



# Our Lady of Compassion Formby

'We need at this time to search for the green shoots  
brought forth by Christ's Resurrection, and to help  
people to fall in love with Jesus Christ'  
(Archbishop John's Homily at his Installation Mass)

**Part of a Family of Parishes with**  
Our Lady of Victories Hightown, Holy Family Ince Blundell,  
St John Stone and Sacred Heart Ainsdale & Woodvale

**3rd August – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter week 2**  
School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

*Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714*

## Information & Events

- **Ordination of Andy Dell** – 6th September, 12  
Noon at the Cathedral (see *Parish Notices* for  
further details)
- **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026** – 18th – 22nd May  
(booking forms available from the end of Aug)



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## Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug</b>	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Pat Hawkins
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Edward Ratnasingham
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>		
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Gordon Wood
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Frederick Wilson
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Vera Sainsbury
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Cath Shields

**Weekly Collection: £972.94 Thank you!**

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Church, George Wilson Porras.

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Patrick Francis Naughton 13<sup>th</sup> August at 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 28<sup>th</sup> July** – Pat Hawkins, Carol Williams.

**Please pray for the lately Dead including;** Bill Evans, Kenneth Culshaw, Joan Godsall, David Owens, Catherine (Cathy) Higgins, Sheila Whiteside, Derek Bevan, Tony Greenan, Pauline Roberts, Margaret Croutear, Joan Gettins, Pat Hawkins, Lesley Murphy, Patrick Francis Naughton and all their families.

**And let us pray for those who are sick including;** Dominic Tomlinson, Beryl Prescott, Margaret Nuttall, Edward Schofield, Kathleen Cuffe, Chris Monckton.



# Parish Notices

## ■ Important Updates: Live Streaming & New YouTube Channel

We know many of you have appreciated our live streams of Mass and other events. To continue offering this valuable service, especially for those who are unable to attend in person, or exploring our faith, we've made some important updates in line with new guidelines.

### 1. Changes to Live Streaming

We've made a few adjustments to ensure your comfort and privacy during our live streams:

- **What We're Streaming:** We'll continue to **live stream every 11:00 AM Sunday Mass**, along with special feast days or occasions when an operator is available.
- **Where to Watch:** All streams will be publicly available for replay for up to **three months** after the live event.
- **Privacy & Seating:** Members of the congregation are not focused on during the streaming but may be visible at the times as the cameras follow the Mass. If you prefer not to be visible on camera, you'll notice **new signs** at the church entrances. These will identify designated "off-camera" seating areas. Separate arrangements are being made for Ministries of the Eucharist, Liturgy and Music.
- **Communion Privacy:** During Holy Communion, to respect personal privacy, the stream will display only church settings and the Archdiocese of Liverpool Spiritual Communion Prayer.
- **Children's Consent:** Children under 16 will only be shown on camera if we have **parental consent**. If consent isn't given, parents are responsible for ensuring their children remain off-camera.

### 2. Our New YouTube Channel!

We've launched a **brand-new YouTube channel!** Please update your bookmarks:

- **New Channel Address:** You can find us at <https://www.youtube.com/@ourladyofcompassionchurch>
- **New Channel Name:** Our new page name is 'Our Lady of Compassion Church Formby'
- **New Handle:** You can also find us by searching for **@ourladyofcompassionchurch**

You can start watching all our streams on this new channel beginning **THIS SUNDAY, August 3rd!**

While we couldn't replicate the old account details (which

were <https://www.youtube.com/@ourladyofcompassionformby> and 'Our Lady of Compassion Formby'), this new channel should be just as easy to find and follow once it's been active for a few weeks.

**Please visit our new YouTube channel and click "Follow" to stay connected!**

We'll keep these new details on our existing page until mid-September, after which the old channel will be removed.

## ■ Mass Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors and Sacristans – Live Stream Consent

We're making some changes to our video streaming processes, including a new YouTube channel – which will come into effect as of **Sunday 3<sup>RD</sup> August**. The updates will help us align with new guidance from the Archdiocese of Liverpool, which acts as the Data Controller for our streaming services. This includes footage of identifiable individuals captured during the streams.

To simplify compliance, we're adopting an **"opt-out" approach** for appearing on the live stream. This means that **by default, consent is assumed**. Going forward only the 11:00 Sunday Mass will be streamed; other Masses will be streamed by exception only and announced in advance in the newsletter and Facebook.

