



THE PARISH OF
ST MONICA & ST FRANCIS DE SALES

Sefton Coast South Deanery • Patron: Blessed Lawrence Johnson

In a family of parishes with St James, Bootle

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LIVERPOOL RC ARCHDIOCESAN TRUSTEES INC.

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13th September, 2026 – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Week Ahead...

Sat 12th Sept	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass 4.30pm – Kitty Thomas, RIP (B'day)/Peter Nelson, RIP (A)/ Lawrene 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)
Mon 14th Sept	Feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross	NO 12 NOON MASS TODAY IN ST. MONICA'S (THERE IS A 10.00.am MASS AT ST. JAMES)
Tue 15th Sept	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	SFDS – Requiem Mass – 12 noon for Elizabeth Hassitt
Wed 16th Sept	Memorial of Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	NO LIVESTREAMED MASS TODAY churchmedia.tv/st-monicas-church
Thurs 17th Sept	Week 24 in Ordinary Time	SM – Holy Mass - 12 noon – Stephen Molloy, RIP / Ann Makin, RIP / Linda Stevenson, RIP (Belated Wedd. Ann.) / Fr. Joseph Kendall, RIP
Fri 18th Sept	Week 24 in Ordinary Time	SFDS – Holy Mass – 12 noon – Ronnie Flynn, RIP / Alan Trees, RIP / Michael & Peter Molloy (Spec. Ints.)
Sat 19th Sept	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – Lorenzo Perischine, RIP (A) / PR (Healing/Sp.Int.) Patsy & Billy Rankin, RIP SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm – Thomas Finegan, RIP / Teresa Doyle, RIP (A)
Sun 20th Sept	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SM - Holy Mass 9.30am – John Ray, RIP / Kathleen Malone, RIP / Joan Boyle, RIP SFDS – Holy Mass 11.00am – Clare Harrison (Good health / Speedy Recovery) / Jayden Wang, RIP

For the lately dead: *Elizabeth Hassitt, Janet O'Malley and Bridget Quinn.*

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Peter Nelson, Gerard Doyle, John Rimmer, Teresa Doyle and Lorenzo Perischine.*

Candles before the Blessed Sacrament: *Linda Stevenson, RIP; For Good Results (JC).*

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

06/09: Combined Gift Aid: £510.00. Combined Loose Plate: £1,117.67 *Well done everyone and thanks so much for your generosity. Combined 'Card Swiper' total for August: £447.44. Many thanks for your generosity.*

CREATING A QUIET, PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE IN CHURCH: Let us continue to reflect on creating an atmosphere of quiet prayer 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 **or sit on tables!** 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.

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

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

SATURDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, AT 7.30.PM, WE WELCOME THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía. As part of his Visitation to the Archdiocese, he will visit **St. Francis de Sales for a Music Concert/Recital** performed by Musicians from the Metropolitan Cathedral. There will be a retiring collection. *(School Car Park will be open).* 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!

ST. FRANCIS de SALES INFANT SCHOOL will be hosting their **McMillan Coffee Morning on Friday, 25th September, 9.30-10.30.am.** We'd like to welcome visitors from our local community/Parishes, and all are welcome. Plenty of hot drinks and cakes to enjoy! Please come along to this Fundraising event.

FAITH & FRIENDSHIP MEETINGS for the Women of our Deanery: Thursday, 24th September (this meeting will include a talk on St. Padre Pio); Thursday, 27th October and Thursday, 19th November, all at 7.00.pm in St. Helen's Parish Centre. All are invited and welcome.

FEAST OF ST. MONICA CELEBRATIONS

A very special word of thanks to all who helped in any way, to make our Feast Day celebrations such a great success, both in Church and in the Hall. Once again, Congratulations to our Altar Servers who are now enrolled in the Guild of St. Stephen, and to St. Monica's School, in celebration their Centenary. The Archbishop thoroughly enjoyed his visit and was delighted to meet so many parishioners. "Well done and thanks" to all who contributed in any way to make it such a happy and memorable day.

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