



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...

1st March, 2026 – Second Sunday in Lent

The Week Ahead...

Sat 28th Feb	Second Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 4:30 PM – <i>Jacqueline McLelland, RIP / Seasons Greetings (Jan) / Birthday Ints. (Elaine Stuart)</i> SFDS Holy Mass 6:00 PM - <i>Ronnie Flynn (Sick) / Sarah Nelson (Spec. Int.)</i>
Sun 1st March	Second Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – <i>Rosemary McDowell, RIP / John Bulger, RIP (A) / Peter & Lynette Thompson (Wedd. Ann.)</i> SFDS Holy Mass 11:30AM – <i>Jayden Wang, RIP / Anon. Int. (TF) / Mommar, RIP</i>
Mon 2nd March	<i>Monday Week 2 of Lent</i>	SM - Requiem Mass 12.15.pm for <i>George Paul Moffatt</i>
Tue 3rd March	<i>Tuesday Week 2 of Lent</i>	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – <i>John Sweeney (Spec. Int.) / Mary Jones, RIP / Jithin Mundathanathu ('Happy Birthday')</i>
Wed 4 th March	<i>Wednesday Week 2 of Lent</i>	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT – 12 NOON (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 5 th March	<i>Thursday Week 2 of Lent</i>	SM – Holy Mass 12 noon – <i>Patsy Rankin, RIP (B'day) / Joan Flynn (nee Bulger), RIP (A)</i> Followed by Lenten Stations of the Cross
Fri 6th March	<i>Friday Week 2 of Lent</i>	SFDS – Holy Mass 12 noon – <i>Kathleen Rowlands, RIP/James McPartland, RIP/ Juliet Soares, RIP (A)</i> Followed by Lenten Stations of the Cross
Sat 7 th March	Third Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 4.30PM – <i>Marie McGee, RIP (A) / Parishioners</i> SFDS Holy Mass 6.00PM – <i>Ronnie Flynn (Get Well) / In Thanksgiving (Pr. Ans.)</i>
Sun 8th March	Third Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – <i>Bernie Keegan (Sick) / Parishioners</i> SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – <i>Marie Wishart, RIP (A) Robert Dooley, RIP</i>

For the lately dead: *George Moffatt and Jacqueline McLelland.*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *John Bulger, Catherine Hampshire, Juliet Soares, Joan Flynn, Marie McGee and Marie Wishart. 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. Ints: Thomas, Daniel, Keiren & Chelsey; Fr. Michael de Felice, RIP*

22/02: St. Mon: G/Aid: £300.00. L/Plate: £642.60. **Total: £942.60.** **SFDS:** G/Aid: £194.00. L/Plate: £634.68. **Total: £828.68.**

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.

'A MILE A DAY WALK' IN MARCH: Maria is walking in aid of The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation and is asking for your support. Forms are available from if you wish to sponsor rather than donate, (see Maria) and it would be great if we could all 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.

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 - TODAY, 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 **TODAY, Sunday, 1st March, during the 9.30.am/11.00.am Mass.** This is for our children who are currently in Years 1-5.

BOOTLE & LITHERLAND CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT TALKS AT LINACRE METHODIST MISSION, LINACRE ROAD, L21 8NS. *(Please use Bowden Street entrance).* **Theme: 'Hidden to Whole'** – commenced last week, and will continue on the Mondays of Lent, 7.30.pm. start, up to and including 23rd March. All Welcome! (Leaflets at the back of Church).

EASTER BINGO – TUESDAY, 10TH MARCH IN ST. MONICA'S PARISH CENTRE *(In aid of local Care Homes with Residents suffering from Alzheimers or Dementia)* Doors open at 7.30.pm, 'Eyes down' at 8.30.pm. All welcome, and any donations would be most appreciated. You can contact Marie on 07928 068 280. Thank you in advance for your usual support. *(Marie Minto)*