



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...

16th November, 2025 - Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The week ahead...

Sat 15th Nov	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - Pious Lists / John Tancred, RIP (A) / Bob McCarty, RIP (A) SFDS REQUIEM MASS 6.00.pm - Pious Lists / Mark Redmond, RIP (A) / The Finegan Family, RIP
Sun 16th Nov	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - Pious Lists / Gill Powell, RIP (A) / Joe Welsh (Sick) / Mary (Jenny) Wardle, RIP (B'day) SFDS Holy Mass - 11.00.am - Pious Lists /
Mon 17th Nov	Week 33 in Ordinary Time	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon - Pious Lists / Ann Rothwell, RIP (B'day) / Successful Operation (Greg)
Tues 18th Nov	Week 33 in Ordinary Time ▲	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon - Pious Lists / Paul Hourston, RIP (B'day)
SM Wed 19th Nov	Week 33 in Ordinary Time	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT - 12 NOON (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-monicas-church
SM Thurs 20th Nov	Week 33 in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 12 noon - Pious Lists / Patricia Flynn, RIP (A) / James Anthony Houghton, RIP (A)
Fri 21st Nov	Memorial of the Presentation of the BVM	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon - Pious Lists / Sheila Nolan (Sick/Get Well)
Sat 22nd Nov	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (World Youth Day)	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - Pious Lists / Mary Tancred, RIP (A) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00.pm - Pious Lists / Les Roberts, RIP (A) / Michael Cashman (Sick)
Sun 23rd Nov	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (World Youth Day)	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - Pious Lists / Successful Operation SFDS Holy Mass 11.00.am - Pious Lists / Annie Chute, RIP (A) / Baby Violet O'Keeffe, RIP (A)

For the lately dead: Owen Reynolds. Harry Saville and Jan Gina.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: John Tancred, Bob McCarty, Mark Redmond, Gill Powell, James Anthony Houghton, Patricia Flynn, Mary Tancred, Les Roberts, Annie Chute and Baby Violet O'Keeffe.
Eternal rest...

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Special Intentions: Donna; Debbie; Thomas & Daniel; In Thanksgiving (M); Get Well Soon (J)

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: 11.30.am.

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

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

09/11: St. Mon: G/Aid: £315.00. L/Plate: £638.23. **Total: £1,075.00.** **SFds:** G/Aid: £262.00. L/Plate: £560.21. **Total: £822.21.**

SFds PIETY SHOP: Hand-made Rosaries for sale - Silver, Brass and Copper, Semi-precious stones, and every one unique - would make a lovely gift for Christmas. Also available to buy, St. Carlo Acutis Prayer cards, and much more!

FAMILIES OF PARISHES' PARTY NIGHT NEXT FRIDAY, 21st NOVEMBER - 7.00.pm. IN ST. MONICA'S PARISH CENTRE
Live music, refreshments, Raffle prizes and 'spot the ball'. **Ticket only - SORRY, IT'S A SELL-OUT!**

(If you can help by donating any items for the Prize Raffle, it would be greatly appreciated; thank you!)

NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST ENVELOPES are available at the back of Church for you to complete with the name of those deceased family/friends for whom you wish to pray throughout November. *(Please enclose your donation).*

PLEASE NOTE: The only Masses that will appear on the Newsletter during November, will be for DEATH ANNIVERSARIES, BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DECEASED, AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK. Those for any other intentions you have already put in for November, Special Intentions etc. will be celebrated as soon as possible, at a later date.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE CANDLES: The Candle envelopes are available at the back of Church. The Candles are £5.00. each, per week. Please write the name(s) of your deceased loved ones clearly on the front of the envelope, enclose your offering, and indicate which weeks you wish the Candle(s) to be lit. *(A list of all the names will be at the back of Church).*

WE WELCOME BACK, THE LIVERPOOL BACH COLLECTIVE WHO WILL BE SINGING:

BACH - MACHE DICH, MEIN GEIST BEREIT - CANTATA 115 the Liverpool Bach Collective will be performing Cantata 115 at St Monica's Church, Fernhill Road, Bootle, on **Sunday, 23rd November at 6.30.pm.** All are invited and welcome to join us for evening Prayer, followed by the Cantata.

CAN YOU HELP? A MESSAGE FROM DANNY FISHER (READER & WELL-KNOWN ST. FRANCIS de SALES' PARISHIONER!)

"I'm doing a Challenge for Charity this month - it's called: '3,000 Push-Ups for Teenage Cancer Trust'. If you would like to donate, you can speak to me directly, and I'll take the money to the charity myself. This saves a lot of messing by having to go through links and website addresses! I would really appreciate any help either Church can give, as I'm trying to raise at least £500 with a whole month of Push-Ups! **St. Monica's Parishioners - please put your donation in an envelope (marked Teenage Cancer Trust) on the Offertory Plate.** Sincere thanks in lieu of your support and generosity". *(Danny)*

"IN IT TOGETHER FIRST" CHRISTMAS MARKET TODAY, SUNDAY, 16th NOVEMBER - ST. MONICA'S PARISH CENTRE

12 noon-4.00.pm. Fun for the whole family and Community. Come and meet Santa in our Grotto - £1.00. donation. Meet the elves and write your Christmas list. Visit our 'Hot chocolate station' and lots of other Stall-holders. A Singer will be on at 2.00.pm. Do please come along and give your support. A great day for all the family. Call Jodie: 07423 831 135.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY for "World Youth Day". This will be the final Obligatory collection of 2025, and I would like to add a very special word of thanks for your great generosity throughout the year.

PHASE TWO OF THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY LAUNCHES IN SEFTON

On 4th November, the second phase of the Parish Development Strategy was officially launched as steering groups from the three Sefton Deaneries came together for a creative and forward-looking workshop. Their task: to imagine what the church of the future could look like.

Using data from a fictional deanery - Hope Deanery - participants were invited to apply the vision of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan to the future development of parishes. The data was realistic, but the fictional setting gave space for bold and imaginative thinking, free from local constraints. The impact of the exercise was summed up by participants:

"This has helped us realise what a huge task we have."

"It is exciting to be invited to be part of creating the way the church will be in the future in the Diocese."

"This process is NOT about diminishing or closing, it's about developing – it is life-giving"

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? In the coming weeks, each Deanery will receive its own realistic data and future projections. They will be invited to engage deeply with the Pastoral Plan and develop up to three proposals for their Deanery that are both missionary in focus and sustainable in practice. This strategy is being rolled out across the Archdiocese, with South Liverpool and Warrington & Widnes the next Deaneries to begin 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.

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