



# 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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**26<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

The Week Ahead...

Sat 25th April	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>SM</b> – Holy Mass <b>4.30 PM</b> – <i>Jean Callacher, RIP (A) / Joanne Cavanagh, RIP</i> <b>SFDS</b> - Holy Mass <b>6.00PM</b> – <i>Thomas Finegan, RIP / Ann Deans, RIP (A) / John Kelly, RIP (B'day)</i>
Sun 26th April	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>9:30 AM</b> – <i>Bunty Gavin, RIP / Abbie Austin (Spec. Int.)</i> <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>11:00 AM</b> – <i>Henry Lynch, RIP (A) / Annie Lynch, RIP (A) / Peter (Bob) Wood, RIP (A) / James Chute, RIP (A)</i>
Mon 27th April	<b>Week 4 of Easter</b>	<b>SM</b> – Holy Mass - <b>12 noon</b> – <i>Matt Kinsella, RIP (A) / Tommy Glascott, RIP (B'day)</i>
Tue 28th April	<b>Week 4 of Easter</b>	<b>SFDS</b> – Holy Mass – <b>12 noon</b> – <i>Rose Daley, RIP (B'day) / Vicki McCulloch (Seriously Ill)</i>
Wed 29th April	<b>Feast of St. Catherine of Siena</b>	<b>LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT (NO CONGREGATION)</b> <a href="https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church">https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church</a>
Thurs 30th April	<b>Memorial of St. Pius V, Pope</b>	<b>SM</b> – Holy Mass – <b>12 noon</b> – <i>Veronica Whittaker, RIP / Raymond McEntee, RIP</i>
Fri 1st May	<b>Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker</b>	<b>SFDS</b> – Holy Mass – <b>12 noon</b> – <i>Margaret Richards (USA) Spec. Int. (Healing) / Michael Patrick Bennett, RIP (A)</i>
Sat 2nd May	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>4.30pm</b> – <i>Lorenzo Perischine Snr, RIP (B'day) / Lawrence Perischine, RIP</i> <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>6.00pm</b> – <i>Maria Spring, RIP (A &amp; B'day) / Peter Garrity, RIP / Mary Gleave, RIP</i>
Sun 3rd May	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>SM</b> Holy Mass <b>9:30 AM</b> – <i>Bernie Keegan (Sick) / Ray Kenyon, RIP</i> <b>SFDS</b> Holy Mass <b>11:00 AM</b> – <i>Private Int. (Get Well) / William Taylor, RIP / Marie Krcelic, RIP</i>

**For the lately dead:** *Theresa Chesworth, Paul Doyle, William Lawler, Marie O'Malley, Margy Ziip, David Nigel Hall and Philomena (Phyllis) Cowley.*

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** *Jean Callacher, Ann Deans, Matt Kinsella, Michael Patrick Bennett, Maria Spring, Henry Lynch, Annie Lynch, Peter (Bob) Wood and James Chute.*

**CONFESSIONS - St Monica, Saturday: 3.45-4.15; Monday: 11.30-11.50.am.**

**St. Francis, Saturday: 6.50; Tuesday & Friday: 11.30-11.50.am.**

**DEVOTIONS - St. Monica, Rosary: Monday, 11.30-11.50.am.**

**St. Francis, Rosary: Tuesday & Friday: 11.30.am.**

**St. Francis, Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday 11.00.am.**

**Candles before the Blessed Sacrament:** *Spec. Int. (J); Spec. Int. (Anon.); Fr. Michael de Felice, RIP; Successful Op. (FD); Benefactors; For Peace in the World.*

**19/04: St. Mon:** G/Aid: £279.50 L/Plate: £636.19 Total: **£918.69.** **SFDS:** G/Aid: £253.00 L/Plate: £672.00 Total: **£925.00.**

**ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP** Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to join the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group. The group meets fortnightly at the Pauline Book Centre in Liverpool City Centre on Tuesdays: 6.30-8.00pm. The next meeting will be on 21<sup>st</sup> April. For enquiries, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

**OUR PARISH GOES CONTACTLESS!** As of last weekend, our parish has introduced a new **Contactless Donation Stand in church.** This is a very quick, easy and secure way to support the parish using your card or phone for either a general donation or Offertory donation. Please do give it a try - thank you for your generosity and support!

**ARE YOU AN ADULT THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTISED BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED?** You are warmly invited to take part in our upcoming Adult Faith Formation course at St Francis de Sales Presbytery. The course will take place on Saturday mornings at St Francis de Sales Presbytery, with dates to be confirmed. If you haven't yet been in touch to express your interest, **please contact Fr Ged asap by email, via either St Francis de Sales or St Monica's. We would be delighted to welcome you.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Last weekend SFdS Church toilet was left in a dreadful state – “water” all over the floor, the toilet completely blocked, and basically a filthy mess that had to be cleaned by the team of ladies, who already work extremely hard to ensure that our Church is a spotless, hygienic and welcoming space for all!

**PLEASE NOTE: the blue paper hand towel is not to be used for the toilet - ONLY TOILET PAPER. If your child needs to use the toilet, THEY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/ADULT.**

**NEXT WEEKEND, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> MAY** the annual Archdiocesan Missionary appeal will take place. This year's Appeal will be made by Fr. Joseph Ojelabi on behalf of **The Order of the Mother of God, British Provence.** More about their work next week.

**NEXT WEEKEND: ST. FRANCIS DE SALES & ST. MONICA'S LITTLE CHURCH:** 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' will take place **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, during the 9.30.am/11.00.am Mass.** This is for our children who are currently in Years 1-5.

**AND FINALLY NEXT WEEKEND! ST. MONICA'S COFFEE MORNING – SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> May,** immediately after the 9.30.am. Mass. If you haven't been before, this is a great opportunity for you to see our newly-refurbished Parish Hall, which is amazing! **Please make an effort to support this monthly event** by going over with friends for tea, coffee and toast, and, if possible, donating items for the Raffle!

**PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND:** The annual collection will be taken **this weekend, Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April.** Many thanks in lieu of your usual generosity.

#### **A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

***God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.***

***We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the Priesthood and consecrated life, to courageously follow Your will.***

***Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the Sacraments.***

***We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***