



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

Fr. Ged Callacher EVVF, Parish Priest, Area Dean

Mrs. Bobby Green, PEP, Parish Secretary

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17th May, 2026 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Week Ahead...

Sat 16th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	SM – Holy Mass 4.30 PM – <i>Teresa Henderson, RIP (A) / Joan Newman, RIP</i> SFDS - Holy Mass 6.00PM – <i>The Finegan Family, RIP / Eileen Dougherty, RIP (A) / Mary & Jimmy Nesbitt, RIP (A)</i>
Sun 17th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – <i>Prayers ans. (B.T.) / Prayer ans. (J.K.)</i> SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – <i>John & Irene Burgess, RIP / Robert Dooley, RIP / Agnes & James Murphy (Get Well/Recovery from Illness)</i>
Mon 18th May	Week 7 of Easter	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – <i>Bunty Gavin, RIP / Paul Murphy, RIP</i>
Tue 19th May	Week 7 of Easter	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – <i>Andrew Lavell, RIP / Catherine Masters (Get Well/Recovery)</i>
Wed 20th May	Week 7 of Easter	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 21st May	Week 7 of Easter	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon – <i>Christopher Cooney, RIP (A) / Michael Griffiths, RIP</i>
Fri 22nd May	Week 7 of Easter	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – <i>Joseph McGown, RIP (B'day) / Jim O'Hagan (Speedy Recovery)</i>
Sat 23rd May	Pentecost Sunday	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – <i>Charlie Clarke (Spec. Int. – Get Well Soon) / Patsy Rankin, RIP (A)</i> SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – <i>Libby Denton, RIP / Colin Porter, RIP</i>
Sun 24th May	Pentecost Sunday	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – <i>Noel Cahill, RIP (A) / Catherine Riley, RIP (B'day)</i> SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – <i>Robert Duffy, RIP (5th Ann.) / Catherine Masters (Get Well/Recovery) / Safe journey to Nigeria to bury our Father, Ebo</i>

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

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

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

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

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

For the lately dead: *Linda Stanley, Ian James Broughton, Joan Morgan and Liz Loveless.*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Mary & Jimmy Nesbitt, Eileen Dougherty, Robert Duffy, Teresa Henderson, Christopher Cooney, Patsy Rankin and Noel Cahill.*

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: *Linda Stevenson, RIP; Successful Exam. Results (M & A); Get Well Soon (Anon.) For prayers answered (Anon.).*

10/05: St. Mon: G/Aid: £261.00 L/Plate: £615.10 **Total: £876.10.** **SFDS:** G/Aid: £229.00 L/Plate: £626.53 **Total: £955.53.**
Joint Total of Contactless Payments to-date: £431.94. *(Thank you to all our 'Card Swipers')*

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 12th May. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM!! OUR PARISH IS NOW CONTACTLESS! Our parish has introduced a **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 asap by email, via either St Francis de Sales or St Monica's. We would be delighted to welcome you.** *(Details of date(s) and time to be advised).*

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - FEAST OF BLESSED LAWRENCE JOHNSON, OUR DEANERY PATRON

On Friday, 29th May, Mass at 7.00.pm - St. Mary's Church, Little Crosby, celebrated by The Rt. Rev. Bishop Tom Neylon. This will be followed by refreshments in St. Mary's Hall and is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together as a Deanery, to celebrate Mass for the Feast of Blessed Lawrence Johnson, our Deanery Patron. Please make a special effort to attend and join our Deanery parishes for this great occasion. **(A Coach has been organised – TO PICK YOU UP & DROP BACK OFF - so if you require a lift, please add your name to the list at the back of Church. Picking up from SFdS at 6.00.pm, St. Monica's at 6.10.pm and for St. James – 6.20.pm from the Bus stop on Marsh Lane. (Please put the date and pick-up times in your diary)**

LEAFLET ABOUT THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PDS) When the process began last year, leaflets were handed out explaining the process. Since then, groups from each parish in the deanery have been meeting to reflect on our situation and to plan for the future of the Church in our area. They have looked at both the strengths and the challenges in our parishes, as well as the number of priests and people we have now, and in the years ahead. The vision that has come from this work is both hopeful and challenging. It asks a simple question:
How can we share the Good News of Jesus in our communities, and how can we support our priests and volunteers in the future? This means building up our parish communities, working more closely together, and making good decisions about how we use our resources to support the mission of the Church. The leaflet includes two proposals:

- **linking parishes more closely through Families of Parishes;**
- **developing synodal teams** (these are groups/teams that listen, reflect and guide the churches mission together) **across the deanery.**

Between now and 20th September, we invite you to have your say. The leaflet explains how you can do this, and there will also be parish meetings led by members of the deanery. ***(If you haven't already done so, please pick one up today).***

PLEASE NOTE: **If your child is under 13 and needs to use the toilet, they must be accompanied by a Parent/Adult.** ***(Thank you for your co-operation).***

MASS INTENTIONS – IMPORTANT NOTICE **If you require Masses to be said on a particular date, we require at least 3 weeks' notice, otherwise it is impossible to fit them in, and they will have to be said at the earliest date available.** **ALL Masses will be said, but not necessarily on the requested date. Thank you.**

SECOND COLLECTON FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS this weekend, 16th/17th May. Many thanks in lieu of your usual support.

TWO CATHEDRALS' WALK – PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS – 'MANY VOICES, ONE FAITH' – NEXT SUNDAY, 24th MAY
Starts at 3.00.pm from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. All welcome!