

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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29th November, 2026 – First Sunday of Advent

The Week Ahead…

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) / Maureen Coughlin, RIP (A)* **SFDS Holy Mass 11.00am** – *Pious Lists / Jayden Wang, RIP / Annie Chute, RIP (A) / Baby Violet O'Keeffe, RIP (A)*
Mon 30th Nov	***Feast of St. Andrew, Patron of Scotland***	**SM Holy Mass 12 noon –** *Pious Lists / Graham Hughes, RIP*
Tue 1st Dec	*Weekday in Advent*	**SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon** – *Margie Ledgerton (Duggan) RIP / Fr. Pat's Ints.*
Wed 2nd Dec	*Weekday in Advent*	**LIVESTREAMED MASS TODAY WITH FR. PAT** **(NO CONGREGATION)** churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 3rd Dec	***Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest***	**SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon –** *Bill Sonne, RIP (A) / Alan Kelly, RIP*
Fri 4th Dec	***Memorial of St. John of Damascus, Priest, Doctor***	**SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon –** *Billy King, RIP (A) / Julia Louise Dreyfuss (Get Well/Recovery)*
Sat 5th Dec	***Second Sunday of Advent***	**SM Holy Mass 4.30pm –** *Moira Duggan, RIP (A) / Galvin Family's Ints.* **SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm –** *Peter Baccino, RIP (A) / Margaret Toner, RIP (A) Ronnie Flynn, RIP*
Sun 6th Dec	***Second Sunday of Advent***	**SM - Holy Mass 9.30am –** *Josie Sonne, RIP (A) / Gill Powell, RIP* **SFDS – Holy Mass 11.00am –** *Jayden Wang, RIP / Fr. Gary Walsh, RIP (A) / Gary Jones, RIP (16th Ann.) / Donna Lewin (Sick)*

Lately dead: *Patrick Reynolds and Patricia Pearson.*
For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Norah Hourston, Maureen Coughlin, Annie Chute, Baby Violet O'Keeffe, Gary Jones, Bill Sonne, Billy King, Moira Duggan, Peter Baccino, Margaret Toner, Josie Sonne and Fr. Gary Walsh.*
Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: *Spec. Int. (Anon.)*

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

22/11: St. Mon: *G/Aid: £235.00. L/Plate: £521.62.* ***Total: £756.62. SFdS****: G/Aid: £260.00. L/Plate: £590.19.* ***Total: £850.19. 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.

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:
North Family of Parishes: *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.*
South Family of Parishes *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 **Saturday 6.00.pm Mass at SFdS Church. *(Please note, books should only be handed in at SFdS Church)***

'IN IT TOGETHER' – CHRISTMAS MARKET. Sunday 29th November at St Monica's Parish Centre, 11.00-2.00pm. Raffle with great prizes to be won, meet Santa, Food and drink**,** Support your local community and shop local, handmade goods and much more. All are welcome!

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES & ST. MONICA'S LITTLE CHURCH: *'Children's Liturgy of the Word'* will take place next **Sunday, 6th December, during the 9.30.am/11.00.am Mass.** This is for our children who are currently in Years 1-5.

ST. MONICA'S: CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO on **Tuesday, 8th December**. Doors open 7.00.pm. "Eyes down" 8.00.pm. Please come along with friends, give your support and have a great night! All Welcome. (Bingo players must be 18+)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, SUNDAY, 20TH DECEMBER IN ST. MONICA'S PARISH CENTRE: 1.00-5.00.pm: Disco, Games & Prizes, Candy Floss, Slush and light refreshments; Fr. Christmas visit and also a visit from MJS Pets & Exotics! £15.00. per ticket – 1 Adult per child. Additional Adults: £2.00. Free Selection Box for every child. (Tickets from Par. Centre).

SINCERE APOLOGIES to Mrs. Rita Galvin, whose name was incorrectly listed and announced in the 'lately dead' intentions last weekend. This should have been her late husband's name – Mr. Malcolm Galvin - whose Funeral took place at St. Monica's this week. Apologies for any upset this error may have caused.

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