



# Our Lady of Compassion Formby

16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 – Easter Weeks 2 & 3

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle, psalter week 2 & 3

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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

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## Upcoming Events

Monday Movie – 24<sup>th</sup> April, 11am – Gild Hall

Coronation Weekend – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May – see  
[www.formbyevents.co.uk](http://www.formbyevents.co.uk) for more information.

Fr John's Ruby Jubilee of Ordination – 10<sup>th</sup> July



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# Newsletter



## Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6.00pm	St Jerome	Jean Fairclough
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Geoff Liddiard
	3.00pm	<b>Devine Mercy Service</b> - Our Lady of Compassion	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	<b>Communion Service</b> - Our Lady of Compassion	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	<b>Communion Service</b> - Our Lady of Compassion	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	<b>Communion Service</b> - Our Lady of Compassion	
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	6.00pm	St Jerome	Pauline Rice
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Private Intention
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	<b>Communion Service</b> - Our Lady of Compassion	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.45am	<b>Requiem Mass</b> - Tor Gillispie	
	6.00pm	<b>First Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> – Our Lady of Compassion	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Jack Deaking
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	11.45am	<b>Funeral Service</b> – Peter Lovelady	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6.00pm	St Jerome	Maureen Connolly
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Marie Joyce White

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 Lighthouse Church (formerly Elim) and next week for Formby Methodist.

Weekly Collection £1778.00 Thank you!

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

Tor Gillespie, John Page, Elizabeth Hawkshaw, Isabella (Belle) Clegg, Martha Blackham, Peter Dunne, Annette Hancock, Cathy Doyle, Theresa Hanlon, Pat Formby, Peter Lovelady 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, and Mary Pinkman.

## Parish Notices

**The Parish Pastoral Council – A message from Fr John**

At its final meeting at the end of last October, the Parish Visioning Group identified two areas that should form the focus for pastoral action in our parish; family life, with outreach to the young, and care of the bereaved, It was clear that a more permanent group was needed to steer and develop these two objectives, with the intention of having a clear plan of action by the end of this year.

In the first place, I want to thank everyone who attended the meetings of the Visioning Group. It was a group open to all parishioners and those who attended showed a real desire to see our parish come together and move forward. It has taken some time to reflect on what kind of permanent grouping is now needed to help carry the Visioning Group's objectives forward, its shape and membership.

A new Parish Pastoral Council has now been formed. The legacy of the Visioning Group is clearly seen in the word 'Pastoral'. It is a group of vision, outreach and mission, which takes as its first agenda the objectives mentioned above. At its launch, it will consist of members nominated by me. I have wanted to achieve two things. Firstly, to ensure continuity, I have asked some of those who attended the Visioning Group to serve. Secondly, I wanted to strike a balance of different ages and backgrounds and take the opportunity to introduce 'new' faces. The members of the new Council will serve for a fixed term and in due course a nomination process will be introduced so that future members will be nominated by the parish.

Family life with outreach to the young and care of the bereaved will now be looked at in detail and a plan of action drawn up in the months ahead. Out of these discussions will arise wider issues, but the emphasis is now very much on action. The new Council will report back to the parish regularly and will be seeking to work with members of the parish across the board, to seek advice, to listen and to encourage.

Finally, in all that we do as a parish, we keep before us the one who is the beginning and end of all our hopes and aspirations, our listening and action, our plans and our work; the Risen Christ. His is our purpose, our ultimate plan and our constant focus. To him we commit our efforts and hopes, with the desire that many will come to know and love him.

The members of our new Parish Pastoral Council are as follows; my grateful thanks to each one of them for agreeing to serve on the new Council.

Andrea Dell	Andy Dell
Steve Drury	Toni Drury
Mike Crilly	Mike Halford
Clare McCarthy	Trish Hughes
Dan Boyle	Matthew Hughes

## **New Heating System at Our Lady's – update**

A few weeks ago I updated the Parish on the progress of the new heating system at Our Lady's. The Diocesan surveyors had advised me that works would most likely commence after Easter. Since then, the Archdiocese Trustees have approved the scheme to renew the heating system at Our Lady's and have approved the necessary costs. However, there is still no update on the commencement of the works, therefore everything continues as normal for the time being and I will keep you informed as more information is given to me.

## **Schools Update**

On **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm**, the first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at Our Lady's for those year 4 pupils who are to receive first Holy Communion.

## **Justice and Peace Free Raffle for Sister Orla in South Sudan**

**WINNERS! WINNERS! WINNERS!**

Thank you all so much for taking part in the Raffle. Thank you for everything you gave us. Our expenses were less than £10 (little brown envelopes and printer ink) but the profit for Sister Orla is an amazing £1,325. Fantastic! The list of winners is up in both porches. Please come and collect your prize on St. George's day, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, between 2.00-4.00pm from 28, Bushbys Lane. L37 2DZ. Thank you again for taking part and for your great generosity. It was a bit of fun for us, but this money will go a long way and do a lot of good in South Sudan.

