



THE PARISH OF
ST MONICA & ST FRANCIS DE SALES

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30th August, 2026 – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Week Ahead...

Sat 29th August	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass 4.30 PM – Robert Henderson, RIP (100 th B'day) / Helen Rawlinson, RIP / Lisa Shaw, RIP SFDS - Holy Mass 6.00PM – Pauline Sweeney's Ints. / Jean O'Leary (Get Well) / Bridget Keating (Ireland) Get Well
Sun 30th August	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Pat O'Brien, RIP (B'day) / Ann Jones (In Remem.) / Chrissy Rawcliffe, RIP (A) SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Bernadette Humphreys, RIP (100 th B'day) / Nelson Dos Santos Soares, RIP (A) / Benedita Da Cruz / John Joseph Lynch, RIP (A)
Mon 31st August	Week 22 in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – Deceased O'Brien Family Members, RIP (A) / Deceased Ritchie Family Members, RIP (A)
Tue 1st Sept	Week 22 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Gary Murray (Spec. Int.) / Peter Nelson, RIP (A) / Marjorie Fazakerley, RIP
Wed 2nd Sept	Week 22 in Ordinary Time	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT TODAY (NO CONGREGATION) churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 3rd Sept	Feast of St. Gregory the Great	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – Richard Withe, RIP (A) / Georgia Hughes (Good Results)
Fri 4th Sept	Week 22 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Linda Stanley, RIP/ Brian Fitzsimmons, RIP/ Andy Kenny, RIP
Sat 5th Sept	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – Mary Tancred, RIP / Daniel Dempsey, RIP (B'day)/ Lucy, Alice & Paddy Hand, RIP (A) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – Kitty Finegan, RIP / Baby Lenny, RIP / Peter Nelson, RIP (A)
Sun 6th Sept	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 10:30 AM – THIS IS THE ONLY SUNDAY MASS Baby Gabe Stanley Nixon, RIP/ Alexandra Comer (Get Well/Recovery) / May Leacy, RIP (A) / Deceased Members of O'Brien Family

For the lately dead: Ron Edwards, Mary Mussell, Dave Sharp, Brenda Campbell, Neil Dougherty, Joan Burton, Margaret Marray and James Dawson.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Chrissy Rawcliffe, Nelson Dos Santos Soares, John Joseph Lynch, O'Brien Family Members, Ritchie Family Members, Richard Withe, Lucy, Alice & Paddy Hand and May Leacy.

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Linda Stevenson, RIP; Spec. Ints: Donna; Debbie; Thomas; Daniel and Carol.

CONFESSIONS – St. Monica – Saturday: 3.45-4.15; Monday & Thursday: 11.30-11.50am

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

DEVOTIONS - St. Monica - Rosary: Monday & Thursday: 11.30am.

St. Francis - Rosary: Tuesday & Friday: 11.30am.

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday – 11.00-11.50am

23/08: St. Mon: G/Aid: £290.00 L/Plate: £515.49 **Total: £805.49. SFDS:** G/Aid: £181.00 L/Plate: £540.58 **Total: £721.58.**

Thanks for your generosity, including our 'Card Swipers'!

CREATING A QUIET, PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE IN CHURCH

Let us continue to reflect on creating an atmosphere of prayer and quiet in church: **'Welcome to Mass: Talk to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.'**

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE We 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 response to the two 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, 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.**

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 be enrolled into the guild of St. Stephen.** 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 - NO 9.30.am MASS at SM, NO 11.00.am MASS AT SFDS).**

THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, as part of his Visitation to 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 Musicians from the Metropolitan Cathedral. **The concert is free**, and an opportunity for us to meet the Pope's personal representative to Great Britain. A light-supper will be served in SFDS Junior School Hall following the 40-minute Recital.

ADOREMUS – SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 9AM – 6PM AT LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Join us on the 10th of October for this year's Adoremus. The theme this year is "How we are Eucharist". Come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The event itself is free and available to all. At the Metropolitan Cathedral, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops and a shared time of prayer during the day for all. Celebrated with Archbishop John Sherrington, this is an event not to be missed!

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