



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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21st December, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Week ahead...

Sat 20th Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - Christmas Novena Masses / Arthur Wardle, RIP (B'day) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00.pm - Christmas Novena Masses / Katrina Craig (Spec. Int.) / Christina Marshall, RIP (A) / Thomas Finegan, RIP
Sun 21st Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - Christmas Novena Masses SFDS Holy Mass - 11.00.am - Christmas Novena Masses / Fernanda Da Costa, RIP/ Kelly Eaves (Spec. Int.)/Michael Berry, RIP (A)
Mon 22nd Dec	Weekday of Advent	SM - 12 noon - Requiem Mass for Marie Hulligan, RIP
Tues 23rd Dec	Weekday of Advent ▲	SFDS - Requiem Mass - 11.45.am for Mary Jones, RIP
Wed 24th Dec	Vigil Mass of Christmas	SM - 4.00.pm - Vigil Mass of Christmas- Christmas Novena Masses SFDS - 6.00.pm - Vigil Mass of Christmas - Christmas Novena Masses / Irene (Ilene) Forester, RIP (A)
Thurs 25th Dec	Solemnity of The Nativity of The Lord	SM Holy Mass - 9.30.am - Christmas Novena Masses SFDS Holy Mass - 11.00.am - Christmas Novena Masses / Winfred Sims, RIP (A)
Fri 26th Dec	Feast of St. Stephen (First Martyr)	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon - Christmas Novena Masses
Sat 27th Dec	Feast of The Holy Family - Close of Jubilee 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope' Year Mass	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - Christmas Novena Masses <i>Molly Tancred, RIP (B'day) / Irene (Ilene) Forester, RIP (A)</i> SFDS Holy Mass 6.00.pm - Christmas Novena of Masses <i>Katrina Craig (Spec. Int.)</i>
Sun 28th Dec	Feast of The Holy Family - Close of Jubilee 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope' Year Mass	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - Christmas Novena Masses SFDS Holy Mass 11.00.am - Christmas Novena Masses / William Rankin, RIP (A)

For the lately dead: Mary Jones, Marie Hülligan, Peter Garrity, Monica Stones and Aileen King (Co. Mayo).
For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Christina Marshall, Irene (Ilene) Forester, Winefride Sims, William Rankin and Michael Berry.

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Linda Stevenson, RIP; Harry Edwards; The Edwards Family, RIP - In Remembrance; The Edwards Family, RIP; In Remembrance, The Hornby Family, RIP; Michael Deary, RIP; Michael Gazvani, RIP; Anna & Lacey Crighton, RIP.

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

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

DEVOTIONS - St. Monica, Rosary: Monday & Thursday: 11.30am.

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

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday - 11.00-11.50am.

14/12: St. Mon: G/Aid: £261.00. L/Plate: £596.65. **Total: £863.04.** **Sfds:** G/Aid: £234.00. L/Plate: £629.04. **Total: £857.65.**

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).

WINTER 2025-'26' - 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).

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES RECEIVED: Katrina Craig (Spec. Int.) X 2; Thomas Finegan, RIP; Christina Marshall, RIP (A); Fernanda Da Costa, RIP; Kelly Eaves (Spec. Int.); Mary Carroll, RIP (A); The Whiteside Family, RIP; John Kelly, RIP (A); For Good Health Results (Joan); Rev. Geoff Adams (Get Well); Paula Miller (Sick); Gillian Cashman, RIP; Mary Griffin, RIP; Peter Nelson, RIP; Gary Pratt, RIP; John Stafford, RIP; Maureen Holmes, Catherine Wynd; Teddy Bouvier, RIP; Pauline Murphy, RIP; Arthur Wardle, RIP (B'day); Lyndsey (Successful Op.); Richard Galvin, RIP; Margaret Graham, RIP; Tony Walsh, RIP; Andrew McGee, RIP; Linda, Paul, Jemma & Family; Molly Tancred, RIP (B'day); Josie, Frank & Brian McNally, RIP; Patsy & Billy Rankin; Cummins, Rankin, Barton, Beach, Parry & Hand Families; All Holy Souls; Irene Forester, RIP (A); Maureen Barton, RIP (A); Hilary & Stephen Smith, RIP (A); James & Kathryn Abbott, RIP; Thomas & Mary McDowell, RIP; Elaine (RIP) & Bernie Keegan; The Walker Family; The Brown Family; Mary Doran X 2; Rose Metcalf; Brenda Campbell; Margaret King; Billy King, RIP (X 2); Michael Berry, RIP (A); Mary Ann Lynch, RIP (A); Frank Chute, RIP (A); Sheila Nolan (Get Well) X 2; Davie Fitzgibbon, RIP; The Owen Family; The Skelland Family; The Cashman Family; Chris & Eileen Dougherty, RIP; Les Roberts, RIP; Margaret Farrell; The Hughes Family; Gerard Doyle; Winifred Provence; Betty & Tom Hughes; Sally Wright; Michael Hughes; John Rimmer; The Nolan Family, RIP; Mrs. J. Callaghan; Mrs. P. De Luca; Mr. Warburton; Jackie Hughes; Mariann Shaw; Tina & Albert Freeman; Collette Pearsall; Brenda McDermot; Margaret & George Morgan; Pat Brophy; Marion McRedmond; Pauline & John Sweeney; Robert Duffy, RIP; Ann Melia, RIP; Tommy Melia, RIP; Jean & Don; Jenna & Family; Stevie & Family; Maureen Leftley; Sonne & Young Families; Moira Duggan; Aileen King RIP, (Co. Mayo).

'THANK YOU' FROM THE NORTH LIVERPOOL FOOD BANK: "To Colette & The Team - We want to thank you and all the generous members of your congregation, for the untiring, all year-round help and support for those less fortunate than ourselves, and to let you know how much we appreciate it. Please extend our very best wishes to all concerned for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

THANK YOU: "I want to say a sincere and heartfelt word of thanks for the unbelievable kindness, generosity, hard work, help and support in making our "Christmas Refreshments Day" such a resounding success! Grand total of **£670.00** was raised!! Fab!

A special word of thanks to all who donated such wonderful prizes! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and are looking forward to our next one - when we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis de Sales in January, 2026! Well done to each and every one of you who made this day so special. God Bless you all." (Fr. Ged)

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND ALL THOSE YOU LOVE

We would like to wish all parishioners and those you love, a Happy and Blessed Christmas, and a Peaceful, healthy and prosperous 2025. A special word of thanks to all those who work behind & in front of the scenes, to ensure our Masses come together, and our Church is beautifully cleaned and decorated – well done to all of you, couldn't have done it without you! May God richly Bless and protect you always, and may Our Blessed Mother and St Joseph keep you in their loving care. With our Love and Prayers, Fr Ged and Fr Pat.

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Office Hours: 8.00-10.30am, Tuesday-Friday

(Please note: Office re-opens on 6th January, 2026)

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Office Hours: 10.45am-1.30pm, Tuesday-Friday

(Please note: Office re-opens on Tues. 6th January, 2026)