## **Monday Morning Movie 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Our next screening will be "The Peanut Butter Falcon", (rated 12) starring Zack Gottsagen, Shia LaBeouf, Dakota Johnson & John Hawkes. This is a heart-warming comedy-drama about a young man called Zack who has Down Syndrome and who runs away from an assisted living facility. After his escape, he strikes up an unlikely friendship with a troubled fisherman. As their bond deepens, they are being tracked down by a social worker who has been sent to return Zack to care. 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.

## **Lay Chaplain**

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy in Crosby are looking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Application form and further details can be found at [liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers). Visits to the school are welcomed or if you would like more information, please contact [ohaganm@sacredheart.sefton.sch.uk](mailto:ohaganm@sacredheart.sefton.sch.uk).

## **The Chatterry**

The Chatterry – Fr John would like to thank the Chatterry most sincerely for its donation of £600 to the Parish.

**Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup>**, The Chatterry re-opens after the Easter Break, 2pm to 3.30pm. This week there will be a post Easter "Catch up" with tea, coffee & biscuits. Names will also be taken for anyone wishing to book for the "Coronation Afternoon Tea" on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**On Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>** there will be a power point talk by Andy Kawalek. He will tell of the Ukrainian Relief Work that he undertakes travelling into the country from across the border in Poland.

A BIG "Thank-You" is extended to all our helpers, parishioners and supporters who turn up every week to the Gild Hall.

## **Donation Envelopes**

You may have seen that the donation envelopes are now available for collection at the back of Our Lady's Church. If your name isn't there but you would like an envelope, please contact the Parish office.

## **UCM Meeting**

The UCM are holding a SPRING BINGO in the Gild Hall on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April. Doors open at 7.00pm with eyes down at 8.00pm and all will be made welcome. All proceeds are in aid of the Clatterbridge Centre. Many lovely prizes can be won and it is hoped that lots of people will support this worthy charity.

## Coronation Weekend Events Update

### TICKETED EVENTS:

For venue capacity reasons these will be ticketed - and we would like to get an indication of interest from those who would like to attend:

1. Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May - live screening of the Coronation in the Gild Hall Activity Centre, with teas, coffees and cakes. Free to attend. (Times to be confirmed by The Palace!).
2. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – evening of social and live entertainment. From 7:00 – 11:00 pm at the Gild Hall. Tickets: £10 per person.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND EITHER of these events and require a ticket, could you please email [steve@stevedrury.com](mailto:steve@stevedrury.com). Tickets will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. TICKET SALES (AND COLLECTION OF THOSE RESERVED) WILL FOLLOW 9am and 11am masses this Sunday 16<sup>TH</sup> April. Alternatively, you can purchase from us directly at 4 Andrews Close, Formby L37 2YH.

### TOMBOLA & PLANT DONATIONS FOR BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY:

For the tombola stalls – any chocolates or bottles. Until we have confirmation of the church closure, could any chocolates or bottle donations either be dropped off at church - or we are happy to receive donations at 4 Andrews Close. For the plant stall - any cuttings, flowers and small plants of any variety - could these please be dropped off at the Gild Hall Activity Centre in advance of the Bank Holiday event, during the daytime on either Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**HELP!!** For all events – particularly the Bank Holiday Monday - we are now looking for people to help too: with lifting and moving ... help setting up ... helping running stalls .... and clearing-up on the Sunday evening and after the Monday event

Once again - to be involved with any of the events do please email Steve with your contact number:  
[steve@stevedrury.com](mailto:steve@stevedrury.com)

### NEXT MEETING / OTHER UPDATES

The latest meeting notes can now be downloaded from [www.formbyevents.co.uk](http://www.formbyevents.co.uk) The next meeting will be this **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April following 11:00am Mass.**

Look out for fliers in the coming weeks! Steve & Toni Drury. Mobile: 07767 343152

## Herbert House – Healthcare Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for a Healthcare assistant to join our friendly team in Herbert House, retirement home for missionary priest.

### Schedule:

Monday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday afternoons 2pm till 8pm (four x 6 hours shifts).

### You must be able to:

- provide assistance, personal care, companionship to residents,
  - be alert to resident's needs, health and well-being,
  - respect the residents' dignity and privacy,
  - assist with mealtimes and safe moving,
  - previous experience in care essential or NVQ2/ equivalent.
- Rate of pay: £10.93 p/h (Mon to Sat daily rate), £18.25 p/h (Sunday daily rate).

If you are interested in applying for the position please email: [herberthouse1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:herberthouse1@yahoo.co.uk)