



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...

8th March, 2026 – Third Sunday in Lent

The Week Ahead...

Sat 7th March	Third Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 4:30 PM – Marie McGee, RIP (A) / Parishioners SFDS Holy Mass 6:00 PM - Ronnie Flynn (Get Well) / In Thanksgiving for Prayers answered
Sun 8th March	Third Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Bernie Keegan (Sick) / Parishioners SFDS Holy Mass 11:30AM – Marie Wishart, RIP (A) / Robert Dooley, RIP
Mon 9th March	Monday Week 3 of Lent	SM - Requiem Mass 12 noon for Anthony White
Tue 10th March	Tuesday Week 3 of Lent	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – In Thanksgiving for Maryann’s Wedding / Ronnie Flynn (Sick)
Wed 11 th March	Wednesday Week 3 of Lent	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT – 12 NOON (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 12 th March	Thursday Week 3 of Lent	SM – Holy Mass 12 noon – John Dunne, RIP (A)/Veronica Whittaker, RIP (A) / Happy 80 th B’day (MC) Followed by Lenten Stations of the Cross
Fri 13th March	Friday Week 3 of Lent	SFDS – Holy Mass 12 noon – Linda Murphy (Ireland) / Patrick Dunne, RIP (A) / Jen (Successful Operation) / Angie (Successful Operation) Followed by Lenten Stations of the Cross
Sat 14 th March	Fourth Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 4.30PM – Margaret Magee, RIP (Mother’s Day)/Catherine Conway, RIP (Mother’s Day)/Kitty Thomas, RIP (A)/Mary Sonne, RIP (A) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00PM – The Cushion Family, RIP (A) / Kathleen Wood, RIP (A) / Chris Dougherty, RIP (A)
Sun 15 th March	Fourth Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Frank McNally, RIP (A) / Josie McNally, RIP (Mother’s Day) SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Gerard Doyle, RIP (A) / Kitty Finegan, RIP / Jayden Wang, RIP

For the lately dead: Anthony White, Tony Knight, John Spencer and Teresa Fitzgerald.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Marie McGee, Marie Wishart, John Dunne, Patrick Dunne, The Cushion Family, Kathleen Wood, Chris Dougherty, Frank McNally, Gerard Doyle, Veronica Whittaker, Kitty Thomas and Mary Sonne. 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: Spec. Int. (J); Eileen & Joe; Spec. Ints. Donna; Debbie; Thomas & Daniel.

01/03: St. Mon: G/Aid: £262.00. L/Plate: £594.15. **Total: £856.15.** **SFDS:** G/Aid: £232.00. L/Plate: £522.22. **Total: £754.22.**

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 has started her Walk in aid of The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation and is extremely grateful for your support. Forms are available on request, if you wish to sponsor rather than donate, and it's great that we're all getting behind her to help raise much-needed funds for a Charity that is very close to her heart, and that of her family. If you 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 for the many donation envelopes received to-date.

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: A big "thank you" to all those involved in making it such a great success - Well done!

BOOTLE & LITHERLAND CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT TALKS AT LINACRE METHODIST MISSION, LINACRE ROAD, L21 8NS.

(Please use Bowden Street entrance). Theme: 'Hidden to Whole' – Mondays of Lent, 7.30.pm. up to and including 23rd March. All Welcome! (Leaflets at the back of Church).

EASTER BINGO – THIS 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)*

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY, SEEL STREET - CARRYING OF THE CROSS - SATURDAY, 28th MARCH led by Fr Peter Ross of St Bede's Parish, Widnes. We will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (the 'bombed out church'), and will be followed by a short service. **Please join us from 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, for a 2pm prompt start.**