



# Our Lady of Compassion Formby

11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week  
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School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

## 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.liverpoolcalded.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalded.co.uk)

Registration is open from 15<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

- Songs of Praise – OLOC 16<sup>th</sup> March
- Parish Family Fun Day – 6<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon – 4pm at the Gild Hall Activity Centre

Ash Wednesday



Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.

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**Gild Hall Manager:** Eileen Sheridan – 01704 872279 / 07970 720967

# Newsletter

## Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion	Freda Morris
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Alan Wright
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Jim McAuley
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Suzanne O'Callaghan
	7.30pm	Our Lady of Compassion	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Dennis Barry
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion	Alex Waddell
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Mary Mwanje

**Prayer Rota** - In our weekly prayers for the other Christian communities of Formby, we pray for St Stephen's, Hightown.

**Weekly Collection £1080.07 Thank you!**

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 5<sup>th</sup> Feb** – The Murray Family, Rachel Jones, Lesley Powell, Philip & Steve Klymec, Margaret Klymec, John Chatterley x2, Thomas Brown, Linda Murray, Rosemary Gower.

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

Alan Wright, Eddie Parisi, David Jackson, Dr Hin Ching LIU, Fr Joe Whelan MHM, Patricia Starkey, Margaret Klymec, Linda Murray 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 and Rachel Jones.

# Parish Notices

## ■ Ash Wednesday

Fr John will celebrate two Parish Masses at Our Lady's on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am and 7.30pm.**

## ■ Lent and Ash Wednesday 2024

This Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, sees the start of the season of Lent. It is Ash Wednesday and is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be TWO MASSES on this day. The usual one at 10am and an extra one at 7.30pm in the evening to assist those parishioners who may be out working during the day. The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at both Masses.

## ■ Stations of the Cross

This annual devotion will take place before Mass EACH TUESDAY MORNING AT 9.15 am, apart from Holy Week, when they will be on Good Friday at 10.am. The Stations will replace the Tuesday Exposition which will continue as usual on a Wednesday and Thursday at 9.15 am unless there is a funeral listed.

## ■ Rosary, Sermon & Benediction

This takes place this **Sunday afternoon, 11<sup>th</sup> February, at 4pm.** It is a day associated with Our Lady of Lourdes and a special day of prayer for those in the world who are sick. All parishioners are welcome to attend. It is especially hoped that those parishioners who are travelling to Lourdes in October, will be able to attend as part of our preparation for our Pilgrimage.

## ■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

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## ■ Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to attend a meeting on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024** at 11am at Our Lady's church, please use the Waitrose entrance. Thank you.

## ■ Family Mass

We are moving Family Masses to the **first Sunday of each month from March**, to coincide with Sunday brunch also at this time each month and families are very welcome too. Our next Family Mass will therefore be **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 11am** then Sunday brunch at the activities centre from 12 noon.

## ■ The Chatterry

The Chatterry will be closed this Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, for the Mid Term Break and will reopen on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February as usual.

## ■ Foodbank Deliverers

The new rota for Foodbank Deliverers starts on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and runs through until Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025. There is a copy for each of our Deliverers on the notice board by the sacristy door. Please take yours. If anyone would be able to take the parish Foodbank donations to Southport on an occasional basis, that would be great. Please contact Bruni Jones (876038). Thank you.

## ■ Parish Family Fun Day – 6<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday Monday

As part of our Parish celebrations for our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary we are planning a family fun day on Bank Holiday Monday – 6<sup>th</sup> May at the Gild Hall Activity Centre, 12:00 – 16:00. We will have various games and stall attractions for all the family, including a giant inflatable slide and local artisan craft stalls. Proceeds from the event will go towards essential repairs for the church organ and supporting our Justice and Peace Group who do so much address inequalities in our world and bring comfort to those in need.

As ever we need volunteers to make this event a success. We need a minimum of 10 volunteers to assist setting up and supervising the various outside stalls along with volunteers to oversee the refreshments. Early confirmation of volunteers' availability is appreciated so we can plan appropriately to the resources available. We will arrange a planning meeting in March once we have an idea of the level of support, (details to follow).

If you are able to help make this a successful parish event please send an email to: [contact@formbyevents.co.uk](mailto:contact@formbyevents.co.uk) or Mobile (text or WhatsApp ) 07767343152 providing name and contact details. Thank you, Steve & Toni Drury.

#### ■ UCM News

The UCM are meeting in the Activity Centre after the **10.00am Ash Wednesday Mass on 14th February** for their Annual General Meeting. Members are all requested to attend and it would be greatly appreciated if those who have kindly promised to donate a Bingo Prize, would they please bring it along to the meeting. (Any queries, please ring Gill Coghlan 870718).

**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. This event is organised by Our Lady of Compassion UCM with all proceeds supporting the following: **Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage / Our Lady of Compassion Parish projects / Methodist Befriending Group (Dementia).** Please come along and support these very worthwhile causes.

#### ■ The World Day of Prayer Service

The World Day of Prayer Service will take place at Holy Trinity Church this year on Friday 1st March at 2pm. All are very welcome to attend this uplifting service and to enjoy the refreshments that follow. The service this year has been written by a group of women from Palestine and is very moving. If anyone would like to join the special choir for this service, there is a rehearsal with Maggie at Holy Trinity on Monday 19th February at 12 noon. Parishioners from all churches across Formby and Hightown are invited and this service is an opportunity to all pray together.

## 'Songs of Praise'

**Saturday 16th March 2024**

Dear Parishioners,

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that the BBC Programme, Songs of Praise, have chosen our beautiful church to film a selection of hymns to be broadcast in the coming months. This is an exciting and wonderful opportunity for us all.

John Beesley, the Musical Director of Our Lady's, has been in communication with the programme director, and is being guided by the production team regarding their requirements and expectations for the visit. Here is what we know so far:

### Schedule

The crew is scheduled to arrive on Friday 15 March and will spend the day setting up sound and lighting equipment.

The filming will take place on Saturday 16 March from 1pm-4pm. Everyone will need to be seated well beforehand, but timings have yet to be confirmed.

### What are they filming?

This is a 'Musical Content' recording, which means they want us to sing a selection of hymns (to be confirmed) which will be incorporated in their broadcasted programmes over the upcoming weeks and months. It is not a 'hosted' recording with interviews etc, it is purely to capture congregational singing.

### On the day

This will be a wonderful experience, but there are a couple of things to consider before getting involved. There will be some small breaks but be aware of the physical demands of standing to sing and sitting on pews for 3 hours. You also need to be happy and comfortable being filmed and it being broadcast on national television. The TV Director will provide guidance on seating arrangements.

### Preparation

Recording so many hymns in such a short space of time, will be challenging for both us and the production team. It's important that we are well organised and feel confident with all the music they need. We will be using all the selected hymns many times in the coming weeks at our 11 o'clock Mass to help us really get to know them.

### Who will participate?

You! We know we can count on your enthusiasm and support. We'd love to accommodate everyone in the parish who wishes to participate on the day, so it's important to make sure you take the opportunity to register as soon as possible.

### What next?

Details of how to register will be published in next week's newsletter. We have been allowed a grace period of one week for parishioners to register before it is opened up to the wider public.

Thank you in advance for your support as we venture into this wonderful experience for our parish.



COME SING WITH US AT  
**OUR LADY OF COMPASSION  
FORMBY**

**SATURDAY 16TH MARCH  
13:00 - 16:00**

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