

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

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22nd November, 2026 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

The Week Ahead…

Sat 21st Nov	***Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ; Universal King***	**SM – Holy Mass 4.30pm –** *Pious Lists / Bridget Kavanagh, RIP (A) / Patricia Flynn, RIP (A) / Mary Tancred, RIP (A) / Kate Fenlon, RIP (A)* **SFDS – Holy Mass 6.00pm** – *Pious Lists / Les Roberts, RIP (A) / Kathy Spinks, RIP / Lisa McGuinness (Healing)*
Sun 22nd Nov	***Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ; Universal King***	**SM Holy Mass 9:30am –** *Pious Lists / Bob McCarty, RIP (A) / Alan Kelly, RIP* **SFDS Holy Mass 11.00am** – *Pious Lists / Norma Hassitt, RIP / Owen Tootle, RIP*
Mon 23rd Nov	*Week 34 in Ordinary Time*	**SM Holy Mass 12 noon –** *Pious Lists / Pat McGuirk, RIP / Claire Austin (Spec. Int.)*
Tue 24th Nov	***Mem. of St. Andrew Dung Lac & Comps.***	**SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon** – *Pious Lists / Michael Dunne, RIP John Bernard Langan, RIP (B'day & A) / Deepest Sympathy (Foy Family)*
Wed 25th Nov	*Week 34 in Ordinary Time*	**PLEASE NOTE: NO LIVESTREAMED MASS TODAY** **(NO CONGREGATION)** churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 26th Nov	*Week 34 in Ordinary Time*	**SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon –** *Pious Lists / Theresa Lieb, RIP (B'day) / Rhone Ingham (nee Hughes), RIP*
Fri 27th Nov	*Week 34 in Ordinary Time*	**SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon –** *Pious Lists / Marie Harrison, RIP (A) / Betty Sharpe, RIP / Anastasia Jackson, RIP*
Sat 28th Nov	***First Sunday of Advent***	**SM Holy Mass 4.30pm –** *Pious Lists / In Thanksgiving (BK) / The Mooney Family (on their loss)* **SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm –** *Pious Lists / Norah Hourston, RIP (A) / Lidsay Aldarling, RIP*
Sun 29th Nov	***First Sunday of Advent***	**SM - Holy Mass 9.30am –** *Pious Lists / Kevin Helm (Sick)* **SFDS – Holy Mass 11.00am –** *Pious Lists / Jayden Wang, RIP / Annie Chute, RIP (A) / Baby Violet O'Keeffe, RIP (A)*

Lately dead: *Rita Galvin, Marie Davies, Margie Ledgerton (Duggan), Carol Barnes, Ms. Seddon, Ron Calder & Marie Jones.*
For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Patricia Flynn, Kate Fenlon, Bridget Kavanagh, Les Roberts, Mary Tancred, Bob McCarty, John Bernard Langan, Marie Harrison, Norah Hourston, Annie Chute, Baby Violet O'Keeffe, Sheila Rooney, Eileen Jones and Marie Hulligan.*

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament*: Ellen Carragher (Sick); Catherine Bass, RIP; Pat Pringle (Sick); Spec. Int. (Anon.); Spec. Int. (J).*

CONFESSIONS – *St. Monica* *– Saturday: 3.45-4.15; Monday & Thursday: 11.30-11.50.am*
St. Francis *– Saturday, 6.50; Tuesday & Friday: 11.30-11.50am*
DEVOTIONS - *St. Monica* *- Rosary: Monday & Thursday: 11.30.am.*
St. Francis *- Rosary: Tuesday & Friday: 11.30.am.*
Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday – 11.00-11.50.am

15/11: St. Mon: *G/Aid: £158.00. L/Plate: £526.92.* ***Total: £684.92. SFdS****: G/Aid: £188.00. L/Plate: £651.63.* ***Total: £839.63. Continued thanks to our 'Card swipers'.***

PARISH SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility: CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED TO THE TOILET BY AN ADULT.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027: Please take an information sheet from the back of Church.

SPECTACLES APPEAL: **300 pairs of spectacles which were sent to Zambia on 3rd October**, and as this is an ongoing appeal, we would be most grateful if you would continue to donate. These can be left at the designated place in both Churches, but please note **SPECTACLES ONLY, WE CAN'T ACCEPT CASES** as this increases postage costs. The next consignment will be going to Peru in March 2027. Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support.

FINAL OBLIGATORY COLLECTION OF THE YEAR for "Animate Youth" will be taken this weekend – 21st/22nd November. Today's second collection supports this work, helping young people grow in faith through retreats, pilgrimges and opportunities to serve others; every contribution is gratefully received. Many thanks.

PROPOSED RECONFIGURATION OF THE FAMILIES OF PARISHES – SEFTON COAST SOUTH (Our Deanery)

Following the recent consultation and work undertaken as part of the Parish Development Strategy, it is proposed that the present three Families of Parishes in Sefton Coast South be reconfigured into *two Families of Parishes*.
The following proposals for our Deanery - along with the other Sefton Deaneries - have been sent to Archbishop John.
<u>*North Family of Parishes*</u>: *St William of York, Thornton; *St Mary's, Little Crosby; *St Joseph's, Blundellsands; *St Helen's, Crosby; *SS Peter and Paul, Crosby.
It is proposed that all five parishes, including SS Peter and Paul, become one new parish, bringing together the communities of the North *Family of Parishes.*
<u>*South Family of Parishes*</u> *St James, Bootle; *St Monica's, Bootle; *St Francis de Sales, Walton.
It is proposed that these three churches will form one parish, within a *Family of Parishes, alongside St Oscar Romero Parish* (Our Lady Star of the Sea, Seaforth, and St Edmund's, Waterloo) which will remain a separate parish.
We are grateful to all parishioners who have contributed to the consultation process. These proposals reflect existing relationships between our communities and aim to strengthen cooperation, share resources and support our common mission. As the Parish Development Strategy progresses, we remain committed to listening, working together and ensuring that any changes serve the pastoral needs of our communities and the mission of the Church.

'BOOK SWAP' AT ST. FRANCIS de SALES: Have you got any books (in good condition) that you have read and are just sitting on a shelf? Would you like to "swap" or just donate them? Maria (Shaw) who is organizing this facility, would like to say a huge "thank you" for the many books received. If you would like a word with her, you can do so either before or after **6.00.pm Mass, Saturdays <u>at SFdS Church</u>.** ***(Please note, books should only be handed in at SFdS Church)***

ADVENT SEQUENCE - SUNDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2026, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM. VENUE - Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. As the season of Advent begins, the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and clergy offer a sequence of music and readings to prepare us for the journey, including choral works by Tavener, Jackson and Byrd. Free admission – all are welcome.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS – SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER, 7PM - A Festive celebration with the Cathedral Choir and choirs from the Archdiocese of Liverpool performing beloved Christmas carols and seasonal favourites. Tickets: £10 each or £18 for a family at www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER – FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH
"For the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less."

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