

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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Week Ahead...

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 – Stella Cropper, RIP (B'day) / John Murray, RIP (B'day) / Frank McNally, RIP (B'day) / Laura Thompson (Spec. Int.) SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM John Rimmer, RIP (B'day) / Jen (For good results) / Jayden Wang, RIP
Mon 2 nd Feb	<i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon – Robert Henderson R.I.P (A)
Tue 3 rd Feb	<i>St. Blaise Bishop & Martyr</i>	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Winnie Wallace / Jim O'Hagan (Happy B'day) / Norah Hourston, RIP (B'day)
Wed 4 th Feb	Weekday in Ordinary Time	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT – 12 NOON (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 5 th Feb	<i>St. Agatha Virgin & Martyr</i>	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon – For Successful Op (m.D), Patsy Rankin R.I.P.(A), Raymond McEntee RIP (Thomastown. Co. Kilkenny)
Fri 6 th Feb	<i>St. Paul Miki and his Companions, Martyrs</i>	SFDS – Holy Mass 12 noon – Peter Marshall. RIP (A)
Sat 7 th Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30PM – Stella Cropper RIP (A) / Kath O'Keeffe RIP (B'day) / Andrew Murphy RIP (B'day) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00PM - Katrina Craig (Sp. Int.) / Tommy Clegg, RIP (A) / Peter Nelson, RIP (B'day)
Sun 8 th Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Sarah Archer RIP(A), Special Int (J), Linda Stevenson RIP SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Robert Duffy. RIP (50 th B' day)

For the lately dead: *Fr. Michael de Felice, David Grant, George Moffatt, Lily Keith, Paul Joseph Murphy, Michael Holyland*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Louise Murphy, Sue Hayes, Patsy Rankin, James Bellew, Stella Cropper, Tommy Clegg, Arthur Rooney, Sarah Archer, Robert Henderson....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:

25/01: St. Mon: G/Aid: £194.00. L/Plate: £401.34 **Total: £595.34 SFDS:** G/Aid: £251.00 L/Plate: £773.93 **Total: £1024.93**

THANK YOU: *"I want to say a sincere and heartfelt word of thanks for the unbelievable kindness, generosity, hard work, cooking, preparation, help and support in making our joint parish "St. Francis de Sales Feast Day" such a resounding success! Grand total of £500.00 was raised!! Fab! A special word of thanks to all who donated such wonderful prizes! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done to each and every one of you who made this day so special. God Bless you all." (Fr. Ged)*

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=IprLink> 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?

Last year, each Deanery and parish received its own realistic data and possible future projections. This week our DSC and our parish reps will meet. We will engage with the data received which led to proposals which we were asked to put forward from each parish/Families of parish for our Deanery that are both missionary in focus, sustainable and realistic in practice. 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.

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. MONICA and ST FRANCIS DE SALES LITTLE CHURCH - 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' will take place TODAY, Sunday, During our 9.30am and 11.00am Mass. This is for our children who are currently in Years 1-5. Please note that parents must remain in church and not go into the sacristy with their children.

ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT – OPEN TO ALL

Do you work with people in the church, or are you interested in doing so? Have you ever thought about how can you can become an Adventurous Accompanier?

Adventurous Accompaniment focuses on walking **alongside** people in their faith journey. It emphasises listening, presence, and empowering individuals to discover their own path, rather than directing them.

Through the journey of a 6-week programme including 3 full-day workshops, you will not only explore the core principles of accompaniment but also going in-depth to embed those principles in practice.

All costs of the programme will be covered by the archdiocese. Please register online if you are interested. Sign up here

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/accompaniment>

For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk