



# Our Lady of Compassion Formby

Part of a Family of Parishes with  
Our Lady of Victories Hightown, Holy Family Ince Blundell,  
St John Stone and Sacred Heart Ainsdale & Woodvale

16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter week 2

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

## Information & Events

- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025** –  
Registration Opens on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – 17<sup>th</sup>  
March - If you are in year 8 and would like to  
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please  
register at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk). There is  
also more information on our website  
[ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk](http://ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk) including  
online preparation sessions.
- **Family Mass** – Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11am



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# Newsletter

## Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Marg Norton
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass – Family Mass	John Harris & Family
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Mary Josephine Farrell	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Holy Mass	Peter Gough
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Holy Mass	George OConnor
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Elizabeth & Peter Kowalski
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Teresa Brimmage

**Weekly Collection: £1,083.48 Thank you!**

### February Family Mass Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances, February's Family Mass will now take place on **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM**. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. If your children would like to participate by reading at the Mass, please contact **Andrea Dell at 07342 692957**.

After the Mass, join us at the **Activities Centre** for **Sunday brunch** and the launch of our new **Children's Craft Corner!** This will be a wonderful, family-focused monthly event—we hope to see you there!

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Mary Josephine Farrell 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am, Jim Murray 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am, Tony Driscoll 27<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am, Peter Swift 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10am, Andrew Cormack 20<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 11<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Jim Murray, Nicky Drane, Charles Madden, Suzanne Jones, David Wright.

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

Brenda Forrest, Eileen Camidge, David Kirk, William Bell, Stephen Roberts, Margaret Liddiard, Mary Josephine Farrell, Jim Murray, Philip Locke, Tony Driscoll, Peter Swift, Andrew Cormack and all their families.

### **And let us pray for those who are sick including;**

Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Beryl Prescott, Kathleen O'Gorman, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones, Ruth Purcell, Claire Charlton, Dominic Tomlinson, Tim Chrimes, Joe Murphy, David Lewin.

# Parish Notices

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS – children who do not attend Our Lady's or St Jerome's Schools

- All preparation is done by the local parish schools. If your child does not attend one of the local parish schools you can contact them and ask for your child to be included in the preparation sessions **or**
- You can take your child through preparation yourself – please contact St Paul's book shop in Liverpool who can provide all the information.

### Dates for reception of First Holy Communion

11<sup>th</sup> May at 10am – for Our Lady of Compassion School

18<sup>th</sup> May at 10am – for St Jerome's School

- Please inform the Church Parish Office which date you would like and include a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

## ■ Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

The Archbishop of Liverpool, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP invites you to a historic occasion for the Archdiocese of Liverpool as we celebrate the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor with Mass and a drinks reception on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

If you would like to attend, please fill in the form linked below. As we are expecting it to be a popular event, we need to know numbers in advance for both health & safety and catering purposes. To make it easier for more people from across our archdiocese to attend, we are looking into the prospect of sending free coaches from each deanery area. If you are interested in this, please let us know on this form so we can gauge interest from every area. Please include your contact details so we can get in touch with further details. <https://forms.office.com/e/U9Vg0WK4pW>

## ■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2025 – Registration Opened on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – 17<sup>th</sup> March

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## ■ The Chatterbox

This **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a BRING AND BUY SALE and a BOOK EXCHANGE from 2pm to 3.30pm. Tea, coffee, biscuits and the usual weekly raffle £1.50. It all takes place in the parish Activity Centre at the rear of the Gild Hall car park. It is most pleasing to see the numbers continuing to increase for this friendly gathering and enjoyable parish initiative. Sincere thanks to all who give their help and support each week. Everyone welcome! **Group 2 helpers or their stand ins are on duty this week.**

## ■ SVP

**SVP:** Would like to thank all parishioners for their very generous donations at last week's collection. The total collected was £713.56. Thank you very much indeed.

## ■ UCM News

Please note there will not be a UCM Mass on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February as a funeral is taking place however, the UCM Annual General Meeting will still be taking place in the Bay Horse at 10.30am and arrangements have been made for bacon barmes to be served afterwards. This is an important meeting and it would be appreciated if as many members as possible could attend.

## ■ Formby Family Space

**Formby Family Space** is a new free after-school club for primary school aged children and their families on Thursdays at the Lighthouse Church. With fun, friendship, games, crafts and a hot meal it is run by volunteers from local Churches in conjunction with Compassion Acts and everyone is welcome. Please pray for this mission to our families and, if you are able, consider volunteering for this uplifting and rewarding outreach. Contact Dympna on 07722 014530.

### ■ **The World Day of Prayer 2025**

The World Day of Prayer 2025 service will be held in the United Reformed Church on Church Road, Formby on Friday 7th March at 2pm. All are very welcome to attend this beautiful service written by our friends in the Cook Islands. The service will be followed by tea, coffee and cakes. If you would like to help at the service, please contact [debby.rigby@icloud.com](mailto:debby.rigby@icloud.com)