine, Elizabeth (Liz) Rice and Julia Morrissey.*

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: *Spec. Ints: Donna; Debbie; Thomas; Daniel; Carol; Jackie Culshaw, RIP.*

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

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

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

13/09 Collections details will be in next week's Newsletter.

CREATING A QUIET, PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE IN CHURCH: Let us continue to reflect on creating an atmosphere of quiet prayer in church: **'Welcome to Mass: Talk to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.'**

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE We kindly ask all parishioners to be seated in the main body of the church during Mass, and not to stand at the back **or sit on tables!** 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: This weekend is the deadline for all paper or online proposals. Amen!

PARISH SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility: if a child needs to use the toilet, **THEY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

TODAY IS 'HOME MISSION SUNDAY' – A COLLECTION will be taken for 'Home Missions' (formerly Evangelii Gaudium). *This supports the Mission Directorate of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.*

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: We are invited to a **special Mass at St. James's Church next Saturday, 26th September at 12 noon.** This is to celebrate the work of the SVP across our Parishes. Refreshments will be served after the Mass. Please make an effort to attend this special occasion, as we come together as a 'Family of Parishes'.

ADOREMUS – SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 9AM – 6PM AT LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Join us on the 10th of October for this year's Adoremus. The theme this year is "How we are Eucharist". Come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The event itself is free and available to all. At the Metropolitan Cathedral, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops and a shared time of prayer during the day for all. Celebrated with Archbishop John Sherrington, this is an event not to be missed!

ST. FRANCIS de SALES INFANT SCHOOL will be hosting their **McMillan Coffee Morning, on Friday, 25th September, 9.30-10.30.am.** "We'd like to welcome visitors from our local community/Parishes, and all are welcome. Plenty of hot drinks and cakes to enjoy! Please come along to this Fundraising event."

FAITH & FRIENDSHIP MEETINGS for the Women of our Deanery: Thursday, 24th September (this meeting will include a talk on St. Padre Pio); Thursday, 27th October and Thursday, 19th November, all at 7.00.pm in St. Helen's Parish Centre. All are invited and welcome.

A VERY WARM WORD OF THANKS to all who helped in any way, and those who attended and supported the fantastic Concert held on Saturday night in honour of the Papal Nuncio. It was a resounding success and magnificent to see such great numbers filling the Church. **His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía** and **Archbishop John Sherrington** said how much they enjoyed the Concert, and the opportunity to meet Parishioners, Organisers and Visitors in the school hall afterwards. Well done everyone!

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS NEEDED – ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - Could you help make a difference to the children and families of our parish? St Monica's Primary School is looking for Foundation Governors to join our Governing Board, helping to shape the school's future and ensuring our Catholic faith remains at the heart of school life. You do not need a background in education, just a commitment to Catholic education, a willingness to ask questions and time to attend meetings and support the school. People with a range of skills and experiences have much to offer. If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please contact **Mr. James Gouldbourne (H/T) through the school office** on 0151 525 1245.

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