



THE PARISH OF  
**ST MONICA & ST FRANCIS DE SALES**

Sefton Coast South Deanery • Patron: Blessed Lawrence Johnson

In a family of parishes with St James, Bootle

Fr. Ged Callacher EV VF, Parish Priest, Area Dean

Mrs. Bobby Green, PEP, Parish Secretary

LIVERPOOL RC ARCHDIOCESAN TRUSTEES INC.

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**23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2026 – Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## The Week Ahead...

**Sat**  
22nd  
August

**Twenty First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**SM – Holy Mass 4.30 PM** – Peter Murphy, RIP (B'day) /

Peter Tancred, RIP (B'day) / Spec. Int. (Tommy M.)

**SFDS - Holy Mass 6.00PM** – Sean Irving, RIP (B'day) / Blessings for Wan  
(10<sup>th</sup> B'day) / Lawrence Crighton, RIP (B'day)

**Sun**  
23rd  
August

**Twenty First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM** – Ray Downey, RIP (A) / Josie McNally, RIP (A)

**SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM** – John Rimmer, RIP (A) /

Marta Dos Santos, RIP (A) / Clementino Dos Santos, RIP (A)

**Mon**  
24th  
August

**Feast of  
St. Bartholomew**

**SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon** – Johnny Coffey, RIP (A) /

The Maguire Family, RIP (A) / Joan & Carol Austin, (Spec. Int.)

**Tue**  
25th  
August

**Memorial of St.  
Edmund Arrowsmith**

**SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon** – Spec. Int. (E.R.) / Valerie Eliz. Walsh, RIP

**Wed**  
26th  
August

**Memorial of Blessed  
Dominic Barberi of  
the Mother of God**

**PLEASE NOTE: NO LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT TODAY**

[churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church](http://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church)

**Thurs**  
27th  
August

**Memorial of  
St. Monica**

**SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon** – Gill Powell, RIP (B'day) / G. Remedios, RIP (A)

**Fri**  
28th  
August

**Memorial of  
St. Augustine**

**SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon** – Michael Molloy (Spec. Int.) /

The Hughes Family (Spec. Int.)

**Sat**  
29th  
August

**Twenty Second  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**SM Holy Mass 4.30pm** – Robert Henderson, RIP (100<sup>th</sup> B'day) / Helen  
Rawlinson, RIP / Lisa Shaw, RIP

**SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm** – Pauline Sweeney's Ints. /

Jean O'Leary (Get Well) / Bridget Keating (Ireland) Get Well

**Sun**  
30th  
August

**Twenty Second  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM** – Pat O'Brien, RIP (B'day) / Ann Jones (In Rem.) /  
Chrissy Rawcliffe, RIP (A)

**SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM** – Bernadette Humphreys, RIP (100<sup>th</sup> B'day) /

Nelson Dos Santos Soares, RIP (A) / Benedita Da Cruz /

John Joseph Lynch, RIP (A)

**For the lately dead:** Winifred Morley, Baby Lenny, Alan Trees, John Brannigan and Benjamin Thomas Sutton.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Ray Downey, Josie McNally, John Rimmer, Marta Dos Santos, Clementino Dos Santos, Johnny Coffey, The Maguire Family, G. Remedios, Chrissy Rawcliffe, Nelson Dos Santos Soares and John Joseph Lynch.

**Candles before the Blessed Sacrament:** Linda Stevenson, RIP; Catherine Bass; Spec. Int. (Anon.) Fr. Michael de Felice, RIP; For a safe holiday; In Thanks for successful exams.

**16/08: St. Mon:** G/Aid: £152.00 L/Plate: £515.10 **Total: £667.10. SFDS:** G/Aid: £251.00 L/Plate: £685.79 **Total: £936.79**  
Thanks for your generosity, including our 'Card Swipers'!

**TOTAL BODY WORKOUT CLASS WITH DANNY FISHER (for all ages & fitness levels)** has now resumed after a 12-month break. This takes place in the **Parish Hall on Wednesdays, 6.00-7.00.pm – next Session - Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August**, but will be flexible, depending on uptake/demand. The cost per Class is £5.00. Why not come along and give it a try?

#### **CREATING A QUIET, PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE IN CHURCH**

Let us continue to reflect on creating an atmosphere of prayer and quiet in church: **'Welcome to Mass: Talk to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.'**

**HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE** Following a recent Health & Safety inspection, we have been advised that due to the location of the emergency exits in both of our churches, these areas must be kept clear at all times. We therefore kindly ask all parishioners to be seated in the main body of the church during Mass, and not to stand at the back. This measure is for the safety of everyone and will help ensure that the church can be evacuated quickly and safely in the event of an emergency. Thank you for respecting this important safety requirement.

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: DON'T FORGET YOUR HOMEWORK!!** If you haven't yet put forward your response to the two proposals – whether that is online or by hand - there is a simple summary of the strategy and attached is a sheet with 3 questions for your reflections on the two proposals. **Once completed, please return your reply sheet to the box provided at the back of Church as soon as possible.** This process is for everyone to take part in, regardless of whether or not you attended the meeting, so please take a sheet.

**SAVE THE DATE: ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT DAY WORKSHOP** 19<sup>th</sup> September at St Margaret Clitherow Centre. Whether you are new to the concept of accompaniment, or regularly incorporate it, this workshop is for you. There is no cost and we would just ask that you bring your own lunch. Sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/9zxSLAndhm>  
For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

**WHAT IS ACCOMPANIMENT?** Accompaniment means walking alongside one another in faith, helping each other to encounter Jesus Christ and grow as his disciples. Practically, accompaniment happens through simple, everyday acts of Christian friendship and pastoral care. Accompaniment isn't a programme or committee, it's a culture. It means every parishioner asking, "Who can I welcome? Who can I encourage? Who might need someone to walk alongside them this week?" When a whole parish adopts that attitude, accompaniment becomes the ordinary way the Gospel is lived.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility - Please note, if a child needs to use the toilet, THEY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

**ST. MONICA'S FEAST DAY MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON – SUNDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 10.30.am \*\*\***  
After the Mass, Archbishop John will bless our newly refurbished Parish Hall. This is also a wonderful opportunity for our Parish and School Communities to come together to celebrate **100 years of St. Monica's School, and for our Altar Servers to receive their St. Stephen's medal.** After the Mass and Blessing, please join us in the Parish Hall for Refreshments.  
**(\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS A JOINT MASS AT ST. MONICA'S - NO 9.30.am. MASS at SM; NO 11.00.am. MASS AT SFDS).**

**THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO**, as part of his Visitation of the Archdiocese, will visit the **Church of St. Francis de Sales for a Music Concert/Recital on Saturday 12 September at 7.30pm (after Mass)**, performed by Musicians from the Metropolitan Cathedral. **The concert is free**, and an opportunity for us to meet the Pope's personal representative to Great Britain. Refreshments will be served following the 40-minute recital.

**THANKING EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO, AND SUPPORTED THE PRIZE BINGO IN AID OF OUR LOCAL CARE HOMES**  
The afternoon was a great success and raised the magnificent total of £1,460.00. We are all so grateful for your continued help and support. "Well done and thank you". (Marie Minto)