



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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Becoming the Church God is calling us to be...

17th August, 2025 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The week ahead...

Sat 16th August	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - Andrew & Louise Murphy, RIP / Michal Sean McMahon, RIP SFDS Holy Mass 6.00.pm - The Cushion Family, RIP / Katrina Craig (Spec. Int.) / Tom & Betty Hughes, RIP
Sun 17th August	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - Catherine Riley, RIP (A) / Ann Rothwell, RIP (A) / Margaret & Jack O'Brien (Wedd. & B'day) SFDS Holy Mass 11.00.am - Lawrence Crighton, RIP (100th B'day) / Wallis Jesson, RIP / Parishioners
Mon 18th August	Week 20 in Ordinary Time ▲	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon - Peter Earley (B'day) / Sylvia Stevenson, RIP
SFDS Tues 19th August	Week 20 in Ordinary Time	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon - Thomas Finegan, RIP / Pat Brophy (Get Well)
SM Wed 20th August	Memorial of St. Bernard	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT (NO CONGREGATION) AT 12 NOON https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-monicas-church
SM Thurs 21st August	Memorial of St. Pius X	SM - 12 noon - Requiem for Ann Marie Hore
SFDS Fri 22nd August	Memorial of the Queenship of the BVM	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon - Renie Pittaway, RIP / John Hastings, RIP
Sat 23rd August	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - Peter Tancred, RIP (B'day) / Ray Downey, RIP (96th B'day) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00.pm - Katrina Craig (Spec. Int.) / Sean Irving, RIP (B'day)
Sun 24th August	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - Theresa Lieb, RIP (A) / Elly Hoye (Sick) SFDS Holy Mass - 11.00.am - John Rimmer, RIP (A) / Colette Pearsall (Spec. Int.)

For the lately dead: *Ann Marie Hore, Agnes Hamlet and Teddy McElhinney,*
For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Catherine Riley, Ann Rothwell, Theresa Lieb and John Rimmer. Eternal rest...*

CONFESSIONS - St Monica, Saturday: 3.45-4.15; Monday & Thursday: 11.30-11.50am.
St. Francis de Sales, Saturday: 6.50; Tuesday & Friday: 11.30-11.50am.

DEVOTIONS - St. Monica, Rosary, Monday & Thursday: 11.30am.
St. Francis, Rosary, Tuesday & Friday: 11.30am.
Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00-11.50am.
St. Francis de Sales, Rosary, Tuesday & Friday: 11.30am.
Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday: 11.00-11.50am.

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: *Special Intentions: Donna; Debbie; Thomas; Daniel; Darren and Carol.*

COLLECTIONS FOR 2nd/3rd August

St. Mon: Gift Aid: £106.00. L/Plate: £565.19/ **Total:** £671.19 **SFds:** Gift Aid: £240.00. L/Plate: £649.80. **Total:** £889.80.

QUIET DAYS AT THE CENACLE - 10:00AM - 4:00PM Bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided, suggested offering £10. No need to book, just come along and maybe bring a friend. For further information contact Sr Winnie, Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, L15 6TW. Tel: 0151 722 2271

MASS INTENTIONS: Could you please give at least 2-3 weeks' notice if you wish to have a Mass said on a particular date, as we are still receiving Mass requests which are less than a week away. Our Masses are allocated two/three weeks in advance, so any late requests will have to be celebrated as near to the date as possible. Priority is given to Masses for the Sick, Anniversaries and Birthday Anniversaries. *(Those for the Lately Dead will be said as when dates are available).*

HAVE YOU ANY SPECTACLES YOU NO LONGER NEED AND WOULD LIKE TO DONATE?

We are again asking for donations of your unwanted spectacles. Those donated this year will go to Mozambique in February 2026. 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. Many thanks in anticipation of your help once again!

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY - WE WILL BE HAVING A JOINT MASS OF CELEBRATION AT ST. MONICA'S CHURCH AT 10.30am ON SUNDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER FOR THE FEAST OF ST. MONICA - CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS, MALCOLM McMAHON. NO 11.00am MASS AT SFds ON THAT DAY, AND NO 9.30am. MASS AT ST. MONICA'S. This will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. There is a list at the back of Church for you to add your names, both for Catering purposes, and for those of you from SFDS that require a lift. Please make an effort to share this joint celebration. **If you can help by donating items for Raffle Prizes, this would be greatly appreciated. Please leave at the back of Church.**

DAY FOR CATECHISTS – FORMATION & REFLECTION

No matter what kind of ministry you are serving, there is a good opportunity for you to refresh your vocation of being a catechist. On **27 September**, the Day for Catechists will be organised from **10.00–16.00** at **Carmelite Monastery L18 3NU**. With the facilitation of Sr Carino and Sr Hyacinthe from the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, there will be spiritual input and practical discussion on the mission of Catechesis. For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaolp.org.uk

ST. MONICA'S, CAN YOU PLEASE HELP THE FOODBANK WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS? General kitchen utensils: cutlery, tin-openers, spatulas, fish-slicers, potato peelers etc. If so, please leave them at the back of Church. Many thanks.

ANOUNCEMENT - Beginning Studies for the Priesthood! We are thrilled to share that Kevin Thomas, a parishioner of St. Francis de Sales, will soon be entering Seminary to begin studies for the Priesthood. Please keep him in your prayers as he embarks on this new chapter — and know that he will be praying for the whole parish family too.

ST. JAMES, BOOTLE *RCIA: 'Each year we have a series of meetings for Adults who wish to enquire about the Catholic Church and perhaps even want to become Catholic, or complete that initiation by being Confirmed. This year's Course starts on **WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER** in **St. James' Parish House at 7.00pm.** *(Rita Shannon, Catechist: 07716 396 010)*
(*RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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