



THE PARISH OF
ST MONICA & ST FRANCIS DE SALES

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11th October, 2026 – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Week Ahead...

Sat 10th Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass 4.30pm – Jack Scott, RIP (B'day) / Stella Cropper, RIP (A) / James Magee, RIP (B'day) / Mary & Michael Doyle SFDS – Holy Mass 6.00pm – Matthew Doyle RIP (A)/ Hourston Family, RIP/ Good Health (Win Wallace) / Good Health/Recovering (Claire)
Sun 11th Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30am – Philip Howard, RIP (A) / Keith Lloyd (Sick) / Abbie Austin (Spec. Int.) SFDS Holy Mass 11.00am – Winifred Provence, RIP (B'day) / Billy King, RIP (B'day) / Kevin Thomas's Ints.
Mon 12th Oct	Week 28 in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 12 noon – Thomas Dixon, RIP (A) / Thomas Austin, RIP (A) / Phyllis Quinn (Get Well)
Tue 13th Oct	Week 28 in Ordinary Time	PLEASE NOTE: NO MASS TODAY (CLERGY MEETING)
Wed 14th Oct	Week 28 in Ordinary Time	LIVESTREAMED MASS TODAY WITH FR. PAT (NO CONGREGATION) churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 15th Oct	Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – Joan Burton, RIP / Ruth Adams, RIP / Bridget Quinn, RIP / Brian Gosling, RIP
Fri 16th Oct	Week 28 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – John & Pauline Sweeney's Ints. / Stephen Doran (Continued Recovery) / Thomas Murphy (Good mental health and safe return home) / Maria & Ian Shaw's Ints.
Sat 17th Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – Jean Flannery, RIP (A) / Linda Stevenson, RIP Michael Hobson, RIP (B'day) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – Thomas Finegan, RIP / David Cruse, RIP (A) / Tommy Clegg, RIP (B'day) / Ronnie Flynn, RIP / Esther McMahon, RIP (A)
Sun 18th Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM - Holy Mass 9.30am – Teresa Disley, RIP (B'day) / Neil Dougherty, RIP / Andrew Welsh, RIP (B'day) SFDS – Holy Mass 11.00am – Marissa Melvin (for Healing) / Arrival of Baby Cassius/Betty Sharpe (RIP) & Family/Kathleen Chiocchi RIP

For the lately dead: *Maria Brady, Joyce Flynn, Shelagh Cloonan, Jack Costello and Rhona Ingham (nee Hughes).*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Matthew Doyle, Stella Cropper, Philip Howard, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Austin, Esther McMahon, Jean Flannery, Mary & Patrick Lawrence, David Cruse and Betty McGregor.*

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: *Stella Cropper, RIP (A); Spec. Int. (J).*

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

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

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**

4/10: St. Mon: G/Aid: £416.00. L/Plate: £619.04. **Total: £1,035.04. SFdS:** G/Aid: £166.00. L/Plate: £642.75. **Total: £808.75.**

September Card Payments: £338.36. (Thanks to our “Card swipers”)

CREATING A QUIET, PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE IN CHURCH: Let us continue to reflect on creating an atmosphere of quiet prayer in church: **‘Welcome to Mass: Talk to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.’**

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE We kindly ask all parishioners to be seated in the main body of the church during Mass, and not to stand at the back **or sit on tables!** This measure is for the safety of everyone and will help ensure that the church can be evacuated quickly and safely in the event of an emergency. Thank you for respecting this important safety requirement.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING is everyone’s responsibility: **CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED TO THE TOILET BY AN ADULT.**

MASS INTENTIONS – IMPORTANT NOTICE If you require a Mass to be said on a particular date, **at LEAST 3 weeks’ notice is required, yet we are still receiving Mass requests for dates that are just a week away!** 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.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES’ PARTY NIGHT – (OVER 18’s ONLY) FRIDAY, 4TH DECEMBER: 7.30.PM TIL LATE! IN ST. MONICA’S PARISH CENTRE: Live music, refreshments, Raffle prizes & Spot the Ball. **Tickets @ £20.00. each** available from Cath, after Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Monica’s, and Maria/Collette at St. Francis de Sales. **Tickets are selling very quickly, so get yours as soon as possible. If you can you help by donating items for the Raffle, “thank you”.**

NEXT SUNDAY, 18TH OCTOBER – 11.00.am MASS AT ST. FRANCIS de SALES CHURCH we will welcome Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, who is joining us to celebrate Adult First Holy Communions and Confirmations with our Candidates who have been preparing for the past couple of months. After the Mass, there will be refreshments (and Raffle) in the Junior School Hall, to which all are invited.

‘BOOK SWAP’ AT ST. FRANCIS de SALES: Have you got any books (in good condition) that you have read and are just sitting on a shelf? Would you like to “swap” or just donate them? Maria (Shaw) is organizing this facility and would be delighted to receive your books and explain how this new venture works. If so, please have a word with her when you are at Mass on Saturday evening. **(Please note, books should only be handed in at Church - NOT the Priest’s House!)**

DBS RE-CHECKS: On Saturday, 17th October: 10.00am-12 noon AT ST. MONICA’S PRESBYTERY we will be carrying out the three-yearly DBS rechecks for all volunteers who require them, including Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Catechists and Children’s Liturgy leaders. If this applies to you, **you will be contacted during this coming week with details of what you need to do. Applicants must have three forms of identification, either: Passport, Driving Licence, Birth Certificate, Mortgage/Bank Statement (but no older than 3 months and must be ‘POSTAL’ documents, and NOT Internet documents), Current Council Tax or Utility Bill (no older than 3 months and must be ‘POSTAL DOCUMENTS, and NOT Internet documents).** The combination of documents presented must confirm the Applicant’s Name and date of birth. Thank you, as always, for your co-operation and for all that you do in the life of our parishes.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – Next Sunday, 18th October is World Mission Sunday. There will be a **second collection** for ‘Missio’ - one of the three Papal Collections held annually, and Pope Leo has chosen, *“We are One in Christ – United in Mission”* as this year’s theme.

SECOND COLLECTION 25TH OCTOBER for Kev Thomas, our Seminarian, who is now in Rome continuing his studies. This is a very expensive time and any financial support we can give, as a Parish, will be welcomed and greatly appreciated by him.

CAN YOU HELP BY DONATING TO THE FOOD BANK (BOTH CHURCHES): Tinned & dried foods – in fact, any non-perishable food items. Toiletries: Toothpaste, Liquid soap; Deodorant; Sanitary products etc. & Disposable Nappies (all sizes). Many thanks for your generosity. **(A special “thank you” for the anonymous monetary donation to the Food Bank - SFdS).**

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