



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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9th August, 2026 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Week Ahead...

Sat 8th August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass 4.30 PM – <i>Fr. Ged’s Intentions / Kathleen Malone, RIP</i> SFDS - Holy Mass 6.00PM – <i>Frank Finegan, RIP / Betty & William McGregor, RIP (Wedd. Ann.)</i>
Sun 9th August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – <i>Frances McDonagh, RIP (B’d day) / Cathy Anderson, RIP</i> SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – <i>Mary Anne Lynch, RIP (B’d day) / Nicholas Chute, RIP (A)</i>
Mon 10th August	Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon; Martyr	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – <i>Linda Stevenson, RIP / Maria O’Malley, RIP</i>
Tue 11th August	Memorial of St. Clare	SFDS – Requiem Mass – 12 noon for <i>Veronica (Ronnie) Flynn</i>
Wed 12th August	<i>Week 19 in Ordinary Time</i>	PLEASE NOTE: NO LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT TODAY, NO MASS NEXT WEDNESDAY, 19TH AUGUST https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 13th August	<i>Week 19 in Ordinary Time</i>	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – <i>Fr. Michael de Felice, RIP / Johnny Hall, RIP</i>
Fri 14th August	Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – <i>Spec. Int/Prayers (Anne) / Celia Jackson (Spec. Int.) / Catherine & Mary O’Regan (Get Well)</i>
Sat 15th August	Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – <i>Joan Boyle, RIP / Piergiorgio Ligios (Get Well)</i> SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – <i>Bridget Keating (Ireland) Get Well / John Lukins – (Get Well/Recovery) / Kathin & Isabelle (In Thanksgiving)</i>
Sun 16th August	Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – <i>Catherine Riley, RIP / Abbie Austin (Spec. Int.)</i> SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – <i>Zito & Fidelia Soares’ Ints. / Anthony Aldous, RIP/ Tom & Betty Hughes, RIP</i>

For the lately dead: *Ronnie Flynn, Christina Fisher, Lawrence Fairclough, Ann Makin, Charlie O'Brian, Jackie Culshaw, Maureen Hughes, Joan Holder, Joseph Francis O'Rourke, Winifred Morley and Baby Darcie-Mae Game.*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Nicolas Chute, Marta Dos Santos, Benedita Da Cruz, Nelson Dos Santos Soares and Clementino Dos Santos.*

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: *Spec. Int. (Anon.); Spec. Int. (J); David & Family.*

02/08: St. Mon: G/Aid: £300.00 L/Plate: £508.37 **Total: £808.37. SFDS:** G/Aid: £220.00 L/Plate: £726.94 **Total: £946.94.**
Thanks for your generosity, including our 'Card Swipers'!

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

CREATING A QUIET, PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE IN CHURCH

Let us continue to reflect on 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?

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. 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 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, regardless of whether or not you attended the meeting, 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.

SAFEGUARDING ISSUE - Please note, if a child needs to use the toilet **THEY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

AFTERNOON PRIZE BINGO (LOVELY PRIZES!) AT ST. MONICA'S PARISH CENTRE, NEXT Saturday, 15th August. Doors open at 12 noon, **Eyes down at 1.00.pm prompt!** Bric-a-brac; Spot the ball; Joe 90. We would be grateful for any donations. (This is in aid of local Care Homes looking after Residents with Alzheimer's and Dementia). Please come along support.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: We are invited to a special Mass at St. James's Church on **Saturday, 26th September at 12 noon.** This is to celebrate the work of the SVP across our Parishes. Refreshments will be served after the Mass. Please make an effort to attend this special occasion by coming together with our 'Family of Parishes'.

A MASSIVE WORD OF THANKS TO CATH & KEV for the fabulous day out to Holywell & Chester on Thursday. It was an overwhelming success, due to their hard work and excellent planning. Everyone had a brilliant day and are all looking forward to our next excursion! Well done both of you, and indeed to all who donated such generous Raffle prizes.

'WELL DONE' TO JAMIE – ONE OF OUR ORGANISTS ACROSS THE TWO CHURCHES! The Church recording was made at SFdS during the Palm Sunday Vigil Mass, and **he will be appearing on "The Piano" – Sunday, 9th August, C4 at 9.00.pm.** Make sure you 'tune in' to watch him!