



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

10th Mar 2024 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 4

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

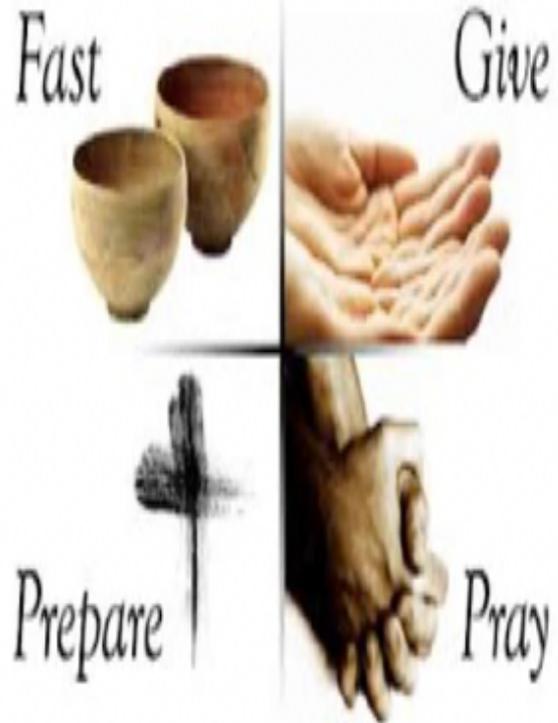
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Information & Events

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk Registration is open from 15th January to 15th March 2024.

- **Monday Movies** – 11th March Gild Hall Activity Centre
- **Songs of Praise** – OLOC 16th March 1-4pm by ticket only
- **Parish Family Fun Day** – 6th May 12 noon – 4pm at the Gild Hall Activity Centre
- **Confirmation Mass** – Thurs 23rd May, St John Stone, celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.



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Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 9 th Mar	6.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion	Mary Scannell
Sunday 10 th Mar	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Joan Flynn
Tuesday 12 th Mar	09.15am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Maeve Maxey
Wednesday 13 th Mar	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion – Attended by the UCM	Peter & Alice McAteer
Thursday 14 th Mar	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Philip Molyneux
Saturday 16 th Mar	No Mass or Service due to Songs of Praise		
Sunday 17 th Mar	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Rosaleen & Anne Boggan

Forthcoming Funerals: None.

Prayer Rota: - In our weekly prayers for the other Christian communities of Formby, we pray for Formby Methodist.

Weekly Collection: £993.56 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 4th Mar – Dave Wright x3, Marie Slowey, Maria Leonard, Linda Murray.

■ **Please pray for the lately Dead including;**

David Jackson, Dr Hin Ching LIU, Fr Joe Whelan MHM, Patricia Starkey, Margaret Klymec, Linda Murray, David Wright, Philip Whiteside, Mary Scannell and all their families.

■ **And let us pray for those who are sick including;**

Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Mary Pinkman, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Beryl Prescott, Kathleen O’Gorman, Deacon Joe Moreland, John Holland, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans, Hilary Barton, Frank Dunne and Barbara Doyle.

Parish Notices

■ Songs of Praise – cancellation of 6pm Vigil Mass on Sat 16th March

Due to the recording of Songs of Praise on Saturday 16th March from 1pm – 4pm and the clearance of technical equipment thereafter, we regret that in these exceptional circumstances, we will have to cancel the 6pm Vigil Mass. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

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Preparation dates have all been confirmed and there will be **4 sessions at St John Stone, which all those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend - April 18th, April 25th, May 2nd, and May 9th.**

A Confirmation Mass on Thurs 23rd May will be celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon at St John Stone Church, Ainsdale.

■ Services of Reconciliation Lent 2024

There will be a number of Services of Reconciliation for Lent across our Deanery on the following days:

- Tues Mar 12th, St John Stone Church Ainsdale at 7pm
- Tues Mar 19th at Our Lady's Church Formby at 7pm
- Thur Mar 21st at Holy Family Church Southport at 7pm

Please note that these celebrations will comprise of a short service and individual confessions. The priests of the Deanery will be present at all services to hear confessions.

■ The Chatterry

This week, The Chatterry celebrates Saint Patrick's Day a few days early! We extend a warm welcome to parishioner Karine Woodward who will entertain us with some singing and musical accompaniment including a selection of well-known Irish songs for a spot of community singing. Come along to the Gild Hall lounges from 2.15 pm to 3.30 pm on Wednesday 13th March and if you have an item of green clothing then wear it with pride as we prepare to "Drown the Shamrock!"

The following week, **Wednesday 20th March**, The Chatterry will be combining with the U.C.M. for its Grand Easter Bingo. ***The Chatterry will then be closed for Holy Week and the two weeks of the school Easter Holiday, re-opening on Wednesday 17th April.***

■ CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk.

■ Monday Morning Movies – 11th March at 11am, Gild Hall Activity Centre

This month's film will be "The Miracle Club", starring Laura Linney, Kathy Bates and Maggie Smith.

Set in Ballygar, Dublin in 1967, the film tells the tale of close friends Lily, Eileen and Dolly who win tickets to take part in a pilgrimage to Lourdes. What none of them expects is that a face from the past will return to join them. This gentle tale of friendship and forgiveness is rated 12. Open to all adults. Free entry and refreshments.

■ Youth Ministry Leader in the Lake District

Would you like to be a Youth Ministry Leader in the Lake District? Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

■ Formby Gild Acoustic Club – Wednesday 13th March

Every 2nd Wednesday of each month, the Formby Gild Acoustic Club is held at the Gild Hall. It's an evening of live acoustic music entertainment hosted by the Country Folk, and featuring local bands and singers, and a good raffle. The next evening is Wednesday 13th March. Doors open at 7.30pm and it's £3 on the door for a whole evening's entertainment.

■ Justice and Peace Group - Prisoners of Conscience

Each year the organisation **Action by Christians Against Torture** provides us with details of people currently being held in prison for political reasons. They have done nothing criminal (previously for example people such as Nazneen Zigari Radcliff and Alexei Navalny have been on the list).

Next week you will be offered a slip with the details, photo and address of **one** of today's prisoners. **What to do**

1. Please would you write a **non-religious message** of hope on a small card or postcard.
2. Address it.
3. Stamp it and post it (likely to cost £2.20).

We know it gives prisoners great comfort to realise that they are not forgotten. Sometimes their treatment improves when the prison authorities understand that their names are known in other countries.

■ UCM News

The UCM monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th March**. Mass will be held in Our Lady's Church at 10.00am and members are invited to meet in the Activity Centre afterwards for refreshments.

UCM GRAND SPRING BINGO at the Gild Hall on **Wednesday, 20th March**. Please note this is an afternoon event and the doors will open at 1.15pm ready to start at 2.00pm. There are some super prizes, hampers and cash prizes together with a Raffle. Refreshments are available in the interval and the Bar is also open.

All proceeds are in aid of Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage / Our Lady of Compassion Parish projects / The Formby Befriending Scheme. It is hoped that lots of people will support these worthy charities.

■ Family Fun Day – Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Thank you to all those who have already volunteered to help make the day a success. Additional volunteers are always welcome so if you are able to assist setting-up, during the event or clearing away after, your input is very welcome and will help make this a successful Parish event.

There will be a local artisan/craft fair along with a huge inflatable slide and a variety of games and prizes for all the family. We will also have a plant stall so if you are preparing to plant seeds or divide established plants as the gardening season starts, please put a few aside for us for the fun day.

We'll provide further details about the day very soon - but if you wish to be involved on the day or have any questions please do get in touch with us. Steve and Toni Drury Mobile/WhatsApp: 07767 343152:
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