



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...

22nd February, 2026 – First Sunday in Lent

The Week Ahead...

Sat 21st Feb	First Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 4:30 PM – Eileen Dempsey, RIP (B'day) / Irene Sonne, RIP (A) SFDS Holy Mass 6:00 PM – Katrina Craig (Sp. Int.) / Les Roberts, RIP (B'day) / Margaret Harrison, RIP (A)
Sun 22nd Feb	First Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Hilary Smith, RIP (A) / Ian Hutchinson, RIP SFDS Holy Mass 11:30AM – Rose Daley, RIP (A) / Lynda Lamb (Get Well) / The Finegan Family, RIP
Mon 23rd Feb	Monday Week 1 of Lent	SM - Requiem Mass 12 noon for David Grant
Tue 24th Feb	Tuesday Week 1 of Lent	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Tess Fitzsimmons (Spec. Int.) / Joan McLean, RIP (A)
Wed 25 th Feb	Wednesday Week 1 of Lent	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT – 12 NOON (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 26 th Feb	Thursday Week 1 of Lent	SM – Holy Mass 12 noon – Frances & John Kinsella, RIP (A) / Abby Chapman (Sick) Followed by Lenten Stations of the Cross
Fri 27th Feb	Friday Week 1 of Lent	SFDS – Holy Mass 12 noon – Peggy Molloy, RIP (A) / Betty Harrison, RIP (A) Followed by Lenten Stations of the Cross
Sat 28 th Feb	2nd Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 4.30PM – Jacqueline McLelland, RIP / Seasons Greetings (Jan) / Birthday Ints. (Elaine Stuart) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00PM – Ronnie Fynn (Sick/Get Well) / Sarah Nelson (Spec.Int.)
Sun 1st March	2nd Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Rosemary McDowell, RIP / John Bulger, RIP (A) / Peter & Lynette Thompson (Wedd. Ann.) SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Jayden Wang, RIP/Anon. Int. (TF) / Mommar, RIP

For the lately dead: *David Grant, Michael Holyland, Jacqueline McLelland, Joan Dwyer and Andrew Lavell.*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Irene Sonne, Margaret Harrison, Hilary Smith, Rose Daley, Joan McLean, Peggy Molloy, Betty Harrison, Frances & John Kinsella and John Bulger. Eternal rest....*

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: *Linda Stevenson, RIP; Spec. Int. (G & P); The Cooney Family; Spec. Int. (J); Spec. Ints: Donna & Debbie.*

15/02: St. Mon: G/Aid: £126.00. L/Plate: £523.67. **Total: £649.67. SFDS:** G/Aid: £195.00. L/Plate: £510.99. **Total: £705.99.**

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 a 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 the priorities in our area are, 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 Shaw (well-known parishioner of SFdS) will be undertaking this Walk in aid of The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation, and is asking for your support by sponsoring her efforts! Forms will be available soon, and it would be great if we could all get behind Maria to help her raise much-needed funds for a Charity that is very close to her heart, and that of her family. If any of our St. Monica's Family would like to help, please put your donation in an envelope, marked '**A Mile a Day Walk**', and place on the Offertory plate. Many thanks in lieu of your usual generosity!

FAMILY OF PARISHES' LENTEN STATIONS

ST. JAMES: Wednesdays before the 10.00.am. Mass. **ST. MONICA'S:** Thursdays after the 12 noon Mass. **ST. FRANCIS de**

SALES: Fridays after the 12 noon Mass

EASTER LITURGIES

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

GOOD FRIDAY - 3RD APRIL – THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 3.00.pm at ST. MONICA'S.

HOLY SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL - EASTER VIGIL – 7.00.pm at ST. MONICA'S

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, 5TH 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.

(Over the next couple of weeks, there will be a list at the back of Church for you to sign-up, should you require a lift).

ST. MONICA'S COFFEE MORNING - NEXT SUNDAY, 1ST MARCH immediately after the 9.30.am. Mass. If you haven't been before, please support this monthly event by going over with friends for tea, coffee and toast, and, if possible, by donating items for the Raffle! This is also a great opportunity for you to see our newly-refurbished Parish Hall – which is amazing!

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES & ST. MONICA'S LITTLE CHURCH: '*Children's Liturgy of the Word*' will take place **next Sunday, 1st March, during the 9.30.am/11.00.am Mass.** This is for our children who are currently in Years 1-5.

SOUTH SEFTON DEANERY WOMEN'S "Faith & Friendship" Group will take place on **Thursday 26th February** at St Helen's Parish Centre, Crosby, at 7pm. Please do come along, even if you didn't come to the first meeting, you are most welcome. Please spread the word to friends and parishioners. Entrance will be through the church until 7pm, then the side door.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY, SUNDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY for Nugent (*formerly Catholic Social Services*).

BOOTLE & LITHERLAND CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT TALKS AT LINACRE METHODIST MISSION, LINACRE ROAD, L21 8NS. (*Please use Bowden Street entrance*). **Theme: 'Hidden to Whole'** - commencing Monday, 23RD February to 23RD March, 7.30.pm. start. All Welcome! (Please pick up a leaflet from the back of Church).