



The Parish of St Monica and St Francis de Sales

Sefton Coast South Deanery Deanery Patron: *Blessed Lawrence Johnson*

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

29th March, 2026 – Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

The Week Ahead...

Sat 28th March	Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord	SM Holy Mass 4:30 PM – Catherine McDonough, RIP (A) / Kevan McGee, RIP (A) / Gerry Morgan, RIP (A) / Alice Rooney, RIP (A) SFDS Holy Mass 6:00 PM – Denise Crighton, (Sp. Int.) / Kenny Nolan, RIP (A)
Sun 29th March	Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Prayers ans. (SSS) / Spec. Int. (Paul R.) SFDS Holy Mass 11:30AM – Elsie Breen, RIP (A) / Rosemary Lynch, RIP (A) / John Joseph Lynch, RIP (B'day) / Frank Smith, RIP (B'day)
Mon 30th March	Monday in Holy Week	SM – Holy Mass 12 noon – Elizabeth Whittaker, RIP (A) / Maureen Felton, RIP (A) / Kathleen Wood, RIP (A)
Tue 31st March	Tuesday in Holy Week	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Jodie Lawless (Sick)
Wed 1st April	Wednesday in Holy Week	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT TODAY NO CONGREGATION https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 2nd March	Maundy Thursday Mass ** (AT ST. JAMES)	ST. JAMES – 7.00.pm – Mass of The Lord's Supper ** (Chesnut Grove, Marsh Lane, Bootle, L20 4LX)
Fri 3rd April	Good Friday – The Passion of The Lord	SM – 3.00.pm – The Passion of The Lord
Sat 4th April	Easter Vigil Mass of The Resurrection (AT ST. MONICA'S)	SM Holy Mass 7.00pm – Easter Octave Masses
Sun 5th April	Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of The Lord	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Easter Octave Masses SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Easter Octave Masses

For the lately dead: Tommy Cromby, Eva Maud Margaret Cubbins, 'Jaime', Brian Mullins, Ann Kinsella & George Knox.
For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Catherine McDonough, Kevan McGee, Gerry Morgan, Alice Rooney, Jack Scott, Elizabeth Whittaker, Maureen Felton, Kathleen Wood, Kenny Nolan, Elsie Breen & Rosemary Lynch.

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

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

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

St. Francis, Rosary: Tuesday 11.30.am.

NO Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday.

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Linda Stevenson, RIP; Spec. Ints: Thomas, Daniel & Carol; Spec. Int. (J); Benedict Keyser (Get Well);

22/03: St. Mon: G/Aid: £138.00 L/Plate: £648.28 **Total: £786.28 SFDS:** G/Aid: £273.00 L/Plate: £622.26 **Total: £895.26**

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 are the priorities in our area, 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.

MARIA'S 'MILE A DAY WALK' is going well and with only a couple of days to go, she's almost there! The Grand total raised will be published in the Newsletter next week. Well done everyone for your great support.

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.

There is a list at the back of Church for you to sign-up, should you require a lift to and from (!) St.James, for the Maundy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper. (There will be a Coach picking up from SFDS and St. Monica's, arriving in time for the 7.00.pm. Liturgy – again, sign-up if you require a lift **there and back!).**

(There is a separate list for those SFdS Parishioners requiring transport to the Good Friday and Holy Saturday Liturgies at St. Monica's).

ST. MONICA'S COFFEE MORNING has resumed, and we would greatly appreciate any donations for our Raffle/'Nearly New' Table. All proceeds from the Coffee Mornings will go towards the cost of the Parish Hall refurbishment.

As Easter Sunday is on the 1st Sunday of the month, our next Coffee Morning will take place next Sunday, 12th April.

EASTER OCTAVE MASSES: From Saturday, 4th April, up to and including Sunday, 12th April, all Masses we have received for dates during the Easter period will be celebrated. **If you wish any intentions to be included, please make sure we receive them by Wednesday, 26th March, at the latest. (They will all be listed on the Newsletter)**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 12TH APRIL - 2.00.pm AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FOUNTAINS ROAD, LIVERPOOL, L4 1QL

Programme: **2.00:** Testimony & talk on Divine Mercy Message; **3.00:** Adoration; Chaples of Divine Mercy; Benediction.

4.00: Holy Mass (*Hymns by Marg & Sheila*); *Veneration of the Image*; *Blessing with the relic of the True Cross.*

(There will be all day Confessions from 2.00.pm). All Welcome - please come early to write petitions, which we will place on the Altar.

GET FIT AFTER EASTER! Total Body Workout Class to take place at **St. Monica's Parish Hall, Fernhill Road**, with our own Danny Fisher! Suitable for all levels of fitness – come along and give it a try! Date & time to be confirmed, so please keep an eye on the Newsletter for details.