



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 EVVF, Parish Priest, Area Dean

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19th July, 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Week Ahead...

Sat 18th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass 4.30 PM – Mary McDowell, RIP (A) / Molly Tancred, RIP (A) / Peter Murphy, RIP SFDS - Holy Mass 6.00PM – The Cushion Family, RIP / Lily Owen, RIP (A) / Ann & Michael Lawrence, RIP
Sun 19th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Jimmy Veitch, RIP (A) / Christopher Cooney, RIP / In Thanks for Good Results SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Frank Hourston, RIP (A) / Kevin Grace, RIP (A) / Kate & Eddie (for Improved health)
Mon 20th July	Week 15 in Ordinary Time	SM – Requiem Mass - 12 noon – for Ellen Thompson
Tue 21st July	Week 15 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Requiem Mass – 12 noon for David Evans
Wed 22nd July	<i>Memorial of St. Bonaventure</i>	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 23rd July	Week 15 in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – Megan Hilton (A) / Marie Sexton, RIP (B'day) / Patricia Kirkham (Successful & Safe Operation)
Fri 24th July	Week 14 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Mary Griffin, RIP (B'day) / Thomas (Harry) Walker, RIP / Margaret King (for Healing)
Sat 25th July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – Mary & Tony Baines, RIP (A) / Joe Ruddock, RIP SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – Ann Owens (Spec. Int.) / Lawrence Crighton, RIP (A) / David Cruse, RIP (B'day)
Sun 26th July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – For Good Results, Robert (Robbo) Mooney / Maureen & Tony Barton (A) SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Umar Fatimah Soares, RIP / Jose Soares, RIP (A) / Rosilda Dos Santos, RIP / Tito Livio Freitas, RIP (A)

For the lately dead: David Owens, Ellen Thompson, Betty Sharp, Elizabeth Donoghue and Joan Wilson.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mary McDowell, Molly Tancred, Lily Owen, Frank Hourston, Jimmy Veitch, Christopher Cooney, Kevin Francis Grace, Lawrence Crighton, Tito Livio Freitas, Jose Soares, Megan Hilton, Mary & Tony Baines, Maureen & Tony Barton.

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Linda Stevenson, RIP; Spec. Int. (J); Joe Benton; Marie Sexton, RIP (B'day); Sr. Corona (Get Well); Successful Exam (MF).

12/07: St. Mon: G/Aid: £208.00 L/Plate: £527.23 **Total: £745.23. SFDS:** G/Aid: £210.00 L/Plate: £710.00 **Total: £920.00.**
Contactless Payments - Thank you to all our 'Card Swipers'.

MASS INTENTIONS – If you require Masses to be said on a particular date, **we require at least 3 weeks' notice**, otherwise it is impossible to fit them in, and **they will have to be said at the earliest date available**. **ALL Masses will be said, but not necessarily on the requested date. Thank you.**

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT CLASS WITH DANNY FISHER (for all ages & fitness levels) will be resuming after a 12-month break. This will take place in the **Parish Hall on Wednesdays, 6.00-7.00.pm – next Session - Wednesday, 22nd July**, but this will be flexible, depending on uptake/demand. The cost per Class is £5.00. Why not come along and give it a try?

SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCIES – SFDS Catholic Infant and Nursery School: Are you a practising Catholic? St Francis de Sales Catholic Infant and Nursery School is seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our Governing Body. If you would like to find out more, please call the school and ask to speak to **Mrs Jennings**, who will be happy to discuss the role with you. Alternatively, you can apply online via the school website

- <https://www.stfrancisdesalesinfants.org.uk/key-information/governors-1>

CREATING A QUIET, PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE IN CHURCH

Here in our churches, we are a warm, social and friendly lot, which is absolutely brilliant! However, we have grown accustomed to **talking rather loudly inside the church before, and sometimes during Mass.**

It would be great if we could all do our best to reduce the noise level, so that we can all enjoy an atmosphere of silent, prayerful preparation before Mass. Maybe consider the following quote which I saw in a church recently -

'Welcome to Mass. Talk to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.'

Maybe we could try that here? *Be still and know that I am God! (Psalm 46:10).* Thank you for your understanding. God Bless you all, Fr Ged.

THE PARISH TRIP TO HOLYWELL ON THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST is now fully booked. Thanks to all who have signed up - it promises to be a great day out!

THE ANNUAL LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE TAKES PLACE FROM 23rd- 30th JULY

1,000 Pilgrims from the Archdiocese will be heading to Lourdes **in this historic year, which marks 50 Years since the first Youth Pilgrimage from Liverpool, and 103 years since the first Pilgrimage from the Archdiocese!** Please remember all those travelling to Lourdes in your prayers, particularly the Sick. *'Par Marie a Jesu' (To Jesus through Mary!)*

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – PROVISION FOR PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT

The Archdiocese of Liverpool hosts this annual collection to support retired and sick clergy. Donations are used to cover the costs of housing, living expenses, and property maintenance for retired Priests who have stepped down from full-time parish duties.

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!** After the Mass and Blessing, please join us in the Parish Hall for Refreshments.

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE Following a recent Health & Safety inspection, we have been advised that due to the location of the emergency exits in both of our churches, these areas must be kept clear at all times. We therefore kindly ask all parishioners to be seated in the main body of the church during Mass, and not to stand at the back of the church. 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 your understanding, co-operation, and for respecting this important safety requirement.