



THE PARISH OF
ST MONICA & ST FRANCIS DE SALES

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LIVERPOOL RC ARCHDIOCESAN TRUSTEES INC.

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6th September, 2026 – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Week Ahead...

Sat 5th Sept	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/ St Monica	SM – Holy Mass 4.30pm – Mary Tancred, RIP / Daniel Dempsey, RIP (B'day)/ Lucy, Alice & Paddy Hand, RIP (A) SFDS – Holy Mass 6.00pm – Kitty Finegan, RIP / Peter Nelson, RIP (A) / Baby Lenny, RIP
Sun 6th Sept	Feast of St. Monica	SM Holy Mass 10:30am – Baby Gabe Stanley Nixon, RIP / Alexandra Comer (Get Well/Recovery) / May Leacy, RIP (A) / Deceased Members of O'Brien Fam.
Mon 7th Sept	Week 23 in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon: Requiem Mass for Samuel & Margaret Heffernan
Tue 8th Sept	Feast of the Nativity of the BVM	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – In Thanks for Masses & Prayers (Jim) / Shaun Coope (Get Well)
Wed 9th Sept	Week 23 in Ordinary Time	LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT TODAY (NO CONGREGATION) churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 10th Sept	Memorial of St. Ambrose Barlow	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – Ellen Thompson, RIP / Joan Holder, RIP
Fri 11th Sept	Week 23 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Jim Bellew, RIP (B'day) / David Cashman, RIP (A) / Dot Tough (Spec. Int.)
Sat 12th Sept	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – Kitty Thomas, RIP (B'day) / Peter Nelson, RIP (A) / Lawrence Perischine, RIP (B'day) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – Bridget Keating (Ireland) Get Well / Liz Loveless, RIP / The Elke Family (Spec. Int.)/ Kevin Thomas (Spec. Int.)
Sun 13th Sept	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM - Holy Mass 9.30am – Margaret Marray, RIP/Sympathy: McCurtin Fam. SFDS – Holy Mass 11.00am – Gerard Doyle, RIP (A) / Jayden Wang, RIP / John Rimmer, RIP (A)

For the lately dead: *Charlie O'Brien and Ruth Adams.*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Lucy, Alice & Paddy Hand, May Leacy, Peter Nelson, David Cashman, Gerard Doyle and John Rimmer.*

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: *Linda Stevenson, RIP; Phyllis Quinn, RIP; For Good Results (J); Spec. Int. (M & M); Good Results (J); Good Results (M).*

CONFESSIONS – St. Monica – Saturday: 3.45-4.15; Monday & Thursday: 11.30-11.50.am

St. Francis – Saturday, 6.50; Tuesday & Friday: 11.30-11.50am

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

30/08: St. Mon: G/Aid: £143.00 L/Plate: £537.97 **Total: £680.97. SFDS:** G/Aid: £176.00 L/Plate: £634.31 **Total: £810.31.**

Thanks for your generosity, including our 'Card Swipers'!

TODAY, SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER we extend a very warm welcome to His Grace, Archbishop John Sherrington, who is joining us to celebrate the Feast of our Parish Patron, St. Monica; 100 years of St. Monica's School; and the enrolment of our Altar Servers in the Guild of St. Stephen – the Patron Saint of Altar Servers. After Mass, the Archbishop will Bless all our newly refurbished Parish Hall, and all are invited to join us there for Refreshments.

CREATING A QUIET, PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE IN CHURCH: Let us continue to reflect on creating an atmosphere of prayer quiet in church: ***'Welcome to Mass: Talk to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.'***

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE We 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 response to the two 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, 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.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility: if a child needs to use the toilet, THAT MUST BE WITH AN ADULT.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: SUNDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER for Catholic Education. **SUNDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER** for Evangelii Gaudium.

THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, as part of his Visitation to the Archdiocese, will visit the **Church of St. Francis de Sales for a Music Concert/Recital on Saturday 12 September at 7.30pm (after Mass)**, performed by Musicians from the Metropolitan Cathedral. **The concert is free**, and an opportunity for us to meet the Pope's personal representative to Great Britain. A light-supper will be served in SFDS Junior School Hall following the Recital.

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, as we come together as a 'Family of Parishes'.

ADOREMUS – SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 9AM – 6PM AT LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Join us on the 10th of October for this year's Adoremus. The theme this year is "How we are Eucharist". Come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The event itself is free and available to all. At the Metropolitan Cathedral, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops and a shared time of prayer during the day for all. Celebrated with Archbishop John Sherrington, this is an event not to be missed!

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