



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

14th May 2023 – Easter Week 6

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 2

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

Upcoming Events

Monday Morning Movies – 22nd May Mrs Harris
Goes to Paris – 11am Gild Hall Activity Centre

Fr John's Ruby Jubilee of Ordination – 10th July



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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 13 th May	10.00am	First Communions – St Jerome	
	6.00pm	St Jerome	Ellie Beaton
Sunday 14 th May	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Vera Reid
Tuesday 16 th May	No Services due to Lourdes Pilgrimage.		
Wednesday 17 th May			
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord			
Thursday 18 th May	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Daniel Young
Saturday 20 th May	10.00am	First Communions – Our Lady's	
	6.00pm	St Jerome	Edward Billington
Sunday 21 st May	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Isabelle Clegg

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.

Prayer Rota - In our weekly prayers for the other Christian communities of Formby, we pray for Our Lady of Victories, Hightown.

Weekly Collection £1,206 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 8th May

Margaret & Michael Cook, John Gillespie, Brian & Marie Denney

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Tor Gillespie, Peter Dunne, Annette Hancock, Cathy Doyle, Theresa Hanlon, Pat Formby, Peter Lovelady, Edward Billington, Margaret Baxter and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Teresa Campbell, Eddy Connolly, Stephanie Harrison, Ellen l'Anson, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Mary Pinkman, Terry Otty and Anita Sattar.

Parish Notices

Schools Update

Congratulations to the children of year 4 of St Jerome's who made their First Confession and First Holy Communion in the past week.

Our Lady's School First Holy Communion will take place in Our Lady's on Sat 20th May at 10am.

The installation of the new Church heating system at Our Lady's

After a long wait, work to replace the heating system at Our Lady's will commence this Tuesday. The work will take about 6 weeks to complete. The good news is that the contactors and surveyors do not require the closure of the church. Sunday Masses will continue as normal and we will be able to celebrate most weekday Masses at Our Lady's in that period of time. **The only exception will be the week beginning Monday 15th May when Fr John will be leading the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes. There will be no services week.** I am very grateful to all those involved for enabling the worship life of our parish to continue unaffected. There may be some disruption to the side benches in the church as the work progresses. However, all will be done to ensure that the church remains a safe place to enter. Outside mass times, the church will remain locked to enable the work to continue. The full costs of the work will not be known until it is all complete. We look forward to putting cold winters behind us!

Access to the Church during work on the Heating System

WHILST THE WORK TO THE HEATING SYSTEM IS BEING UNDERTAKEN, PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR ANY WEEKDAY SERVICES, ACCESS TO THE CHURCH WILL BE THROUGH THE MAIN DOORS ON SCHOOL LANE. THE REAR GATE AND DOOR WILL ONLY BE OPEN FOR MASS ON A SUNDAY.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Our parish pilgrimage to Lourdes is finally here and commences Monday 15th May. Thank you to all those who have returned petition envelopes. These will be taken to the special container in the Grotto and a candle will be lit for all your intentions. The pilgrims travelling will remember all those members of our newly formed parish back home and we ask that all of you pray for us as we journey to Our Lady's shrine. We pray that our pilgrimage will be a time of special grace and blessing for our parish, as we continue to set out and grow on our journey of faith as one united Catholic community here in Formby.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

Preparation Meetings – the first preparation took place on Wednesday 10th May. The second will be on **Wednesday 17th May 7.00pm** at St John Stone Church, Birkdale.

There will also be a meeting for all those being confirmed with Fr John after **11am Mass on Sunday 21st May.**

The Chatterry

The Chatterry will be open as usual this coming **Wednesday, 17th May, from 2 to 3.30pm.** This week we shall be back in our usual regular venue of the two small lounges when we shall be holding a book exchange. All welcome!

Monday Morning Movie – 22nd May

This month's film is "Mrs Harris goes to Paris", starring Lesley Manville. This is a comedy-drama set in 1950s London. It tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady who sets her heart on buying a beautiful Christian Dior gown.

Open to all adults. No need to book and free of charge. There will be an interval during which tea, coffee and cake will be served.

Start time: 11am. **Finish time:** 1.00pm approx. **Venue:** Gild Hall Activity Centre, Church Road, Formby.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Morning Prayer 9.15am every morning 22nd – 27th May)

Monday 22nd May Lighthouse Church (formerly Elm) 93 Church Road, L37 3NB

Tuesday 23rd May St Peter's Church, Green Lane, L37 7DL

Wednesday 24th May Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane, L37 3LW

Thursday 25th May St Michael's Church, Altcar, L37 5AA

Friday 26th May St Stephen's Church, Hightown, L38 0BL

Saturday 27th May Formby Methodist Church, Elbow Lane, L37 4AF

Sunday 28th May St Luke's Church, Church Road, L37 2DF – Christian Unity Service @ 4pm)

Please come and join us in praying for Unity Amidst Injustice – locally and globally. All welcome.

Celebration of Pentecost, 28th May 2023, 3pm in Liverpool

Join us at 3 pm on Sunday 28 May 2023, as we mark Pentecost. The Pentecost event will start at Liverpool Cathedral, and we will then walk-up Hope Street to the Metropolitan Cathedral. Weather permitting there will be a service on the plaza outside the Metropolitan Cathedral and a party on the steps. The theme of the service is Many Nations, and Bishop John Perumbalath, the new Bishop of Liverpool, will be preaching. Please visit ctmr.org.uk for further details.

Gillespie Family – Thank you

John and the Gillespie family would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Funeral of Tor such a wonderful celebration of her life. We will never forget the mothers who liked the entrance route to the Church, the flowers that made the Church look so beautiful and the Choir who came and made music that could not be resisted. A special thanks to so many people who attended the Requiem Mass, it truly was a great tribute. It was wonderful to see so many at church and we trust that you will understand the difficulty in trying to thank you individually. Thank you, John.

SVP Collection

The SVP would like to remind parishioners that there will be a retiring collection at all Masses during the weekend of 13th and 14th May. We thank you for your continued support.

OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the March draw was number **10**. 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 and St. Jerome's. (N.B. if paying by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: OLOC 200 Club). Good luck!

Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Tom Williams

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' 20 years' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on **Wednesday 17 May 2023** at 7.00pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Everyone is invited to the Mass and the Drinks Reception which will follows.