



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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30th November, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

The Week ahead...

Sat 29th Nov	First Sunday of Advent	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - <i>Pious Lists / Jacqueline Moore, RIP (B'day & Wedd. Ann.)</i> SFDS Holy Mass 6.00.pm - <i>Pious Lists / John Irving, RIP (A) / The Cushion Family, RIP</i>
Sun 30th Nov	First Sunday of Advent	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - <i>Pious Lists / Warren Selkirk, RIP (A) / Get Well soon (J)</i> SFDS Holy Mass - 11.00.am - <i>Pious Lists / Felix Tellis, RIP (A) / John Langan, RIP (B'day & A) / Philomena McNally (Successful Op.)</i>
Mon 1st Dec	Weekday of Advent	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon - <i>Mandy Hindley (Get Well) / Bill Sonne, RIP (A)</i>
Tues 2nd Dec	Weekday of Advent	SFDS Holy Mass 12 noon - <i>Billy King, RIP (A) / Fr. Gary Walsh, RIP (A) Sarah Tidmarsh (Get Well)</i>
SM Wed 3rd Dec	Weekday of Advent	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT - 12 NOON (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-monicas-church
SM Thurs 4th Dec	Weekday of Advent	SM Holy Mass 12 noon - <i>Josie Sonne, RIP (A) / Linda Stevenson, RIP / Special Int. (M.C.)</i>
Fri 5th Dec	Weekday of Advent	SFDS Requiem Mass 12 noon for <i>Harold (Harry) Saville</i>
Sat 6th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent	SM Holy Mass 4.30.pm - <i>Doris Benton, RIP (A) / Darren McVitie, RIP (Scotland) / Gordon McLeod, RIP</i> SFDS Holy Mass 6.00.pm - <i>Katrina Craig (Spec. Int.) / Peter Baccino, RIP (A) / Margaret Toner, RIP (A)</i>
Sun 7th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - <i>Spec. Int. (E. & J.) / John McDonagh, RIP (A) / Norman Sonne, RIP (A) / John Archer, RIP (A)</i> SFDS Holy Mass 11.00.am - <i>Christopher Spencer, RIP (A) / Alan Radford, RIP (A) / John & Margaret Coulter, RIP</i>

For the lately dead: Jan Gina, Harry Saville, Edward Sarsfield. Kathleen Jones, Ann Marie Hale and Ann Hicks.
For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: John Langan, John Irving, Billy King, Felix Tellis, Bill Sonne, Fr. Gary Walsh, Warren Selkirk, Peter Baccino, Margaret Toner, Alan Radford, Christopher Spencer, Sheila Rooney, Josie Sonne, Doris Benton, John McDonagh, Norman Sonne and John Archer. Eternal rest...

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Get Well Soon (J); Sheila Nolan (Full & speedy recovery).

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: 11.30.am.

St. Francis, Rosary: Tuesday & Friday: 11.30.am.

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

23/11: St. Mon: G/Aid: £155.00. L/Plate: £600.17. **Total: £755.17. Animate Youth: £332.00.** (Sincere thanks for your great generosity)
SFDs: G/Aid: £239.00. L/Plate: £682.19. **Total: £921.19. Animate Youth: £308.81.**

PIETY SHOP: Both churches, now on- sale Christmas cards. SFDs - Beautiful 12"/14" hand-made Italian Crucifixes, priced at £15.00. each - would make a lovely Christmas present! Please have a look at the great variety of gift-items available, all competitively priced.

ST. MONICA'S & ST FRANCIS DE SALES LITTLE CHURCH 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' will take place **today, Sunday, 30th November**, during the **9.30.am/11.00.am Mass**. This is for our children who are currently in Years 1-5.

CAN YOU HELP? A MESSAGE FROM DANNY FISHER (READER & WELL-KNOWN ST. FRANCIS de SALES' PARISHIONER!)

"I'm doing a Challenge for Charity this month - it's called: '3,000 Push-Ups for Teenage Cancer Trust'. If you would like to donate, you can speak to me directly, and I'll take the money to the charity myself. This saves a lot of messing by having to go through links and website addresses! I would really appreciate any help either Church can give, as I'm trying to raise at least £500 with a whole month of Push-Ups! **St. Monica's Parishioners - please put your donation in an envelope (marked Teenage Cancer Trust) on the Offertory Plate.** Sincere thanks in lieu of your support and generosity". (Danny)

PHASE TWO OF THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY LAUNCHES IN SEFTON

The second phase of the Parish Development Strategy was officially launched, as steering groups came together for a creative and forward-looking workshop. **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?** In the coming weeks, each Deanery will receive its own realistic data and future projections. They will engage deeply with the Pastoral Plan and develop proposals for their Deanery that are both missionary in focus and sustainable in practice. This strategy is being rolled out across the Archdiocese, with South Liverpool and Warrington & Widnes the next Deaneries to begin 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.

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** 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.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION: If you are a Baptised Catholic in Year 8 or above, who has not yet been Confirmed, the **Registration to enrol for Confirmation in 2026 opened on 23rd November. Please sign-up at: liverpoolcalled.co.uk**
(This will close on 13th February, 2026)

ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM McMAHON, OP will celebrate the Silver Jubilee of his Episcopal Ordination in the next couple of weeks, and **will celebrate Mass at 12 noon at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, on Saturday, 6th December. All are invited and welcome.**

'SFDs CHRISTMAS REFRESHMENTS' - SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER - JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL - AFTER THE 11.00am MASS!
This has now become our "Annual Parish Churches' Christmas Get-together" - a well supported, much talked about and an extremely happy and enjoyable event! Please put the date in your diary, and.... if you can help by donating any gift-items for Raffle prizes, it will be greatly appreciated.

LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHOIR PRESENTS A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS: SATURDAY, 13TH DECEMBER
A Celebration of Christmas returns this year with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit! Join the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family. Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

AND FINALLY!... On behalf of everyone who enjoyed our fabulous Family of Parishes' Party Night, I would just like to send our sincere & grateful thanks to Cath Noon, her family and all the 'Team' for their amazing organisational skills - not just with the sale of tickets, but collecting donated Prizes, transforming the Parish Centre into such a fabulous space and in preparing everything to ensure we all had a brilliant night - which we certainly did! "Thanks Cath - you're an absolute star!"

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Office Hours: **10.45am-1.30pm, Tuesday-Friday**