



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**

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

Parochial Administrator of St Mary's Little Crosby and St William of York Thornton.

Mrs. Bobby Green, PEP, Parish Secretary

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Becoming the Church God is calling us to be...

4th May, 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter

The week ahead...

Sat 3rd May	Third Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - Lorenzo Perischine, RIP (B'day) / Benefactors SFDS Holy Mass 6.00.pm - The Cushion Family, RIP / Katrina Craig - Special Intention
Sun 4th May	Third Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - For a Safe Journey (PL) / Special Intention (E) SFDS Holy Mass 11.00.am - Ann Tierney, RIP / Margaret Farrell, RIP
SM Mon 5th May	Monday of Week 3 Easter	SM Holy Mass 12 noon - Christine Bond, RIP / Special Intention (E) / Stephen Eccleston, RIP
SFDS Tue 6th May	Feast of English Martyrs	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon - John Hall, RIP / John Rimmer, RIP / Lil McKenzie, RIP
SM Wed 7th May	Wednesday of Week 3 Easter	NO LIVESTREAMED ONLINE MASS WITH FR. PAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-monicas-church
SM Thurs 8th May	Thursday of Week 3 Easter	SM Holy Mass 12 noon - Eugene (Uggy) McKinnire, RIP / Maureen Howard, RIP / Yvonne Eales, RIP
SFDS Fri 9th May	Friday of Week 3 Easter	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon - Mel Murphy, RIP / Rita Gibney, RIP / Jeanette (Jean) Martin, RIP
Sat 10th May	Fourth Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - Stella Cropper, RIP / Maura Kennedy, RIP / Maria Spring, RIP (B'day) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00.pm - Katrina Craig (Spec. Int.) / Peter Nelson, RIP
Sun 11th May	Fourth Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass - 9.30.am - In Thanks to Friends/Parishioners (from the Sonne Family) / Special Int. (A.D.) / Special Intention (M.D.) SFDS Holy Mass - 11.00.am - Davey Fitzgibbon, RIP (B'day) / Mary Doran (Easter Blessings)

For the lately dead: *Carmel O'Mara, Mary McCann, Jimmy Smith, Joan Sheridan and Ann Deans.*
For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Eternal rest...

CONFESSIONS - St Monica, Saturday: 3.45-4.15; Monday & Thursday: 11.30-11.50am.
St. Francis de Sales, Saturday: 6.50; Tuesday & Friday: 11.30-11.50am.
DEVOTIONS - St. Monica, Rosary, Monday & Thursday: 11.30am.

Candles lit before the Blessed Sacrament: *Carmel O'Mara, RIP; In Thanksgiving (J)*

COLLECTIONS FOR 26th/27th April, 2025

St Monica - Gift Aid: £195.00. Loose Plate: £547.43. **Total: £742.43.** **(SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, 11th MAY FOR PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND)**
St Francis - Gift Aid: £299.00. Loose Plate: £645.29. **Total: £944.29.**

UNWANTED GIFTS If you do have any Gift-items that would be suitable as Raffle Prizes, please leave at the back of Church.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY To help us in the implementation of the Pastoral Plan (the fruits of our Archdiocesan Synod), each Deanery is being asked to work together to produce a strategy/plan for the future. You heard about this at Mass last weekend, and this weekend you will receive a leaflet outlining what you heard last week, and giving you more details. The first part of this strategy/plan is to gather detailed information about each of the parishes in our Deanery. **We will all need to be involved in this.** The 'Parish Development Strategy' as it is called, is being rolled out across the whole Diocese in the next 2 years – **but we are one of the 3 pilot Deaneries – along with the other two Sefton Deaneries (Sefton Coast North and Sefton Inland).** Each parish has a member of a Deanery Steering Group: our's is **Mike Langan** from SFDS. This work will also be done in collaboration with the Deanery Synodal Councils.

ST. MONICA'S COFFEE MORNING will take place **TODAY, Sunday, 4th May** in the Parish Hall, immediately after the 9.30am Mass. Easter Raffle & cakes. All welcome for a friendly chat & refreshments. We are asking for gift-item donations (*left at the back of Church*) for the Coffee Morning, and your help would be much-appreciated. Thank you.

SFDS LITTLE CHURCH: Our monthly '*Children's Liturgy of the Word*' is for our children who are currently in Years 1-5. Our next 'Little Church' takes place **TODAY, Sunday, 4th May, during the 11.00am Mass.**

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FITNESS BOOTCAMP "*Remember that bodily exercise, when it is well ordered, as I have said, is also prayer by means of which you can please God our Lord.*" (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

A fun and engaging bootcamp is **starting in April for ALL levels of fitness (beginner or advanced) with our very own Parishioner Danny**, in Stanley Park, and St Monica's Parish Hall. If you want to get yourself in amazing shape and feel good about doing it – get in touch via text on [07518498524](tel:07518498524) or trainerdfitness11@gmail.com (*Watch the newsletter for details*).

FAMILY OF PARISHES LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: "**If you haven't already done so, it is vital you take out Travel Insurance immediately. You should get cover from the period: 22nd September, 2025 to 26th September, 2025, inclusive. PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! Many thanks.**" (Mike Langan)

FROM THE FOOD BANK: "*We greatly appreciate the generosity and support shown by YOU, the Parishioners of St. Francis de Sales, for the unbelievable amount of donations to our Food Bank. Obviously we rely on the generosity of Donors, and we never fail to be amazed at people's kindness. Thank you again for continuing to support those most in need.*"

HELP NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD BANK: If you can help, please bring your donations of the following items to Church: Tuna; Rice Pudding; Tinned Tomatoes, Beans & Spaghetti; Tinned meat(s); Tinned Fruit; Pasta; Toiletries (including Toothpaste, Deodorant; Liquid soap; Sanitary products etc.) and Disposable Nappies (all sizes).

A BELATED "THANK YOU" to everyone who kindly donated their unwanted Spectacles, (for the people of Zimbabwe) when we made the appeal last year. The magnificent number received was **414 pairs!** Looking forward to your generous support later this year, when all Spectacles donated will be bound for Fiji! Once again, sincere and grateful thanks to you all.

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