



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

12th May 2024 – Easter Week 7

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 3

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714



Information & Events

- **St Jerome's First Holy Communion** – 18th May at 10am.
- **Confirmation Mass (Group A)** – Thurs 23rd May, St John Stone, celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.
- **Confirmation Mass (Group B)** – Thurs 13th June, St John Stone, celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.

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Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 11 th May	10.00am	First Holy Communion – Our Lady’s	
	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Maria Leonard
Sunday 12 th May	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Linda Murray
Tuesday 14 th May	09.15am	Christian Unity Service	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	David Wright
Wednesday 15 th May	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Helena Kolassa
Thursday 16 th May	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Joan Brooks
Saturday 18 th May	10.00am	First Holy Communion – St Jerome’s	
	PENTECOST SUNDAY		
	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Joe Nolan
Sunday 19 th May	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Vincent Maloney

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church Sofia Durose, Warren Davies, Ashleigh Davies

Forthcoming Funerals: Patricia Russell 21st May at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 6th May – James Wignall, Dympna Walker, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Irene Maloney, David Wright, Mary Sexton.

Mass Intentions sent to Mill Hill to be said during May: Richie Maitland, Teresa Campbell, David Wright x2, Helena Kolassa, Joe Nolan, Danny Rathbone, Frances Cushing, Anthea Wardle, Joe Roberts, Vincent Maloney, Frank Dunne x3, The McHugh Family, Martin Fraser, Christine Steele x2, Parishioners, Cathlene Bailey, Paul Kershaw, John Charnock, Martin Jackson, Frank Ryan, Teresa Keelan x3, Dennis Morris x2, Patsy Daley x2, St Martin, Philomena & Our Lady, Special Intention, Deceased Relative.

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

Francis Dunne, Joan Phillips, William Kershaw, Harry Kelly, Patricia Ann Brereton, John Simmons, Patricia Russell 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, Barbara Doyle, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones and Ruth Purcell.

Parish Notices

Schools Notice

- Kathy Monahan is retiring as Headteacher of St Jerome’s after 14 years’ service. We wish Kathy every success for the future. Gemma Veevers has been appointed as the new Headteacher from September and we welcome Gemma and wish her every success.
- St Jerome’s First Holy Communions will take place at 10am on 18th May.

■ Small Presbytery Carpark – A Notice to all Parishioners

Please note that it is no longer possible to park your vehicle in the small car park adjacent to Our Lady’s Presbytery. The garages there are used to house the vehicles of our retired clergy and it is also a car park for the parish clergy. In recent times it has been used by many who are not part of the church community, as a convenient place to park. Due to difficulties experienced, the Archdiocese has decided to protect the property, by installing an automatic number plate recognition camera. The camera will be installed on Monday 13th May and will issue a fine to anyone who parks there.

■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

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 session.** Due to increased numbers this year, there will be 2 groups and 2 Confirmation Celebration dates as below. Candidates will be assigned to Group A or Group B and will be able to change group, if necessary, they just need to let us know when they attend the preparation meetings.

CONFIRMATION GROUP A

Confirmation Celebration Mass – May 23rd at 7.00pm in St. John Stone Church, Ainsdale celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon. Remaining Confirmation Preparation Meetings- All sessions to take place in St. John Stone Church April 18th at 6.00pm - **May 16th at 6.00pm.**

CONFIRMATION GROUP B

Confirmation Celebration Mass – June 13th at 7.00pm in St. John Stone Church, Ainsdale celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon. Remaining Confirmation Preparation Meeting at St. John Stone Church April 18th at 7.30pm. *Final Practice Session – to be confirmed.*

■ Parish Family Fun Day

A huge thank you to all who supported our parish family fun day last Monday. It was a wonderful occasion and the weather held up. Very grateful thanks to Steve and Toni Drury for all their hard work in organising the day. Grateful thanks to all our volunteers including the UCM for all their hard work and service. There was a wonderful spirit with many young families and a most enjoyable day. The total monies collected will be printed in next week’s newsletter.

■ The Chatterty

The Chatterty will be back in its normal venue of The Gild Hall Lounges this coming **Wednesday May 15th**, from 2pm to 3.30pm. We warmly welcome CONAL DEVITT who will be talking about...”Social Prescribing at your G.P. Practice.” All welcome!

■ Eucharistic Ministers – A New Instruction

From this weekend – if a Deacon is in attendance at Mass, then he will go to the Tabernacle before Communion to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar. If there is no Deacon, then one of the Eucharistic Ministers on the duty rota, will perform that task and likewise, will return the ciborium after Communion to the Tabernacle.

If Ministers wish to acquaint themselves with the key and workings of the Tabernacle, please see Sacristan, Mike Halford after one of the weekday Masses.

■ Blue Chairs at the back of Church

The blue chairs at the rear of the Church around the font area **are for the use of parishioners with mobility issues and those who accompany them to Mass.** All other parishioners are asked to use the normal church benches. It has become increasingly difficult for Ministers of the Eucharist to identify those who are unable to approach the Altar and are at the rear of Church awaiting to receive Holy Communion, due to the numbers of worshippers seated in this area, which has to be kept as clear as possible for safety reasons and ease of entry and exit to the Church.

■ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 12th – 19th May 2024

The Churches Together week of prayer for Christian Unity starts with the Christian Unity service 6.30 p.m. Sunday 12th May at St Peter's Church, Paradise Lane. Morning prayer will take place during the week followed by refreshments: Monday 13th May 9.15 at Lighthouse Church, Tuesday 14th 9.15 a.m. at Our Lady of Compassion Church, Wednesday 15th 9.15 a.m. at Formby United Reform Church, Thursday 16th 9.15 a.m. at St Luke's, Friday 17th May at St Stephen's Church, Hightown, Saturday 18th at Formby Methodist Church.

■ SVP Quarterly Collection

The SVP would like to remind parishioners that their quarterly collection will be taking place at all Masses during the weekend of 18th/19th May.

■ Thank You from the Dunne Family

Pam and the family of Frank Dunne, would like to sincerely thank numerous parishioners and friends for their many Mass and sympathy cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy, received on the recent passing of Frank. They were all greatly appreciated and brought much comfort to the family. Thank You.

■ Gift Aid Boxes

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we have worked through the Gift Aid lists provided by the Archdiocese. If you had queried why you may not have been allocated a box this year, please see the notice on the table outside the Sacristy. **The boxes will remain outside the Sacristy for collection for another week, after which time please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection.**

■ The Justice and Peace Group – Date for your Diary

You are invited to **Tea and Chat in the Garden at 35 Freshfield Road, Formby from 2pm-4pm on Tuesday 18th June.** No entry charge; donations for Famine Aid to Sudan would be greatly received. Many thanks to Alice and Patrick Joyce for opening their beautiful garden to us.

■ Mary's Meals – Thank You!

Thank you to the members of Our Lady of Compassion Justice and Peace Group for your generous donation of £1,590. This money will ensure 83 children will continue to be fed in their place of education for the next year.

■ Thank You!

The family of Mary and Albert Williams would like to thank the parishioners who so kindly looked after their mum, when she fell ill during the Requiem Mass last week. Mary is recovering and feeling better.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **March** draw was number **12**. 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!

■ UCM Afternoon Tea/Lunch

Following the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday 10th July, an afternoon tea has been arranged in the events room at Dobbies at 12 noon for a final get together before we break for the summer recess. The charge is £20 per head and the committee would be delighted if as many of our members could attend.

If you are interested, please contact Norma Greenwood (Tel 07414 291316) as soon as possible. It is requested that all monies are paid before the next UCM Meeting on Wednesday 12 June.