



# 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 EV VF, Parish Priest, Area Dean

Parochial Administrator of St Mary's Little Crosby and St William of York Thornton.

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**Sunday, 13th April, 2025 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord**

The Week ahead...

Sat 12th April	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>4.30pm</b> - Teresa Dennett, RIP / The Ianson Family <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>6.00pm</b> - Grace Edmondson, RIP (A)/Jack Lewis, RIP (A)
Sun 13th April	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>9.30.am</b> - Peter Glascott, RIP (B'day) / Johnny & Chrissy Rawcliffe, RIP (In Memoriam) <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>11.00.am</b> - Bernard Whiteside, RIP (A)/David Cashman, RIP (B'day) / Anna Crighton & Anna Sweeney, RIP (B'day) / Sister Mary Bernadette, RIP (A)
<b>SM</b> Mon 14th April	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass 12 noon - Special Intention (Sick person)
<b>SFDS</b> Tue 15th April	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> ▲	<b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>12 noon</b> - Josephine Shacklock ("Happy Birthday") / Special Intention (Anna Freeman, RIP)
<b>SM</b> Wed 16th April	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	<b>ONLINE MASS WITH FR. PAT:</b> <b>NO LIVESTREAMED MASS UNTIL 23RD APRIL.</b> <a href="https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-monicas-church">https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-monicas-church</a>
<b>SFDS</b> Thurs 17th April	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>SFDS 7.00.pm</b> - Mass of The Lord's Supper (With Washing of feet) All Parishioners / Sick and Housebound / Brian Bayliss, RIP (A)
<b>SFDS</b> Fri 18th April	<b>Good Friday - The Passion of The Lord</b>	<b>SFDS 3.00.pm</b> - The Passion of The Lord (Second collection for Holy Places)
<b>SFDS</b> Sat 19th April	<b>Holy Saturday - Vigil Mass of Easter</b>	<b>SFDS 7.00.pm</b> - Vigil Mass of Easter - Joseph Doyle, RIP (A) Thomas Fignegan, RIP / Charlie Holding (Special Intention) / The Aldridge Family
Sun 20th April	<b>Easter Sunday - Resurrection of The Lord</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass - Tommy Glascott, RIP (B'day) / Margaret (Peggy) Dickinson, RIP (A) <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass - 11.00.am - Billy King, RIP / Marie & Harry McKenna, RIP / Alice King, RIP (A)

**For the lately dead:** *Maria Spring, Malcolm Pritchard, Terry Tierney and Richard O'Neill.*

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time** *Teresa Dennett, Grace Edmondson, Jack Lewis, Bernard Whiteside, Sister Mary Bernadette, Joseph Doyle, Alice King, Brian Bayliss and Margaret (Peggy) Dickinson.* Eternal rest...

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

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

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

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

**Candles lit before the Blessed Sacrament:** *In Thanksgiving (Anon.); Fr. Pat ('Happy Birthday').*

#### COLLECTIONS FOR 5th/6th April, 2025

*St Monica* - Gift Aid: £244.00. Loose Plate: £553.24. **Total: £797.24.** CAFOD: £50.00.

*St Francis* - Gift Aid: £251.00. Loose Plate: £600.52. **Total: £851.52.** CAFOD: £87.00.

**HOLY WEEK LITURGIES:** Holy Thursday will once again be celebrated as a Family of Parishes (St. Monica's, SFDS and St. James) 7pm, this year at SFDS. **PLEASE NOTE** As we are now the one parish of 'St Monica and St Francis de Sales' - one parish/two churches, **ALL main Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will, this year, be celebrated ONLY at St Francis de Sales Church.** (*We have been extremely fortunate over the last few years, for the invaluable help of Fr. Pat, particularly during Holy Week, but sadly, the spinal Osteoporosis is worsening, and is thereby restricting the amount of time he can stand/walk.*)

**PLEASE NOTE: THE JUNIOR SCHOOL CAR PARK WILL BE OPEN ON THURSDAY, 17TH APRIL FROM 6.15.PM. FOR THOSE OF YOU TRAVELLING BY CAR TO ST. FRANCIS DE SALES FOR THE MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS.**

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

**FITNESS BOOTCAMP** *"Remember that bodily exercise, when it is well ordered, as I have said, is also prayer by means of which you can please God our Lord."* –St. Ignatius of Loyola

A fun and engaging bootcamp is **starting in April for ALL levels of fitness (beginner or advanced)** with our very own **Parishioner Danny**, in Stanley Park, and St Monica's Parish Hall. If you want to get yourself in amazing shape and feel good about doing it – get in touch via text on [07518498524](tel:07518498524) or [trainerdfitness11@gmail.com](mailto:trainerdfitness11@gmail.com) (*Watch the newsletter for details.*)

**FAMILY OF PARISHES LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** **"If you haven't already done so, it is vital you take out Travel Insurance IMMEDIATELY. You should get cover from the period: 22nd September, 2025 to 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2025, inclusive. PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! Many thanks."** (Mike Langan)

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 27th April.** Please pick-up an information leaflet from the back of Church. This gives the times of all that is happening throughout the day. (*Jesus told St. Faustina: "the souls that come on that Feast Day, to Mass, receive Holy Communion and go to Confession, will not only have their sins forgiven, but all stain of sin removed"*).

**CHRISM MASS 2025 - WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL** The Chrism Mass, which this year will take place on **Wednesday 16 April 2025 at 7.30pm** in the **Metropolitan Cathedral**, is usually the largest annual gathering of Archdiocesan Clergy and faithful throughout the year. At the Mass, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year. He does this in the presence of Priests, Deacons and lay faithful. Additionally, the Archbishop invites the Priests of the Archdiocese to renew the promises they made at their Ordination: **"to dedicate their life in service to the Church - to preach the Gospel and teach the Catholic faith, to faithfully celebrate the Sacraments and to pray for God's people"**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this liturgy, enhanced by the Cathedral Choir, and experience the richness of our local church, especially if you have never been before. Any queries please contact **Claire Hanlon** at [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

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