**If you prefer not to be prominently featured** during a live stream, please request a reschedule in the rota to avoid the 11:00 am Sunday Mass or any other announced streamed events. We understand that being present and engaged with the congregation is an important part of your ministry. Our aim is to ensure everyone feels comfortable and informed about our streaming practices. For more details, you can review the Archdiocese of Liverpool Privacy Policy :<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/privacy>

## ■ Parish Calendar 2026: Capturing our Faith Through our Children

We are inviting the children and young people in the Parish to submit a photograph or picture showing what God's love means to them, or their favourite Bible story or hymn. These will be used to provide the images for our Parish 2026 Calendar. We may also use some of the images to produce cards for sale, but all will be displayed in the church. As adults it is very easy to over think and get caught up in the complexities and routine of life, this is an opportunity to learn from the young people in our Parish and remember the simplicity of our faith.





Digital photographs (not photos of the drawings) can be emailed to [steve.drury@web-aviso.com](mailto:steve.drury@web-aviso.com). To arrange collection of physical hard copy drawings (for scanning), please contact Toni Drury on 07814 614144 or Andrea Dell on 07342 692957. Please provide name and age of the artist and a brief description of what the picture makes them think about.

All pictures used will be annotated with name, age and description. By submitting an image, it will be taken as permission for this to be used. **Submissions should be made by 30th September 2025 and must be in landscape orientation.**

### ■ Ordination of Andy Dell to the Diaconate

This will take place in the Cathedral on **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6th AT 12 NOON**. It is hoped that a good number of parishioners will be able to attend to pray for, give support to and congratulate Andy and his family on this very special occasion. To make it easy to do so, we are arranging a coach, which will depart from outside the Gild Hall at 10.30am. Returning from the Cathedral after the service and a short reception at around 3pm. **Details of cost and a list for people to sign up to will appear and be available from next week 9/10<sup>th</sup> August.**

### ■ Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

We are in the process of organising another parish pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. It will take place from **18th to 22nd May**. Full details, a list of interest and booking forms will be available from the end of August. Watch the Newsletter for further announcements.

### ■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **June** draw was number **184**. Have you joined yet? For just £2 per month, a number will be allocated to you and if your number is drawn out in the monthly draw, you could win up to £200. Application forms can be found on the noticeboard at Our Lady's (N.B. if paying by cheque please make your cheque payable to: OLOC 200 Club or if by Standing Order - sort code: 30-17-48. acc. number: 01355280). Good luck!

### ■ Musical Fundraiser for Sudan

We are delighted to announce that Gabriel Balasubramanian-Basu raised £1045 for the St Patrick's Missionary Society's work in Sudan at his piano recital on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July at Holy Trinity Church. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and gave so generously; we look forward to seeing you again next year!

### ■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers are walking from Carnforth in Lancashire on **Saturday 9th August 2025** and have two circular walks on offer. The A walk is 10 miles but has an ascent of only 492 ft. The B walk is 7 miles and is mostly flat. The A walk is faster and higher (usually) and the B walk lower and slower. Carnforth is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and is famous for being the location of the classic romantic 1945 drama "Brief Encounter". We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. The coach leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road, Formby, at 8am on the day and you can book your place by ringing 01704 878548. There is always an early stop for coffee/tea/bacon barmes and time after the walk to visit shops, cafes and pubs in the area. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch together with something waterproof to sit on. Sticks can also be helpful.

### ■ Justice and Peace Summer Holiday Treasure Hunt for Children

On the last Saturday before school starts, the Justice and Peace Group have been invited to run an interesting, relaxed event, especially for our primary age children. Have you ever explored The Quirky Garden? It belongs to Paddy and Liz Kennedy who live near the Freshfield pub. They have a lovely, interesting garden, full of knick-knacks which they have collected over the years. They thought it would be great place to invite the children to come and have a Treasure Hunt. There are little fairy houses to find, and lots of animal statues hiding in the flowers. As there are two small ponds, they ask that each child is accompanied by an adult for safety and to help with the Treasure Hunt questions, and that everyone keeps to the paths and the grass. When you have been down the garden path, and seen all the treasures, there will refreshments. For children, it's "Ice your own fairy cake" and a carton of juice, and for adults, a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. There is no charge for this event but a small donation to our summer charity would be very welcome. We are supporting Barretstown Holiday Camp for children living with a serious illness. (See pictures online [barretstown.org](http://barretstown.org)). So, we would like to invite parents, grandparents, carers and of course, primary age children, to come on **Saturday 30th August to 20, Stanley Road, Formby L37 7AW. The garden will be open at 10.30-12.00 and again at 2.00-4.00pm.** Dress up in fancy dress or wear a fancy hat for the occasion. If the weather looks doubtful, just bring an umbrella. Thank you so much Paddy and Liz for sharing your garden. What a great idea!

