



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

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10th May, 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Week Ahead...

Sat 9th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	SM – Holy Mass 4.30 PM – <i>Bernie Cooney (Spec. Int.) / George Leo Flannery, RIP (B'day) / Winefride Sims, RIP (B'day)</i> SFDS - Holy Mass 6.00PM – <i>Kathleen Wood, RIP (B'day) / William Lawler, RIP / Winnie Wallace (B'day)</i>
Sun 10th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – <i>Linda Stevenson, RIP / George Moffatt, RIP</i> SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – <i>Susan Loughran, RIP / Lauren Green, RIP</i>
Mon 11th May	Week 6 of Easter	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – <i>R. Gazvani (Spec. Int.) / Veronica Whittaker, RIP</i>
Tue 12th May	Week 6 of Easter	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – <i>Davie Fitzgibbon, RIP (B'day)/Joan Dwyer, RIP</i>
Wed 13th May	Feast of Dedication of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 14th May	Feast of the Ascension of The Lord (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)	SM – Holy Mass – 10.00.am SM - Requiem Mass 12 noon – <i>for Philomena (Phyllis) Cowley</i> SFDS – Holy Mass – 6.00.pm
Fri 15th May	Week 6 of Easter	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – <i>Cathy Noon (Happy Birthday) / Marion McRedmond (98th B'day)</i>
Sat 16th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – <i>Teresa Henderson, RIP (A) / Joan Newman, RIP</i> SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – <i>The Finegan Family, RIP / Mary & Jimmy Nesbitt, RIP (A) / Eileen Dougherty, RIP (A)</i>
Sun 17th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – <i>Prayers ans. (B.T.) / Prayers ans. (J.K.)</i> SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – <i>John & Irene Burgess, RIP / Robert Dooley, RIP / Agnes & James Murphy (Get Well/Recovery from Illness)</i>

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

St. Francis, Saturday: 6.50; 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: *Phyllis Cowley, Andy Kenny, Alan Green, Libby Denton, Joan Pratt, Robert Tyrell, Joan Platt, Michael Griffiths and Linda Stanley.*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Mary & Jimmy Nesbitt, Eileen Dougherty, Renie Pittaway and Teresa Henderson.*

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: *Cathy & Peter McCarthy (Spec. Int.); Spec. Int. (Anon.)*

03/05: St. Mon: G/Aid: £476.00 L/Plate: £454.29 **Total: £930.29. Mission Appeal: £544.71.** *(Sincere thanks for your great SFDS: G/Aid: £222.00 L/Plate: £666.18 **Total: £888.18. Mission Appeal: £586.82.** generosity)*

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to join the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group. The group meets fortnightly at the Pauline Book Centre in Liverpool City Centre on Tuesdays: 6.30-8.00pm. The next meeting will be on 12th May. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

OUR PARISH GOES CONTACTLESS! Our parish has introduced a new **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 7.00pm - 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. ***(Please put the date in your diary!)***

AT MASS THIS WEEKEND, YOU WILL RECEIVE A 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.

PLEASE NOTE: **If your child is under 13 and needs to use the toilet, they must be accompanied by a Parent/Adult.** *(Thank you for your co-operation).*

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,** yet we are still receiving some requests for dates that are just over 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.**

SECOND COLLECTON FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS next weekend, **16th/17th May.** Many thanks in lieu of your usual support.

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