



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...

27th April, 2025 – Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Day

The Week ahead...

SFDS Sat 26th April	Second Sunday of Easter	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - Elaine (RIP) and Bernie Keegan (In Thanksgiving) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00.pm - Danielle Redmond (Good Health) / Katrina Craig (Prayers answered)
Sun 27th April	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Day)	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - Matt Kinsella, RIP (B'day) / Mary Austin, RIP (A) SFDS Holy Mass 11.00.am - Peter (Bob) Wood, RIP (A) / Malcolm Pritchard, RIP
SM Mon 28th April	Feast of St. George, Martyr; Patron of England	SM Holy Mass 12 noon - Mary Austin, RIP (A) / John Kinsella, RIP
SFDS Tue 29th April	Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena; Patron of Europe	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon - Rose Daley (B'day) / Neil Bellew, RIP
SM Wed 30th April	Memorial of St. Pius V, Pope	LIVESTREAMED ONLINE MASS WITH FR. PAT AT 12 NOON (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-monicas-church
SM Thurs 1st May	Feast of St. Joseph the Worker	SM Holy Mass 12 noon - Special Intention (Successful Operation)
SFDS Fri 2nd May	Memorial: St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon - Ronnie Flynn (Good Health) / Stephen Burke, RIP
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

For the lately dead: *Patricia McKevitt, James Hanna, Elizabeth (Betty) Tyrer, His Holiness Pope Francis, Maureen White and Joan McGain.*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Peter (Bob) Wood, Mary Austin, 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: *In Thanksgiving (Anon.) X 2; Successful Operation (E)*

COLLECTIONS FOR 12th/13th April, 2025

St Monica - Gift Aid: £348.00. Loose Plate: £526.72. **Total: £874.72. Lenten Alms: £175.28.**

St Francis - Gift Aid: £469.00. Loose Plate: £828.04. **Total: £1,297.04. Holy Places: £380.96.**

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 for the future. You will hear about this at mass this weekend and you will receive a leaflet giving you more details. The first part of this strategy 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 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.** 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 **next 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 **on 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)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: TODAY, 27th April at St John's Church, Fountain's Road, Kirkdale, Liverpool, L4 1QL
Starting at 2.15: Divine Mercy Devotions Adoration, Chaplet, Benediction, Mass at 4pm. ***Jesus told St. Faustina: "the souls that come on that Feast Day, to Mass, receive Holy Communion and go to Confession, will not only have their sins forgiven, but all stain of sin removed".***

THANK YOU: "*A very big and heartfelt thank you to you all for attending our Liturgies over the Easter weekend, and grateful thanks to all who have played their part in making Holy Week run so smoothly. All your hard work and time spent in preparation is greatly appreciated. I hope you all had a chance to celebrate the Lord's resurrection with loved ones and friends. Thank you also for the many cards and gifts received, as ever you have been very generous. With every blessing, prayers and love, Fr. Ged & Fr. Pat.*"

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