



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

12th Mar 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 3

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Served by the Churches of Our Lady of Compassion and
St. Jerome

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

CONFIRMATION 2023

If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the
sacrament of confirmation, please register at
Liverpoolcalled.co.uk

Registration is open from 16th January to 17th
March 2023.



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Newsletter



Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 11 th Mar	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Fredrick Wilson
Sunday 12 th Mar	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	George Thomas
Tuesday 14 th Mar	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Maeve Maxey
	11.30am	Funeral Service – Theresa Routledge	
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross – Our Lady of Compassion	
Wednesday 15 th Mar	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Michael McAteer
Thursday 16 th Mar	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Paul Byrne	
Saturday 18 th Mar	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Kathleen W Duddy
Sunday 19 th Mar	09.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Mary Baxter

The Church of St Jerome is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 09.00am to 11.00am for Quiet Prayer. Tea/coffee is available in St Jerome's Parish Centre on Monday and Thursday 09.00am – 10.00am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Due to the cold weather and central heating issues in the Church, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **will not take place before** weekday masses until further notice. Therefore, the Church will be open at 09.30am for weekday masses.

Weekly Collection **£1,159.25**. Thank you!

CAFOD Collection **£1,040.79**

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Dawn Johnson, Samantha Brownlee, Dawn Johnson, Theresa Routledge, Paul Byrne, David Ludley, John Page, Elizabeth Hawkshaw and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Isabelle Clegg, Teresa Campbell, Eddy Connolly, Stephanie Harrison, Ellen l'Anson, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, and Mary Pinkman.

Contact Father John

If any parishioner needs Father John for any reason whatsoever, particularly if someone is **sick or dying** and needs the **Sacraments**, please call **01704 873230**. If the phone is not answered, please leave a **clear message** indicating your **name, the reason for your call** and a **contact number**.

If no message is left, Father John does not know that you have called. The answering machine is checked every day and you can also send an email to: ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk

Parish Notices

Stations of the Cross

Stations of The Cross will be celebrated each **Tuesday evening at 7.30pm** in Our Lady of Compassion Church, with exception of Holy Week, when they will take place at 10.00am on Good Friday morning.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS, ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH IN THE EVENING, WILL BE THROUGH THE MAIN DOOR ON SCHOOL LANE ONLY – The Church will be open from 7.15pm.

Fr John's Ruby Jubilee of Ordination

This Summer Fr. John will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood, his Ruby Jubilee. On the actual date, **Monday 10th July, there will be a concelebrated Mass at 7.30 pm in Our Lady's Church**. His Grace the Archbishop will attend and preside, with Bishop Tom Neylon, and afterwards there will be a celebration in the Gild Hall.

Mike Halford has been appointed to co-ordinate the event and in due course he will be asking various people and parish groups to become involved with the arrangements. Meanwhile, please mark the event in your diary and on your calendar for another happy celebration to look forward to following on from the Coronation of King Charles.

Parish Lent Walk – 4pm Saturday 25th March

Starting at St Jerome's we will walk together. The route is approx 5km and is accessible for prams & wheelchairs users ending back at St Jerome's in time for 6pm Mass. We aim to walk 200km+ as a team. Please join us. You can share our team link to gain sponsorship or collect a paper sponsor form from the parish noticeboards.

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/oloc-parish-walk>

Sister Paulinus

I thought the former parishioners of St Anne's would like to know that on 26th March, Sister will be 90 years old. I am having a birthday cake prepared in Newry on behalf of the St Anne's parishioners and it will read: *'From the parishioners of St Anne's to wish you every joy and blessing.'* I will be going over for Sister's birthday, so if anyone wishes me to pass on a card, I will be happy to do so. Fr John Bradley.

Earthquake Appeal – Thank you

The parish emergency collection for the survivors of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey, raised in excess of £3638! All proceeds went immediately to CAFOD for their disasters fund. This was a wonderful total. Thank you for your great generosity.

Prisoners of Conscience

Thank you to everyone who took the details of a Prisoner of Conscience last week. There are still some Prisoners' details left. Please do take another detail slip if you feel you can help. Prisoners' treatment in gaol can improve greatly if the authorities realise their names are known. All instructions are on the back of the details slip. Thank you.

Free Easter Raffle for Sister Orla's Girls' School in South Sudan

Thank you to everyone who has already donated goods for the Free Raffle. How can a free raffle make money, perhaps you wonder? Sister Orla's story and what the parish could do to help her work, is explained in the Justice and Peace's Yellow Letter. Please make sure you pick up a copy from the table by the church door. This Raffle is open to everyone, parishioners, friends and family. Details of the raffle for our online community will be available in next week's Newsletter.

Spanish Mass

The Spanish Speaking Community in the Archdiocese of Liverpool is invited to celebrate the monthly Mass in Spanish in Hightown, Our Lady of Victories Parish Church on Sandy Lan, L383RP. This Mass takes place every second Sunday of the Month at 3pm, followed by a sharing of Traditional Spanish and Latin American food and drinks, and a lovely chat and getting together. The same event is celebrated in Salford Cathedral every third Sunday of the Month at 2 pm. **For the Month of March: 12th March** at 3pm in Hightown, Our Lady of Victories **19th March** 2pm at Salford Cathedral. Everyone is most welcome!

Monday Morning Movie – 27th March

Our first screening will be "Dream Horse", (rated PG) starring Oscar nominee Toni Colette. This is a heart-warming, uplifting story, based on real-life events. The film is set in the Welsh valleys and tells the story of Jan Vokes who, with the help of her fellow villagers, breeds a racehorse and raises him on an allotment. Dream Alliance becomes a symbol of hope for the community. Open to all adults. No need to book. There will be an interval during which tea, coffee and cake will be served. **Start time:** 11am. **Finish time:** 1.20pm approx. **Venue:** Gild Hall Activity Centre, Church Road, Formby.

The Chatterly

The Chatterly this **Wednesday 15th March**, will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. There will be an Irish Sing Song, Irish Bingo, and Irish music together with tea, coffee and scones. Come along as usual at 2pm to the Gild Hall lounges and feel free to wear your best green outfits!

On **March 22nd** there will be a talk and demonstration by Katherine of Kasia Krafts. Personalised Rag Dolls, Needle Flowers etc. Katherine supports her brother who crosses regularly from Poland into the Ukraine delivering vital goods and medicines.

CTIFAH – Quiet Morning

Churches Together Quiet Morning will be at Ince Benet, the new Retreat Centre at Ince Blundell on Saturday 25th March 10.00am-12.00. Stay on for shared lunch (bring your own sandwiches, tea and coffee provided). The Quiet Morning will be led by Father John McCluskey. Places are limited to 20, on a first come first served basis. To book a place, don't delay, please ring Bruni Jones 01704 876038 as soon as possible. See details and pictures of the new Retreat Centre on their website www.incebenet.co.uk

Coronation Event Planning

We would like to thank all those who have participated and pledged to support this weekend's plans so far, great progress is being made. The latest event planning minutes can now be downloaded from the website: www.formbyevents.co.uk Our next meeting will be this **Sunday 12th March, following 11am Mass in Our Lady's**. We look forward to seeing you there, or feel free to email with any questions or comments. Toni & Steve Drury Email: steve@formbyevents.co.uk

PS – There is now a small 'Official Coronation Resources' section beneath the subscribe form on the website. So do tell your friends or any family around the country if they are having any coronation events to visit the website and download from the links. The more visitor traffic we can generate to the website, the more it will stand out online and showcase our wonderful parish activities.