



# The Parish of St Monica and St Francis de Sales

Sefton Coast South Deanery Deanery Patron: *Blessed Lawrence Johnson*

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*Becoming the Church God is calling us to be...*

**Sunday, 9th March, 2025 – First Sunday in Lent**

*The Week ahead...*

Sat 8th March	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>4.30pm</b> - <i>Mary Murney, RIP (A) / Parishioners</i> <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>6.00pm</b> - <i>Angela Tidmarsh, RIP / Mel Murphy, RIP</i>
Sun 9th March	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>9.30.am</b> - <i>Colin Scully, RIP (A) / Elaine Keegan, RIP</i> <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>11.00.am</b> - <i>Marie Wishart, RIP (A) / Parishioners / Julieta Soares, RIP</i>
<b>SM</b> Mon 10th March	<b>Weekday in Lent</b>	Holy Mass <b>12.00 noon</b> - <i>Mary Sonne, RIP (A) / Sean &amp; Andrea McCarthy, RIP (A)</i>
<b>SFDS</b> Tue 11th March	<b>Weekday in Lent</b> ▲	Holy Mass <b>12.00 noon</b> - <i>Rita Gibney, RIP / Teresa Henry, RIP</i>
<b>SM</b> Wed 12th March	<b>Weekday in Lent</b>	<b>ONLINE MASS WITH FR. PAT - 12 noon at St. Monica's</b> <a href="https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-monicas-church">https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-monicas-church</a>
<b>SM</b> Thurs 13th March	<b>Weekday in Lent</b>	<b>Requiem Mass 12.00 noon for Irene Sonne</b>
<b>SFDS</b> Fri 14th March	<b>Weekday in Lent</b>	Holy Mass <b>12 noon</b> - <i>Patrick Dunn, RIP (A) / Frank Molloy, RIP</i>
Sat 15th March	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>4.30pm</b> – <i>Kevan McGee, RIP (B'day)/Kitty Thomas, RIP (A)</i> <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>6.00pm</b> - <i>Mary Kelly, RIP (A) / Katrina Craig (Pr. Ans.) / Monica Ann Room, RIP</i>
Sun 16th March	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>9.30am</b> – <i>Frank McNally, RIP (A) / Maureen Howard, RIP</i> <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>11.00am</b> - <i>Kathleen Wood, RIP (A) / Mary Harrison, RIP (A) / Gerard Doyle, RIP (A) / Chris Dougherty, RIP (A)</i>

**SM** = St. Monica / **SFDS** = St. Francis de Sales.

**For the lately dead:** Irene Sonne, Margaret Farrell, Peter Nelson, Joyce Ashcroft, Rosa Murphy, Julieta Soares and Airin Smitha Thomas.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time :** Mary Murney, Colin Scully, Marie Wishart, Mary Sonne, Mary Kelly, Sean & Andrea McCarthy, Patrick Dunn, Kathleen Wood, Mary Harrison, Chris Dougherty, Gerard Doyle, Kitty Thomas and Frank McNally. Eternal rest...

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

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

**DEVOTIONS - St. Monica**, Rosary, Monday and Thursday 11.30am

**St. Francis de Sales**, Rosary, Tuesday and Friday, 11.30am.

**Candles lit before the Blessed Sacrament:** Special Intention; Special Intention (J); Timmy Aindow, RIP (B'day); For Good Results (J).

### COLLECTIONS FOR 1st/2nd March, 2025

*St Monica* - Gift Aid: £433.00. Loose Plate: £522.63. **Total: £955.63.**

*St Francis* - Gift Aid: £219.00. Loose Plate: £620.53. **Total: £839.53.** Sincere and grateful thanks for your generosity.

**SAFEGUARDING** is everyone's responsibility. Safeguarding relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and to protect them from harm. **ALL** children going to the toilet must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025:** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness and rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**UNWANTED GIFTS** If you do have any Gift-items that would be suitable as Raffle Prizes, please leave at the back of Church.

**JUBILEE YEAR ARCHDIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME IN NOVEMBER** More places have become available for the Pilgrimage to Rome in November. Dates are **Friday 7th-Thursday 13th November**. Please email [Mpmmurphy@aol.com](mailto:Mpmmurphy@aol.com) for further details and booking forms.

**CONFIRMATION 2025** If you are in Year 8 and above, and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you can register now via this link: [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk). (**Please note, the closing date is Monday, 17th March**)

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS/STATIONS OF THE CROSS: ST. MONICA'S - THURSDAYS after 12 noon Mass.**

**ST. FRANCIS de SALES: FRIDAYS after 12 noon Mass.**

**LENTEN ALMS: ST. MONICA'S:** There is a box marked 'Lenten Alms' by the Sacred Heart Statue, near the Candles.

**ST. FRANCIS de SALES:** There is a boxed marked 'Lenten Alms' on the back wall, under the Organ loft.

**YOUNG ADULT MASS** The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meets fortnightly at **Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY)**. This year we are exploring different types of prayer. On **Tuesday 11 March**, we will celebrate Young Adult Mass at **18.45**. It will be followed by pizza and refreshment. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome.

For enquiries, please contact [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

**GENERAL CATECHIST COURSE 2025 Beginning on Wednesday 12 March until Wednesday 2 July**, a series of catechist training course will be provided by the Archdiocese. The course will cover **3 modules over 14 weeks**, and it is for those who are considering being catechists or are existing catechists looking to refresh their knowledge. The first module, on Encountering Catechesis will explore key principles of Catechesis to build confidence. The second module, on Discipleship Catechesis will explore key elements of the Catholic Faith and how they can be explored through Catechesis. The third module will help identify key principles to develop a culture of ongoing catechesis, formation and discipleship.

**THE LIGHT OF TRUTH SHORT COURSES** The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph / Light of Truth are running several online courses and retreats over the coming months.

**Lenten Retreat: The Sacrament of Hope** – 6 sessions during Lent, to mark the 2025 Jubilee, to prayerfully reflect on our personal journey with God, Thursday 6 March, 19:30-20:30.

**The Happy Life of Virtue** – 7 sessions to discover the virtues of faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance, keys to a holy and happy life, in communion with God, Friday 14 March, 21:00.

**Essential Training for Catechists** – 6 sessions to introduce the fundamental aspects of catechesis, Thursday 1 May, 19:30-21:00. Further information and booking at [Short Courses | Light of Truth](#) Suggested donation:

£5 per session per person

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