



Our Lady of Compassion Formby



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

12th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter
19th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter
26th April – 4th Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2, Psalter Wks 3 & 4
School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- Women's Faith Group – 14th Apr 7.30pm – 8.30pm The Parish Centre
- Parish Spring Fayre – Family Fun Day – Early Bank Holiday Monday 4th May
- Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 – 18th – 22nd May

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MASS TIMES

Day	Time	Intention
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY		
Saturday 11th Apr	6.00pm	Holy Mass Joan Marssen
Sunday 12th Apr	09.00am	Holy Mass Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass Rosaleen & Anne Boggan
Tuesday 14th Apr	10.00am	Holy Mass Danny Rathbone
Wednesday 15th Apr	10.00am	Holy Mass Joe Nolan
Thursday 16th Apr	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Molly West
Saturday 18th Apr	6.00pm	Holy Mass Margaret Cook
Sunday 19th Apr	09.00am	Holy Mass Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass Michael Cook
Tuesday 21st Apr	NO MASS OR SERVICE	
Wednesday 22nd Apr	10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 23rd Apr	NO MASS OR SERVICE	
Saturday 25th Apr	6.00pm	Holy Mass Joan Marssen
Sunday 26th Apr	09.00am	Holy Mass Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass Christine Pennington
Tuesday 28th Apr	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Winifred Thompson
Wednesday 29th Apr	10.00am	Holy Mass Helena Kolassa
Thursday 30th Apr	10.00am	Holy Mass Rose Gibney
Saturday 2nd May	6.00pm	Holy Mass Private Intention
	10.00am	St Jerome's – First Communions
Sunday 3rd May	09.00am	Holy Mass Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass Maura Gibney



Forthcoming Funerals: Molly West 16th Apr @ 10am, Winifred Thompson 28th Apr @ 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 6th Apr – Rose Gibney, Maura Gibney.

Mass Intentions sent to Mill Hill to be said during April – Frances Robertson, Nell Connolly, Kathleen & Finan Bracken, Maeve Maxey, Frances McCumiskey, John Stafford, Rose Richards, Maureen Cross, Tony Delany, A Special Intention, Leslie Burns, Peter Alcock x2, Matta, Danny Rathbone, Joe Nolan, Helena Kolassa, Sean Crosson, Dymrna Walker, Margaret Ball, Vera Norris, Pauline Rice, Philomena Byrne, Fr Colum Kelly.

Please pray for the lately Dead including: Michael Hall, Denis Kelly, Molly West, Hilda Philips-Alexander, Peter Sullivan, Anthony Daley, Anthony Collins, Vera Norris, Winifred Coyne, Winifred Thompson and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including: Dominic Tomlinson, Beryl Prescott, Margaret Nuttall, Edward Schofield, Mary Turner, Nell Piggott, Nora Kilbane, Rachel Jones, Rod Maguire, Irene ForsheW, Bernard Philip, Ellen Hayes, Eileen Boyne, Joyce Blackledge, Patricia (Pat) Williamson.

Parish Notices

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026

The Confirmation sessions for young people in Year 8 and above are about to start. Please do not worry if you missed the deadline for applying with the Archdiocese. If you would still like to apply, please send an email to southportandformbyconfirmation@gmail.com – or phone and leave a message for Fr Paul on 01704-577722 – and you will be added to the list. The remaining Confirmation preparation dates will take place at St. John Stone Church, Sandbrook Way, Southport, PR8 3RN on **Monday 20th & 27th April. The sessions will run from 7pm to 8pm and attendance is essential.** We look forward to seeing you there. The Confirmation Celebrations themselves will take place in St. John Stone Church on **Tuesday May 5th and Wednesday May 13th, both at 7.00pm.**

■ Easter 2026 – Thank you!

Fr John, Deacon John and Deacon Andy, would like to thank you most sincerely for your generous gifts, cards and easter greetings for the Easter celebrations. Thank you for your great generosity.

■ The Chatterry

The Chatterry re-opens this Wednesday, April 15th, after the Easter break. It will be a post-holiday catch up. Chat /tea/coffee/biscuits. £2. All are welcome to the Parish Activity Centre behind the Gild Hall, 2pm to 3.30pm. An outline of Summer activities and speakers will be announced.

ON WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL, Parishioner Geoff Wyke will speak about his time in the Probation Service with a talk entitled “My Year’s on Probation!”

■ Women’s Faith Group – All Welcome

After the busyness of Easter, why not take a little time to pause and reflect? You are warmly invited to our next Women’s Faith Group on **Tuesday 14th April, 7.30–8.30pm at Our Lady of Compassion Parish Centre.** It’s a relaxed and welcoming hour with space to reflect, share, and simply be – no pressure, just come as you are. Whether you come regularly or it’s your first time, you’ll be very welcome. And of course... there’ll be a brew too.

■ Scam Email – please be vigilant

The archdiocesan safeguarding team has been alerted about a scam email currently circulating. In these messages, the sender pretends to be the parish priest and asks recipients to purchase gift cards for church staff, insisting the request be kept confidential. The scam emails are being sent from the address: churchpriest38@gmail.com. Please remain cautious. Do not reply to this email or act on any requests it makes. Requests of this kind would never be sent.



