



# The Parish of St Monica and St Francis de Sales

Sefton Coast South Deanery Deanery Patron: *Blessed Lawrence Johnson*

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**22nd March, 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

The Week Ahead...

Sat 21st March	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>SM Holy Mass 4:30 PM</b> – Marie Mitchell, RIP / Betty Parry, RIP (B'day) / Prayers answered (James) <b>SFDS Holy Mass 6:00 PM</b> – Cathy Jones (Get Well) / Edward Sarsfield, RIP / Kathleen Jones, RIP
Sun 22nd March	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM</b> – Gill Powell, RIP / Linda Stevenson, RIP / Henry Stevenson, RIP <b>SFDS Holy Mass 11:30AM</b> – William (Billy) Morrissey, RIP (A) / Grace Shaw, RIP (A)
Mon 23rd March	Monday Week 5 of Lent	<b>SM</b> – Holy Mass <b>12 noon</b> – Piotr Leisiewicz, RIP (A) / Eugene (Uggy) McIntyre, RIP (A)
Tue 24th March	Tuesday Week 5 of Lent	<b>SFDS</b> – Holy Mass – <b>12 noon</b> – Elizabeth (Lily) Rice, RIP (A) / Joseph (Joe) Nolan, RIP (A)
Wed March 25th	<b>Solemnity of The Annunciation of The Lord</b>	<b>LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT TODAY</b> <b>NO CONGREGATION</b> <a href="https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church">https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church</a>
Thurs 26th March	Thursday Week 5 of Lent	<b>SM</b> – Holy Mass <b>12 noon</b> – Warren Selkirk, RIP (60 <sup>th</sup> B'day) / Winefride & Tony Sims, RIP / Tony Barton, RIP (A) <b>Followed by Lenten Stations of the Cross</b>
Fri 27th March	Friday Week 5 of Lent	<b>SFDS</b> – Holy Mass <b>12 noon</b> – John H. Davies, (RIP) / Tony Jordan, RIP <b>Followed by Lenten Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat 28th March	<b>Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord</b>	<b>SM Holy Mass 4.30 PM</b> – Catherine Conway, RIP (A) / Kevan McGee, RIP (A) / Gerry Morgan, RIP (A) / Alice Rooney, RIP (A) <b>SFDS Holy Mass 6.00PM</b> – Denise Crighton (Sp.Int.) / Kenny Nolan, RIP (A)
Sun 29th March	<b>Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord</b>	<b>SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM</b> – Prayers answered (SSS) / Spec. Int. (Paul R.) <b>SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM</b> – Elsie Breen, RIP (A) / Rosemary Lynch, RIP (A) / John Joseph Lynch, RIP (B'day) / Frank Smith, RIP (B'day)

**For the lately dead:** *Barbara Steele, Joseph Dennis McGrady, James Wall, Sheila Garry and Paul White,*  
**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** *William (Billy) Morrissey, Grace Shaw, Elizabeth (Lily) Rice, Joe Nolan, Kenny Nolan, Elsie Breen, Rosemary Lynch, Piotr Leiciewicz, Eugene (Uggy) McIntyre, Frank Rooney, Tony Barton, Catherine Conway, Kevan McGee, Gerry Morgan and Alice Rooney.*

**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:** *Linda Stevenson, RIP; Catherine Anderson (Prayers for the sick); Spec. Int. (J); Spec. Ints: Donna, Debbie & Thomas.*

**15/03: St. Mon:** G/Aid: £295.00 L/Plate: £599.25 **Total: £794.215.** **SFDS:** G/Aid: £243.00 L/Plate: £676.20 **Total: £919.20.**

**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.

**MARIA'S 'MILE A DAY WALK'** is going well and she's almost there! Sincere thanks for the many donations received.

#### **EASTER LITURGIES**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 7.00.pm at ST. JAMES.**

**GOOD FRIDAY - 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL – THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 3.00.pm at ST. MONICA'S.**

**HOLY SATURDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - EASTER VIGIL – 7.00.pm at ST. MONICA'S**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, 5<sup>TH</sup> 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.**

*There is a list at the back of Church for you to sign-up, should you require a lift to St.James for the Maundy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper. (There will be a Coach picking up from SFDS and St. Monica's arriving in time for the 7.00.pm. Liturgy – again, sign-up if you require a lift).*

*(There is a separate list for those SFdS Parishioners requiring transport to the Good Friday and Holy Saturday Liturgies at St. Monica's).*

**ST. MONICA'S COFFEE MORNING** has resumed, and we would greatly appreciate any donations for our Raffle/'Nearly New' Table. All proceeds from the Coffee Mornings will go towards the cost of the Parish Hall refurbishment.

**As Easter Sunday is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, our next Coffee Morning will take place on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April.**

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. JAMES - FRIDAYS before the 10.00.am. Mass.**

**THE NEXT SOUTH SEFTON DEANERY FAITH & FRIENDSHIP MEETING FOR WOMEN** will be at St Helens Parish Centre on **Thursday 26th March at 7pm.** All are welcome, especially some new faces! For more information contact

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**MASS INTENTIONS - IMPORTANT NOTICE** If you require a Mass to be said on a particular date, **at least 3 weeks' notice is required.** If your request is received without at least 3 weeks' notice, it will have to be said on the earliest date available. **ALL Masses will be said, but not necessarily on the requested date.** Thank you.

**"THANKING EVERYONE** who supported the Easter Prize Bingo for the local Care Homes that look after Alzheimer's and Dementia residents. On the night we raised an amazing **£1,400.00!** Thanks to everyone who gave donations, and for your continuous support". *(Marie Minto)*

**EASTER PRIZE BINGO** in the Parish Centre, Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March – Doors open 7.00.pm, 'Eyes down' 8.00.pm. All Welcome.