



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 EV VF, Parish Priest, Area Dean

Parochial Administrator of St Mary's Little Crosby and St William of York Thornton.

Mrs. Bobby Green, PEP, Parish Secretary



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

Sunday, 30th March, 2025 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Week ahead...

Sat 29th March	Fourth Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm - Alice Rooney, RIP (A)/Kevin McGee, RIP (A) / Burns & Heffernan Families, RIP SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm - Francis (Frank) Smith Snr. RIP (A) / Joe Nolan, RIP (A) / Kenny Nolan, RIP (A)
Sun 30th March	Fourth Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 9.30.am - Chrissie Glascott, RIP (A)/Mother's Day for: Margaret Magee, RIP/Catherine Conway, RIP and All Mothers, Living and Dead. SFDS Holy Mass 11.00.am - Rosemary Lynch, RIP (A)/Elsie Breen, RIP (A)/ John Joseph Lynch, RIP (B'day) / Henry Lynch, RIP (A)
SM Mon 31st March	Weekday of Lent	Holy Mass 12 noon - Ann Cowley (Sick)
SFDS Tue 1st April	Weekday of Lent	Holy Mass 12 noon - Sarah Radford, RIP (A) / Patrick McKeown, RIP
SM Wed 2nd April	Weekday of Lent	ONLINE MASS WITH FR. PAT - 12 noon at St. Monica's https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-monicas-church
SM Thurs 3rd April	Weekday in Lent	Holy Mass 12 noon - Peter Murphy (Successful Brain Operation) / Gerry Flanagan, RIP (Followed by Stations of the Cross)
SFDS Fri 4th April	Weekday in Lent	Holy Mass 12 noon - Sue & Tommy Crawford (40th Wedding Anniversary) / Dorothy Quinn, RIP (Followed by Stations of the Cross)
Sat 5th April	Fifth Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 4.30pm – Jack Scott, RIP (Ann. & Wedding Ann.) / Special Intention (Recovery from illness) SFDS Holy Mass 6.00pm - Fr. Alfred Parker, RIP (LISCF) / Kitty Finegan, RIP
Sun 6th April	Fifth Sunday in Lent	SM Holy Mass 9.30am – Chrissie Glascott, RIP (A)/Mother's Day for: Margaret Magee, RIP/Catherine Conway, RIP and All Mothers, Living & Dead SFDS Holy Mass 11.00am - Rosemary Lynch, RIP (A)/ Elsie Breen, RIP (A); John Joseph Lynch, RIP (B'day) / Henry Lynch, RIP (A)

For the lately dead: *Maria Spring, William (Bill) Reynolds, Hannah McMahon, Chrissy Gannon and Mary McGee.*
For those whose anniversaries occur about this time : *Francis (Frank) Smith, Snr., Joe & Kenny Nolan, Rosemary Lynch, Elsie Breen, Henry Lynch, Sarah Radford and Jack Scott.* Eternal rest...

CONFESSIONS - St Monica, Saturday: 3.45-4.15; Monday and Thursday 11.30-11.50am.
St. Francis de Sales, Saturday: 6.50; Tuesday and Friday 11.30-11.50am.

DEVOTIONS - St. Monica, Rosary, Monday and Thursday 11.30.am
St. Francis de Sales, Rosary, Tuesday and Friday, 11.30am.
Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday 11.00am - 11.50am.

Candles lit before the Blessed Sacrament: *In Thanksgiving (Anon.)*

COLLECTIONS FOR 22nd/23rd March, 2025

St Monica - Gift Aid: £107.00. Loose Plate: £617.20. **Total: £724.20.**

St Francis - Gift Aid: £222.00. Loose Plate: £574.08. **Total: £796.08. Fundraising: £70.00.** Sincere and grateful thanks for your continued generosity.

SAFEGUARDING is **YOUR** responsibility and relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and to protect them from harm. **ALL** children going to the toilet must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES After the success of last year, **Holy Thursday will once again be celebrated as a Family of Parishes (St Monicas, SFDS and St James), 7pm, this year at SFDS.** Please pick up a leaflet/poster at the back of church for more information. **PLEASE NOTE** : As we are now the **one parish of 'St Monica and St Francis de Sales - one parish and two churches - ALL the main Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will, this year, be celebrated ONLY at St Francis de Sales Church.**

UNWANTED GIFTS If you do have any Gift-items that would be suitable as Raffle Prizes, please leave at the back of Church

WAY OF THE CROSS PROCESSION SATURDAY 12TH APRIL, 1:00PM

'Jesus Youth Liverpool' will be hosting a procession through Liverpool City Centre. **Starting at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine in Liverpool City Centre and concluding at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, with a blessing from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon.** All are welcome. Information: contact Teena on 07471189236 or Justin on 07823397458.

ENCOUNTER SESSIONS LED BY MEMBERS OF OUR DSC ACROSS THE SEASON OF LENT, 2025. We warmly invite parishioners to the session(s) which are most relevant to their ministry/active work in their parish. It is hoped these encounter sessions will build on our retreat gatherings, and will help to shape how we work together as **Families of Parishes and across the deanery in the future.** *(Please pick up our Deanery 'Listening and Working together' timetable handout at the back of church for more details)* **Open to all. Meetings 7—8 pm**

Wednesday 2nd April at Our Lady, Star of the Sea For those involved with parish liturgy (music, readers etc.)

Wednesday 9th April at St Monica's, Bootle For those involved in welcoming and caring (bereavement teams etc.)

SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN THIS WEEKEND, 30TH MARCH for 'Nugent: *'Established in 1881, we are a non-profit Organisation with a proven history of meeting the needs of the Communities we serve.'* Please help if you can.

ST. MONICA'S EASTER COFFEE MORNING will take place next Sunday, 6th April, in the Parish Hall, immediately after the 9.30.am Mass. Easter Raffle & cakes. All welcome for a friendly chat & refreshments. We are asking for gift-item donations *(left at the back of Church)* towards the Coffee Morning, and your help would be much-appreciated. Thank you.

SFDS LITTLE CHURCH: Our monthly '*Children's Liturgy of the Word*' is for our children who are currently in Years 1-5. Our next 'Little Church' takes place **next Sunday, 6th April**, during the 11.00am Mass.

ST. MONICA'S LITTLE CHURCH: We are starting what will be our monthly '*Children's Liturgy of the Word*' **next Sunday, 6th April, during the 9.30.am. Mass.** This is for our children who are currently in Years 1-5.

FITNESS BOOTCAMP *"Remember that bodily exercise, when it is well ordered, as I have said, is also prayer by means of which you can please God our Lord."* —St. Ignatius of Loyola

A fun and engaging bootcamp is **starting in April for ALL levels of fitness (beginner or advanced) with our very own Parishioner Danny**, in Stanley Park, and St Monica's Parish Hall. If you want to get yourself in amazing shape and feel good about doing it – get in touch via text on [07518498524](tel:07518498524) or trainerdfitness11@gmail.com *(Watch the newsletter for details).*

FAMILY OF PARISHES LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: **"It is very important that those going on this Pilgrimage take out adequate Travel Insurance IMMEDIATELY, in case of cancellation and/or any other unforeseen incidents. You should get cover from the period: 22nd September, 2025 to 26th September, 2025, inclusive. PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! Many thanks."** (Mike Langan)

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