



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

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16th August, 2026 – Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Week Ahead...

Sat 15th August	Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	SM – Holy Mass 4.30 PM – Joan Boyle, RIP / Piergiorgio Ligios (Get Well) SFDS - Holy Mass 6.00PM – Bridget Keating (Ireland) Get Well / John Lukins (Get Well/Recovery) / Kathin & Isabelle (In Thanksgiving)
Sun 16th August	Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Catherine Riley, RIP / Abbie Austin (Spec. Int.) SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Zito & Fidelia Soares's Ints / Anthony Aldous, RIP / Tom & Betty Hughes, RIP
Mon 17th August	Week 20 in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – Ann Rothwell, RIP (A) / John Hanlon, RIP
Tue 18th August	Week 20 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Thomas Finegan, RIP (A) / Peter Molloy (Spec. Int.)
Wed 19th August	Week 20 in Ordinary Time	PLEASE NOTE: NO LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT TODAY churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 20th August	Memorial of St. Bernard	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – Veronica Whittaker, RIP / Tony Carroll (Spec. Int.)
Fri 21st August	Memorial of St. Pius X	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Baby Darcie-Mae Game, RIP / Good Mental Health & safe return home (Thomas Murphy)
Sat 22nd August	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – Peter Murphy, RIP (B'day) / Peter Tancred, RIP (B'day) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – Sean Irving, RIP (B'day) / Blessings for Wan (10th 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 (A) / Marta Dos Santos, RIP (A) / Clementino Dos Santos, RIP (A)

For the lately dead: Fr. Joe Kendall, Christina Fisher, Jackie Culshaw, Derek Baker, Lisa Shaw and John Ray.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Ann Rothwell, Thomas Finegan, Ray Downey, Josie McNally, John

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Spec. Ints: Thomas, Debbie, Daniel, Donna and Carole.

09/08: St. Mon: G/Aid: £735.00 L/Plate: £578.47 **Total: £1313.47. SFDS:** G/Aid: £198.00 L/Plate: £640.46 **Total: £838.46.**
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, 19th 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 the following quote which I saw in a church recently: **'Welcome to Mass: Talk to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.'** Maybe we could try that here?

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 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 19th 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

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.**

'CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE TO JAMIE' for being judged "best Pianist" on 'The Piano' last week. He is now through to the Finals in Birmingham, date to be advised.

ST. MONICA'S FEAST DAY MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON – SUNDAY, 6TH 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 ON SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER FOR BOTH PARISHES – 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 James Luxton and other cathedral musicians. The concert is free, and an opportunity for local people to meet the Pope's personal representative to Great Britain. Refreshments will be served following the 40-minute recital.

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