■ Parish Spring Fayre: Family Fun Day – Early Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Plans are well underway to make this year's event a great success and a fun day for all the families and the local community.

Volunteers Wanted - We are looking for volunteers to run games and activities during the day, loan of gazebos for shade rather than rain protection, and help setting and clearing up. Even if you could help for a few hours, it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who have already agreed to help, if you would like to be involved please Steve or Toni Drury know by emailing contact@formbyevents.co.uk or call/text Toni on 07814614144.

Donations - We are collecting donations to the following:

- **Tombolas** : After Easter a box will be placed at the back of church for donations towards the chocolate and bottle tombolas.
- **Plant Stall** : This was extremely popular last year. As the gardening season starts in earnest and you start to divide and sow plants for the garden, please pot a few up for the plant stall. They will be able to be dropped off at the Parish Centre before the Fayre or on the day - more details to follow. We hope to have a wide range of plants to see your garden in bloom from early May, through to later summer.
- **Hanging Baskets**: Following last year's success, we aim to sell hanging baskets again by recycling old hanging pots and filling them with beautiful blooms. If you have old pots and baskets from last year, please let Toni know on 07814614144 to arrange how to pass on to be replanted.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to a wonderful fun day for our Parish and wider community.

■ SVP

By the time many of you will be reading this I shall be starting my 77-mile Camino to Santiago along with 50 other members of the SVP. I would like to thank you all most sincerely for your generous support. The figure raised to date, which also includes donations and sponsorship from family, friends and Rotarians, totals £4,328. It is a wonderful sum and it will be put to good use. THANK YOU.

■ Help us shape youth ministry for the future

We want all young people to flourish and to know that they are cherished by God and are a vital part of the Church. So, as an Archdiocese, we are committed to explore how we can best accompany young people. Your voice is crucial.

What will happen: You will meet others and have your chance to share your experiences and ideas about how the Church might best respond to the needs of young people today. All feedback will be carefully listened to as part of a diocesan wide process planning youth ministry for the years ahead.

Who's invited: We want to hear from adults, young adults and 11-18 year olds. Please join us. (Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult). Come to **ONE** of our open meetings.

MONDAY 20TH APRIL 7- 9.30pm
TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 7 - 9.30pm

St Joseph's Crow Orchard Rd, Wrightington, Wigan WN6 9PA
St Monica's Fernhill Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 9GA

The process is being facilitated by Danny Curtin, who worked in youth ministry and youth work in the Church for many years. For more information, contact Sarah McGeehan on s.mcgeehan@rcaol.org.uk or 07415099048

■ St John Stone – Live Music Event

Advance notice: You are warmly invited to another (free) live music event at St John Stone parish club, 7 Sandbrook Way, Woodvale, Southport, PR8 3RN on **Friday 29th May from 2pm - 4pm**. Come along, relax, enjoy the music (from across the decades) and join in on the choruses that are familiar to you."

■ Vocations Weekend for Women

For Women (20s and 30s) - Discerning God's Call in your life **15th - 17th May, Liverpool**. The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). **Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.** If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to live alongside the religious community and to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. **For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org To register: <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>**



■ The Newman Association

Talk: 'Seeing Young People with the Eyes of God' **Speaker:** Kate Wilkinson of 'Million Minutes'.

Date & time: Thursday 16th April at 7.30 pm. **Place:** St Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Rd. Crosby. All welcome to join us for an in-depth focus on adventurous accompaniment.

■ Justice and Peace Easter Raffle for Hospice Africa and J and P Charities

The Justice and Peace group would like to thank you all very much for the support you gave to the Easter Raffle.

The draw took place on Easter Monday and all prize winners names are on the parish notice boards. Do please look to see if you have won a prize. Prizes may be collected from 28, Bushbys Lane on three dates.

1. Tuesday 14th April from 6.00-7.00pm. 2. Wednesday 15th April from 6.00-7.00pm 3. Sunday 19th April from 2-4pm. Thank you again for all your support and encouragement. We are delighted to tell you that the final total was £1,405. Wasn't that great. Thank you again.

■ Red Box 2025 – Thank you!

In 2025, Our Lady of Compassion raised £1,048.00 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Our Lady's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature on this year's Red Boxes. Please see the Thank You poster at the back of church. They rely on your support so they can continue to flourish. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

■ Irenaeus - Life in the Spirit Seminars

The Irenaeus Project are holding the Life in the Spirit Seminars, beginning on Tuesday 14th April. The Seminars will be held at Irenaeus, Great George's Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD. Each weekly session begins at 7pm and ends at 8.30pm. The sessions have a wealth of speakers who share on the weekly themes and friends of Irenaeus who will be sharing about their personal faith journeys. A warm welcome awaits you and your family and friends.

■ Notre Dame Reunion

Did you attend a Notre Dame School in the Archdiocese of Liverpool? There will be a reunion on 17th May for all ex-pupils & teachers, consisting of Mass at 11.00am followed by a complimentary light lunch & a social finishing at 3.00pm, at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo. A donation for our current charity & a raffle prize would be appreciated. Please try to attend, all are welcome. Reply by 3rd May to Bernie Shaw, 0161 483 0173

