



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

14th & 21st Apr 2024 – Easter Weeks 3&4

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

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Monday Movies** – 29th April, 11am at the Gild Hall Activity Centre.
- **Parish Family Fun Day** – 6th May 12 noon – 4pm at the Gild Hall Activity Centre
- **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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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 13 th Apr	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Richie Maitland
Sunday 14 th Apr	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	M & R Parker Rimmer
Monday 15 th Apr	12 Noon	Requiem Mass – Francis Dunne	
Tuesday 16 th Apr	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pat & Joe Rigby
	2.00pm	First Sacrament of Reconciliation – Our Lady’s	
Wednesday 17 th Apr	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Dorothy Robinson	
	2.00pm	First Sacrament of Reconciliation – St Jerome’s	
Thursday 18 th Apr	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Philip Whiteside
Saturday 20 th Apr	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Bernadette Rimmer
Sunday 21 st Apr	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Kevin Williams
Tuesday 23 rd Apr	SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE		
	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Elizabeth (Betty) Kane
Wednesday 24 th Apr	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Joan Phillips	
Thursday 25 th Apr	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Teresa Campbell
Saturday 27 th Apr	12 Noon	Marriage – Donald Wilkinson & Suzanne Lally	
	6.00pm	Holy Mass	E & P Kowalski
Sunday 28 th Apr	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Tom & Collette Williams

Fr John would like to thank you for your generous gifts over Easter.

Weekly Collection £899.81 Thank you!

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church, Oliver O'Byrne, Finley Jones.

Forthcoming Funerals: William (Paul) Kershaw 1st May 10am, Henry Kelly 8th May 10am,

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

Mass Intentions Received w/c 8th April – Parishioners, Paul Kershaw, Cathlene Bailey, John Charnock, Martin Jackson, Frank Ryan, Teresa Keelan x3, Dennis Morris x2.

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

Mary Scannell, Frances Cushing, Teresa Keelan, Dorothy Robinson (of Altcar), Francis Dunne, Joan Phillips, William Kershaw, Henry Kelly 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

■ **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.

Confirmation Preparation Meetings:- All sessions to take place in St. John Stone Church. April 18th at 6.00pm.
April 25th at 6.00pm.
May 2nd @ 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.

Confirmation Preparation Meetings:- All sessions to take place in St. John Stone Church. April 18th at 7.30pm.
April 25th at 7.30pm.
May 3rd at 7.30pm.
Final Practice Session – to be confirmed.

■ **The Chatterly**

Our weekly parish gathering resumes after the Easter break this **Wednesday, April 17th**, from 2pm until 3.30 pm. Come along to the Gild Hall lounges this week for a friendly chat and “catch up” over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. All welcome!

■ Family Fun Day – Bank Holiday Monday 6th May – Two Updates

1. Planning meeting: This Sunday - 7th April Gild Hall Activity Centre, 12 noon following 11:00am Mass

There will be a planning meeting this Sunday (7th April) for all those who have offered to assist in helping make this another successful Parish event, and/or interested in helping to set-up or run a stall. Teas and coffees will be provided. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in helping, please contact Steve or Toni Drury via the contact details shown below – and we will ensure you are kept updated and involved.

2. Donations: Chocolates, Cakes and Plants

- **Chocolates** - The Justice and Peace Group will be running their ever-popular Chocolate Tombola at the Fun Day – so donations of chocolate are welcomed. There will be a box at the back of church for donations.
- **Cakes and Plants** - There will be both a cake stall and plant stall at the Fun Day too. Donations to these stalls are welcomed and can be dropped off at the Activity centre on Sunday 5th May or on the morning of the Fun Day itself Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing the fun day with you. Steve & Toni Drury
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■ Monday Morning Movie – 29th April, 11am at the Gild Hall Activity Centre

The next film will be Top Gun: Maverick. More than 3 decades after the original Top Gun film was made, Tom Cruise returns in this thrilling blockbuster. An emotional rollercoaster, it will keep you gripped as the action plays out on the big screen. Free entry and refreshments. Open to all adults. This film is rated 12.

■ Pilot Marriage Preparation Programme

Joint Sefton Deaneries will be hosting a Pilot marriage preparation programme, based on the resources created by Arundel and Brighton Diocese. On 13th April, an event for existing Catechists participating in this pilot to attend a training day with the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator from Arundel and Brighton, as well as Stefan and Ella Kaminsky from the Christian Heritage Centre. This will provide an opportunity to explore these resources as well as to revisit the theology of the sacrament of marriage. Date – Saturday 13th April 10.00am-2.00pm(ish). St Monica's Parish Centre, Stewart Road, Bootle L20. Hot and cold drinks available throughout the day. Please bring a packed lunch.

■ Wright Family – Thank You

The family of the late Alan Wright, wish to send their belated but sincere thank you to all who sent prayers, Mass Cards, words and cards of sympathy for the death of their beloved Husband, Father and Grandad Alan. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. God Bless you all.

■ Justice and Peace Free Raffle for Mary's Meals

The Justice and Peace Grand Easter Raffle in aid of Mary's Meals made a whopping £1540! Wonderful! Do you remember how all through Lent you gave us chocolate and bottles and lots of other wonderful prizes? Then you gave us gift bags and baskets to put everything in? Well, the Raffle has been drawn and all the Prize Winners' names are on the notice boards in both the Church porches. Do look and see if you are one of them.

How to collect your prize:

All the prizes are at 28 Bushbys Lane and may be collected on either: **Saturday 13th April, any time between 2-4pm, or Sunday 21st April also between 2.00-4.00pm.** Because you gave us everything, there are no deductions for expenses, so the whole £1540 goes straight to Mary's Meals. It costs them £19.15 to feed a child every day, for a whole school year. Now, with our contribution, they can feed 80 more!!! Thank you so much and God bless you for your encouragement and generous support for this Raffle and for all our parish charity events.

■ OLOC Fell Walkers

Our Lady's Fell Walkers have two circular walks planned on **Saturday 13th April 2024** from the Lakeland village of Coniston. The A walk is fast and steep with a distance of 8.5 miles and an ascent of 2000 ft. The B walk is slower and lower with a few short climbs and one difficult stile covering 6.36 miles and an elevation gain of 576 ft. The views, however, are outstanding on both walks. We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. The coach leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road, Formby, at 8am on the day and you can book your place by ringing 01704 878548. There is always an early stop for coffee/tea/bacon barmes and time after the walk to visit shops, cafes and pubs in the area. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch together with something waterproof to sit on. Sticks can also be helpful.