



THE PARISH OF
ST MONICA & ST FRANCIS DE SALES

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4th October, 2026 – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Week Ahead...

Sat 3rd Oct	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass 4.30pm – Peter Murphy, RIP / Emma & David (Sp. Int.) / Eileen (Successful Operation) SFDS – Holy Mass 6.00pm – Charlie O'Brien, RIP / Ann Makin, RIP / John McEvoy, RIP (B'day) / Kath Lee Cute, RIP (B'day)
Sun 4th Oct	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30am – Sheila Gregory (B'day)/Stephen Smith, RIP (A) / Josie McNally, RIP (B'day) / Joan Page, RIP (A) SFDS Holy Mass 11.00am – Christopher Wildes, RIP / Kitty Finegan RIP / Joanne & John (Ruby Wedding Anniversary)
Mon 5th Oct	Week 27 in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 12 noon – Linda Stevenson, RIP / Norah Murphy, RIP / Jonny & Crissy Rawcliffe, RIP /
Tue 6th Oct	Week 27 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Sheila Haines (Get Well) / Anthony Aldous, RIP / Jimmy Cashman, RIP (B'day)
Wed 7th Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	PLEASE NOTE: NO LIVESTREAMED MASS TODAY (NO CONGREGATION) churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 8th Oct	Week 27 in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – James & Kathryn Abbott, RIP (A) & (B'days) / Benjamin Thomas Sutton, RIP / Joey Ruddock, RIP
Fri 9th Oct	Feast of St. John Henry Newman	SFDS – Requiem Mass – 12 noon for Anastasia (Ann) Jackson
Sat 10th Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – Jack Scott, RIP (B'day) / Stella Cropper, RIP (A) / James Magee, RIP (B'day) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – Matthew Doyle, RIP (A)/ Hourston Family, RIP/ Good Health (Win Wallace) / Good Health/Recovering (Claire)
Sun 11th Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM - Holy Mass 9.30am – Philip Howard, RIP (A) / Keith Lloyd (Sick) / Abbie Austin (Spec. Int.) SFDS – Holy Mass 11.00am – Winifred Provence, RIP (B'day) / Billy King, RIP (B'day) / Kevin Thomas's Ints.

For the lately dead: Marie Fitzgibbon, Janet O'Malley, Ann Jackson, Anthony Hough, Graham Hughes & Joseph Uittermark.
For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Esther McMahon, Philip Howard, Stephen Smith, Joan Page, Stella Cropper, James & Kathryn Abbott, Matthew Doyle and Jean Flannery.

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Stella Cropper, RIP (A); Eileen (Successful Op.); Donna, Debbie, Thomas & Daniel.

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

27/09: St. Mon: G/Aid: £263.00 L/Plate: £479.99. **Total: £742.99. SFdS:** G/Aid: £231.00 L/Plate: £625.98 **Total: £856.98.**

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

ADOREMUS – NEXT SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER: 9.00AM – 6.00PM 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". 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 - an event not to be missed!

MASS INTENTIONS – IMPORTANT NOTICE If you require a Mass to be said on a particular date, at LEAST 3 weeks' notice is required, yet we are still receiving Mass requests for dates that are just a week away! It is completely impossible for them to be fitted in at such short notice. If your request is received without at LEAST 3 weeks' notice, it will have to be said at the earliest date available. ALL Masses will be said, but not necessarily on the requested date. Thank you.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES' PARTY NIGHT – (OVER 18's ONLY) FRIDAY, 4TH DECEMBER: 7.30.PM TIL LATE! IN ST. MONICA'S PARISH CENTRE: Live music, refreshments, Raffle prizes & Spot the Ball. **Tickets @ £20.00. each** available from Cath, after Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Monica's, and Maria/Collette at St. Francis de Sales. **Tickets are selling very quickly, so get yours as soon as possible. If you can you help by donating items for the Raffle, "thank you".**

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES & ST. MONICA'S LITTLE CHURCH: 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' takes place today, **Sunday, 4th October, during the 9.30.am/11.00.am Mass.** This is for our children who are currently in Years 1-5.

ST. MONICA'S COFFEE MORNING – TODAY, SUNDAY, 4th October, immediately after the 9.30.am Mass. If you haven't been before, **please give your support** by going over with friends for tea, coffee, cakes and toast. *(If you can help by donating prizes for the monthly Raffle, these can be handed in at the Presbytery any weekday morning).*

SUNDAY, 18TH OCTOBER – 11.00.am MASS AT ST. FRANCIS de SALES CHURCH we will welcome Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, who is joining us to celebrate Adult First Holy Communions and Confirmations with our Candidates who have been preparing for the past couple of months. After the Mass, there will be refreshments (and Raffle) in the Junior School Hall, to which all are invited.

'BOOK SWAP' AT ST. FRANCIS de SALES: Have you got books (in good condition) that you have read and are just sitting on a shelf? Would you like to "swap" or just donate them? Maria (Shaw) is organizing this facility and would be delighted to receive your books and explain how this new venture works. If so, please have a word with her when you are at Mass on Saturday evening. **(Please note, books should only be handed in at Church - NOT the Priest's House!)**

DBS RE-CHECKS: During October, we will be carrying out the three-yearly DBS rechecks for all volunteers who require them, including Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, catechists and Children's Liturgy leaders. If this applies to you, you will be contacted during the next week with details of what you need to do. Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and for all that you do in the life of our parishes.

SECOND COLLECTION 25TH OCTOBER for Kev Thomas, our Seminarian, who is now in Rome continuing his studies. This is a very expensive time and any financial support we can give, as a Parish, will be welcomed and greatly appreciated by him.

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