



## The Parish of St Monica and St Francis de Sales

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

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**15th March, 2026 – Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) Mothers' Day**

The Week Ahead...

Sat 14th March	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>4:30 PM</b> – Margaret Magee, RIP (Mothers' Day) / Catherine Conway, RIP (Mothers' Day) / Kitty Thomas, RIP (A) / Mary Sonne, RIP (A) <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>6:00 PM</b> – The Cushion Family, RIP (A) / Kathleen Wood, RIP (A) / Chris Dougherty, RIP (A)
Sun 15th March	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>9:30 AM</b> – Frank McNally, RIP (A) / Josie McNally, RIP (Mothers' Day) <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>11:30AM</b> – Gerard Doyle, RIP (A) / Kitty Finnegan, RIP / Jayden Wang, RIP
Mon 16th March	Monday Week 4 of Lent	<b>SM</b> – Holy Mass <b>12 noon</b> – Wilfrid Sansom, RIP (A) / Marie O'Malley, RIP
Tue 17th March	<b>Feast of St. Patrick</b>	<b>SFDS</b> – Holy Mass – <b>12 noon</b> – Mary Harrison, RIP (A) / Mary Kelly, RIP (A)
Wed March 18th	Wednesday Week 4 of Lent	<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> <b>NO LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT TODAY</b> <a href="https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church">https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church</a>
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM</b>	<b>SM</b> – Holy Mass <b>12 noon</b> – Spec. Int. (MB) / Betty Humphrey, RIP <b>Followed by Lenten Stations of the Cross</b>
Fri 20th March	Friday Week 4 of Lent	<b>SFDS</b> – Holy Mass <b>12 noon</b> – 'Protect myself & Family & In Thanksgiving' / Brenda Campbell (Get Well) <b>Followed by Lenten Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>4.30 PM</b> – Marie Mitchell, RIP / Betty Parry, RIP (B'day) / Prayers answered (James) <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>6.00PM</b> – Cathy Jones (Get Well) / Edward Sarsfield, RIP / Kathleen Jones, RIP
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>9:30 AM</b> – Gill Powell, RIP / Linda Stevenson, RIP / Henry Stevenson, RIP <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>11:00 AM</b> – William (Billy) Morrissey, RIP (A) / Grace Shaw, RIP (A)

**For the lately dead:** Mary Davies, Marie McKeown, Colin Porter, Patricia Nelson, Valerie E. Walsh and Anne Kinsella.  
**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** The Cushion Family, Kathleen Wood, Chris Dougherty, Frank McNally, Gerard Doyle, Kitty Thomas, Mary Harrison, Mary Kelly, William (Billy) Morrissey, Mary Sonne, Wilfred Sansom, Piotr Leisiewicz, Eugene (Uggy) McIntyre and Grace Shaw.

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

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

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

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

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

**Candles before the Blessed Sacrament:** Timmy Aindow, RIP (B'day); Spec. Ints: Keiren & Chelsey; Spec. Int. (J); Spec. Int. (Joe); Spec. Int. (Eileen).

**08/03: St. Mon:** G/Aid: £595.00 L/Plate: £627.76 **Total: £1,222.76 SFDS:** G/Aid: £248.00 L/Plate: £672.00 **Total: £920.00.**

**RECAP - THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY LAUNCHED IN SEFTON: What is it, and what can I do to help?**

We have been invited to try out a process which is designed to help us, the local church, to decide what we can do to bring the Pastoral Plan to life here in our parish and Deanery.

**This process has four stages.**

**Stage one** - Last year we gathered information about the reality of our parish today - facts and figures about the parish which, in time, will share with us to help us to have as full a picture as possible about where our parish is at right now. Now we are at **Stage two**, which moves us into deciding what we think are the priorities in our area, and will be in the future. When we know what we want to focus on most, we can look at **Stage three**, planning concrete things we can do to address our priorities, who will do these things, and when. Finally in **Stage four** we get stuck in and make these things happen.

**'A MILE A DAY WALK' IN MARCH:** Maria has started her Walk and is extremely grateful for the many donations received.

#### **EASTER LITURGIES**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 7.00.pm at ST. JAMES.**

**GOOD FRIDAY - 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL – THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 3.00.pm at ST. MONICA'S.**

**HOLY SATURDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - EASTER VIGIL – 7.00.pm at ST. MONICA'S**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: MASSES: ST. MONICA'S - 9.30.am. SFdS: 11.00.am.**

**PLEASE NOTE: NO EASTER LITURGIES AT ST. FRANCIS de SALES DURING THE SACRED TRIDUUM.**

*There will be a list at the back of Church this weekend for you to sign-up, should you require a lift to St.James for the Maundy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper. (There will be a Coach picking up from SFDS and St. Monica's arriving in time for the 7.00.pm. Liturgy – again, sign-up if you require a lift).*

*(There is a separate list for those SFdS Parishioners requiring transport to the Good Friday and Holy Saturday Liturgies at St. Monica's).*

**BOOTLE & LITHERLAND CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT TALKS AT LINACRE METHODIST MISSION, LINACRE ROAD, L21 8NS.**

*(Please use Bowden Street entrance). Theme: 'Hidden to Whole' – Mondays of Lent, 7.30.pm. up to and including 23<sup>rd</sup> March. All Welcome! (Leaflets at the back of Church).*

**ST. MONICA'S COFFEE MORNING** has resumed, but we are 'starting from the beginning' and would greatly appreciate any donations for our Prize Raffle/'Nearly New' Table. All proceeds from the Coffee Mornings will go towards the cost of the Parish Hall refurbishment.

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS: ST. JAMES, FRIDAYS before the 10.00.am. Mass.**

**THE NEXT SOUTH SEFTON DEANERY FAITH & FRIENDSHIP MEETING FOR WOMEN** will be at St Helens Parish Centre on **Thursday 26th March at 7pm.** All are welcome, especially some new faces! For more information contact

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**MASS INTENTIONS – IMPORTANT NOTICE!** So often, we have asked that if you require a Mass to be said on a particular date, **at least 3 weeks' notice is required.** Over the past few weeks, we have received requests for Masses that are a week or less away. Last week we received Mass requests for this coming week, and 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.**