

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

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24th May, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday

The Week Ahead...

Sat 23rd May	Pentecost Sunday	<p>SM – Holy Mass 4.30 PM – <i>Charlie Clarke (Spec. Int. – Get Well Soon) / Patsy Rankin, RIP (A)</i></p> <p>SFDS - Holy Mass 6.00PM – <i>Libby Denton, RIP / Colin Porter, RIP</i></p>
Sun 24th May	Pentecost Sunday	<p>SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – <i>Noel Cahill, RIP (A) / Catherine Riley, RIP (B'day)</i></p> <p>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></p>
Mon 25th May	Memorial of the BVM, Mother of the Church	<p>SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – <i>Sarah Archer, RIP (B'day) / Joan Morgan, RIP</i></p>
Tue 26th May	Memorial of St. Philip Neri	<p>SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – <i>Alan Green, RIP / Ronnie Flynn (Spec. Int.) / Julie Doyle (Spec. Int.)</i></p>
Wed 27th May	Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury	<p>LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT (NO CONGREGATION)</p> <p>https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church</p>
Thurs 28th May	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	<p>SM - Holy Mass 12 noon – <i>Marie Krcelic, RIP (B'day) / Veronica Whittaker, RIP</i></p>
Fri 29th May	Week 8 of Easter	<p>SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – <i>Michael Ellis (Get Well/Recovery) / Catherine O'Regan (Recovery/Get Well) / Valerie Elizabeth Walsh, RIP</i></p>
Sat 30th May	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	<p>SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – <i>Margy Ziip, RIP / Tony Smith, RIP / Mika Sherlock (Spec.Int.)</i></p> <p>SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – <i>The Cushion Family, RIP / Eilike Family (Spec. Prayers) / John Campbell, RIP (B'day)</i></p>
Sun 31st May	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	<p>SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – <i>Thomas Breen, RIP (A) / Speedy Recovery (Anon.)</i></p> <p>SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – <i>Marie Harrison, RIP (B'day) / Zito Soares, RIP (B'day) / Elizabeth & Kieran Murphy (Get Well/Recovery)</i></p>

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: *Ann White, Ian Broughton, Anthony Aldous, Brian Fitzsimmons and Marion McCurtin.*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Robert Duffy, Patsy Rankin, Noel Cahill, Ann Bailey, Lena Oliver and Thomas Breen.*

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: *Linda Stevenson, RIP; Spec. Int. (J); For good Results (GH); In thanks (Prayers ans.)*

10/05: St. Mon: G/Aid: £141.00 L/Plate: £465.00 **Total: £606.00.** *World Communications: £304.85.*

SFDS: G/Aid: £211.00 L/Plate: £556.62 **Total: £767.62.** *World Communications: £282.38.*

Joint Total of Contactless Payments will be published monthly. *(Thank you to all our 'Card Swipers')*

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 WILL PICK YOU UP & DROP YOU 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 note pick-up times)*

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).***

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.**

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

SPECTACLES APPEAL After your magnificent response to this Appeal last year, 1,237 pairs of spectacles were sent to Zimbabwe & The Congo. We are again asking for donations of your unwanted spectacles, as this is helping so many people. You can leave them on the table at the back of Church, but please note **SPECTACLES ONLY, WE CAN'T ACCEPT CASES** as this increases postage costs. Whatever we receive this year will be sent to Zambia in October. Once again, many thanks in anticipation of your continued help.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY MAY PROCESSION – Saturday 30 May (Special Invitation to 1st Holy Communicants to join us) Fr Peter Ross will lead the procession, starting at St Peter's Square **at 2.00.pm** before moving on to Bold Street, Church Street and Whitechapel, finishing at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine on Queens Square. *(All welcome).*