

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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25th January 2026 – Patronal Feast of St. Francis de Sales (Third Sun. Ord. Time)

The Week Ahead...

Sat 24 th Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4:30 PM – Maureen Dixon, RIP / Betty Hobson, RIP (B'day) / Marie Magee, RIP (B'day) SFDS Holy Mass 6:00 PM – Katrina Craig (Spec. Int.) / Marion Dunning, RIP / Happy Birthday (Danny) / Teresa Doyle, RIP (B'day)
Sun 25 th Jan	Patronal Feast of St. Francis de Sales	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – NO 9.30am. MASS AT ST MONICA'S SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Cathy Noon (Spec. Int. (St. Monica's) / Rose Metcalf (Happy Birthday)
Mon 26 th Jan	Memorial of Saints Timothy & Titus	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon – Peter Smith, RIP (A) / Margaret Donoghue
Tue 27 th Jan	Weekday in Ord. Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Kev (Spec. Int.) / May & Archie Molloy, RIP (A)
Wed 28 th Jan	Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT – 12 NOON (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 29 th Jan	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon – Pauline McCoy (Successful Op.) / Benefactors
Fri 30 th Jan	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass 12 noon – Owen Reynolds, RIP / Rev. Fr. Godwin, RIP / Mr. Andrew & Patricia, RIP (A)
Sat 31 st Jan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4:30 PM – Louise Murphy, RIP (A) / Sue Hayes, RIP (A) / Get Well (Sam) / Arthur Rooney, RIP (A) SFDS Holy Mass 6:00 PM – Katrina Craig (Spec. Int.) / James Bellew, RIP (A) / The Hughes Family, RIP (A)
Sun 1 st February	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – John Rimmer, RIP (B'day) / Jen (For good results) / Jayden Wang, RIP SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Stella Cropper, RIP (B'day) / John Murray, RIP (B'day) / Frank McNally, RIP (B'day) / Laura Thompson (Spec. Int.)

For the lately dead: Fr. Michael de Felice, Joyce Swindells, Anne Marie McArdle, Raymond McEntee (Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny), Margaret Minto, Marie O'Malley and Patricia (Patsy) Strahan.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: May & Archie Molloy, Mr. Andrew & Patricia, James Bellew, The Hughes Family, Peter Smith, Louise Murphy, Sue Hayes, Arthur Rooney Eternal rest.....

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

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Frances Aindow, RIP (B'day); Mary McGee; Hogan Family; O'Hagan Family; Stella Cropper, RIP; Get Well Soon (Anon.); Joe (Spec. Int.) X 2.

18/01: St. Mon: G/Aid: £432.00. L/Plate: £626.91 **Total: £1,058.91 SFDS:** G/Aid: £248.00 L/Plate: £613.38 **Total: £861.38.**

ST FRANCIS DE SALES FEAST DAY, TODAY SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 10.30am: As we are one parish, two churches, we will, once again, be celebrating our Patronal Feasts together. January 24th marks the Feast of SFDS, and we will be celebrating our Parish Mass on **Sunday 25th January 10.30am at SFDS Church**. Celebratory drinks and hot refreshments will be served afterwards in SFDS Junior School hall. **Please note: NO 9.30am Sunday Mass that day at St. Monica's.** Lists will be available at the back of church at St Monica's, **for St. Monica's parishioners to sign-up should you need a lift to SFDS, or can offer a lift.**

MEET YOUR ARCHBISHOP – Wednesday, 28 January, 5:00pm. The Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral are delighted to start the New Year with an evening with **Archbishop John Sherrington**. It will commence with Mass at 5.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, then we will adjourn to the Gibberd Room where we will enjoy a Hot-pot supper and a glass of wine. The cost is £30.00 per person which will include a Hot-pot supper, wine and a donation to 'The Friends'. Anyone wishing to sign up should email Claire at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk in the first instance, and details of how to pay will be shared. Numbers are limited so sign up fast!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CATECHISTS NEEDED: Would you like to help engaged couples to prepare for marriage? The Archdiocese is now recruiting catechists to join the marriage preparation team. The **Catechist training will be provided at St Monica's Church, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 9GA** and consists of 5 sessions: **Monday 23 February 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm). Monday 2 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm). Monday 9 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm). Monday 16 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm). Saturday 23 March 2026 (6.30pm - 8pm)** Upon completion of training, the catechists will be asked to offer marriage preparation course for couples twice a year. If this is something you are interested in, please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/JGbP8AtZwn?origin=lprLink> For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

RECAP—PHASE TWO OF THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY LAUNCHED IN SEFTON: WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

Each Deanery and parish received its own realistic data and future projections. Next, we will engage deeply with the Pastoral Plan and develop proposals for our Deanery that are both missionary in focus, sustainable and realistic in practice. This strategy is being rolled out across the Archdiocese, with South Liverpool and Warrington & Widnes Deaneries beginning the process. The hope is that within two years, every Deanery will have embarked on this journey - helping us all become the Church God is calling us to be, both now and in the near future. Please watch the newsletter for the next stage which will involve all of us.

THE FIRST MEETING FOR THE NEW WOMEN'S GROUP IN OUR DEANERY will take place on **Thursday 29th January at St Helens Centre Crosby**. Tea and coffee 7pm, to start discussion at 7.30pm. Ample parking available. All women, of all ages are welcome to share faith & friendship, and also your views about starting this group are important. Further information from Mpmmurphyat@aol.com

MASS REQUESTS: If you wish to have a Mass celebrated on a specific date, can you please give at least **2-3 weeks' notice**, as we are still receiving requests for Masses that are a week or less away from the requested date. Thank you.

ST. FRANCIS de SALES & ST. MONICA'S LITTLE CHURCH - 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' will take place TODAY, Sunday, 25th January, during the 10.30.am. Mass. This is for our children who are currently in Years 1-5.