



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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Becoming the Church God is calling us to be...

8th February, 2026 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Week Ahead...

Sat 7 th Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4:30 PM – Stella Cropper, RIP (A) / Kath O’Keeffe, RIP (B’day) / Andrew Murphy, RIP (B’day) SFDS Holy Mass 6:00 PM – 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) / Spec. Int. (J) / Linda Stevenson, RIP SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM - Robert Duffy, RIP (50 th B’day)
Mon 9 th Feb	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon – Stella Cropper, RIP (A) / Pat & Les Jefferys, RIP (A)
Tue 10 th Feb	<i>Memorial of St. Scholastica</i>	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Jen (Spec. Int.) / Joan Austin (B’day) / Stephen Finegan, RIP (A)
Wed 11 th Feb	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT – 12 NOON (NO CONGREGATION) https://churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 12 th Feb	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	SM - Holy Mass 12 noon – Jane Elizabeth Bulger, RIP (A) / Robert & Teresa Henderson, RIP (W/Ann.) / Veronica Whittaker, RIP 6.00.pm Office of the Dead; 6.30.pm Reception of Fr. Michael’s Body into St. Monica’s Church, followed by Funeral Vigil Mass.
Fri 13 th Feb	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	SFDS – NO MASS TODAY - FR. MICHAEL de FELICE’S REQUIEM MASS - 11.00.am. AT ST. MONICA’S
Sat 14 th Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30PM – Katrina Craig (Sp. Int.) / Davie Fitzgibbon, RIP (A) / Jodie Lawless (Sick) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00PM – Catherine Murphy, RIP (A) / Margaret Minto, RIP
Sun 15 th Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Matthew Conway, RIP (A) / For a successful Op. SFDS Holy Mass 11:00 AM – Jayden Wang, RIP / May & Archie Molloy, RIP (A) / Judith Ogbaje Omale (Happy 40 th B’day)

For the lately dead: Fr. Michael de Felice, Susan Marie Roberts, Pauline Heverin, 'Bob', Susan Loughran, Laura Green, Rob Dooley, Betty Humphrey, George Moffatt, Henry Stevenson, Maria O'Malley, James Burns and Anthony Smith.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Stella Cropper, Tommy Clegg, Sarah Archer, Stephen Finegan, Davie Fitzgibbon, May & Archie Molloy, Pat & Les Jefferys, Jane Elizabeth Bulger, Catherine Murphy and Matthew Conway. Eternal rest....

CONFESIONS - St Monica, Saturday: 3.45-4.15; Monday & Thursday: 11.30-11.50.am.

St. Francis, Saturday: 6.50; Tuesday: 11.30-11.50.am. (**No Confessions on Friday**)

DEVOTIONS - St. Monica, Rosary: Monday & Thursday: 11.30.am.

St. Francis, Rosary: **Tuesday ONLY THIS WEEK**: 11.30.am.

NO Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament THIS FRIDAY

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: Linda Stevenson, RIP; **Special Intentions:** Donna; Debbie; Thomas; Daniel; Carol & Kieran; Andrew Murphy, RIP (B'day).

01/02: St. Mon: G/Aid: £118.00. L/Plate: £630.13. **Total: £748.13.** **SFDS:** G/Aid: £219.00. L/Plate: £669.96. **Total: £888.96.**

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 - THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY LAUNCHED IN SEFTON: What is it and what can I do to help?

We have been invited to try out a process which is designed to help us, the local church, to decide what we can do to bring the Pastoral Plan to life here in our parish and Deanery.

This process has four stages.

Stage one - last year we gathered information about the reality of our parish today - facts and figures about the parish which, in time, will share with us to help us to have as a full a picture as possible about where our parish is at right now. Now we are at **Stage two** which moves us into deciding what we think the priorities in our area are and will be in the future. When we know what we want to focus on most, we can look at **Stage three**, planning concrete things we can do to address our priorities, who will do these things, and when. Finally in **Stage four** we get stuck in and make these things happen.

ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT – OPEN TO ALL

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

'A MILE A DAY WALK' IN MARCH: Maria Shaw (well-known parishioner of SFDS) will be undertaking this Walk in aid of The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation, and is asking for your support by sponsoring her efforts! Forms will be available soon, and it would be great if we could all get behind Maria to help her raise much-needed funds for a Charity that is very close to her heart, and that of her family. If any of our St. Monica's Family would like to help, please put your donation in an envelope, marked **'A Mile a Day Walk'**, and place on the Offertory plate. Many thanks in lieu of your usual generosity!

FAMILY OF PARISHES' ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: ST. JAMES: 10.00.am. and 7.00.pm. ST. FRANCIS de SALES: 12 noon.

ST MONICA'S: 6.00.pm.

FAMILY OF PARISHES' LENTEN STATIONS

ST. JAMES: Wednesdays before the 10.00.am. Mass.

ST. MONICA'S: Thursdays after the 12 noon Mass.

ST. FRANCIS de SALES: Fridays after the 12 noon Mass.