



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

16th June 2024 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 3

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Corpus Christi Benediction** – Sun 16th June at 4pm.
- **Monday Movies** – 24th June, 11am at the Gild Hall Activity Centre
- **Family Masses**– Sun 7th July, 11am
– Sun 6th Oct, 11am
- **Leaving Mass for Kathy Monahan** – Wed 17th July at 7.30pm
- **Mass with the Anointing of the Sick** – Thurs 23rd July, 2pm
- **Parish Family Lunch** – Sun 13th Oct, 12.30pm at the Gild Hall



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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 15 th June	6.00pm	Holy Mass	David Wright
Sunday 16 th June	9.00am	Holy Mass	The Grennan Family
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	4.00pm	Corpus Christi Procession & Benediction	
Monday 17 th June	4.00pm	Reception of the body of Deacon Joe Moreland into Church	
Tuesday 18 th June	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Deacon Joe Moreland	
Wednesday 19 th June	10.00am	Service of the Word & Communion	
Thursday 20 th June	No Exposition or Mass		
Saturday 22 nd June	6.00pm	Holy Mass	M & P Molyneux
Sunday 23 rd June	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory

Weekly Collection: £1,018.81 Thank you!

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church, Millie Beattie, Avery Milburn, Alfie Stewart

Forthcoming Funerals: Augustine Swift 26th June at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 10th June – Enda Callaghan, Deacon Joe Moreland x 2

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

Patricia Ann Brereton, John Simmons, Patricia Russell, Ellen Singh, Gerard Murch, Deacon Joe Moreland, Augustine Swift 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, John Holland, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans, Barbara Doyle, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones, Ruth Purcell and Claire Charlton.

Parish Notices

■ Families of Parishes

The Archbishop has now determined that for our Deanery there will be two Family of Parishes, splitting the Deanery into the North and South. The Deanery Synodal Council are keen to consult with all parishioners about the Family of Parishes and importantly, how we respond to a challenge from the Archbishop for us all “to build relationships and develop communications” in our Family of Parishes and our Deanery.

There will be two meetings for parishioners on:

27th June 2024 at 19.30hrs at St Marie's (Marian Centre)

4th July 2024 at 19.30hrs at St John's Stone (in the Church)

The DSC want to listen to what you think. A summary letter and leaflet has been produced and are attached to the Newsletter and additional copies are available at the back of Church.

■ Livestreaming of Masses

In the early days of the pandemic Deacon Joe Moreland arranged for a livestreaming system to be installed in St Jerome's Church. This enabled the livestreaming of Masses for the parish whilst the Church was closed during the lock down. When Fr John was appointed as Parish Priest of Our Lady's, Deacon Joe arranged for a livestreaming system to be installed in Our Lady's Church. At first, all 3 parish Masses were livestreamed regularly as the livestreaming system was operated by Deacon Joe. Obviously as his illness progressed, this was no longer possible. We now have the kind services of a parishioner who livestreams the 11am Mass on Sunday morning most weeks. This is the main parish Mass and in our changed circumstances, this will be the only Sunday Mass to be livestreamed going forward. We owe Deacon Joe a debt of gratitude for setting up this system, running it and training our parishioner to operate it. The livestreamed Masses have helped many and hopefully will continue to do so with the livestreaming of our main Mass when it is possible.

■ Schools Update

Congratulations to the second group of our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 13th June.

■ The Chatterry

The Chatterry will be open at its usual time of 2pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday 19th June and back in the Gild Hall lounges, where this week there will be a Quiz. Tea/coffee/weekly raffle £1.50. Everyone welcome as always.

■ The Justice and Peace Group – Tea and Chat in the Garden, Thursday 18th June

Tea and Chat in the Garden-Not long now! The Justice and Peace group would like to invite you to the Tea and Chat afternoon on Tuesday 18th June from 2.00-4.00pm at Alice and Patrick Joyce's garden, 35 Freshfield Road. You bring the chat and we'll provide tea and homemade cake! There will also be a Raffle and a Plant Stall on the day. If you could donate anything for the raffle, or any plants from your garden, that would be wonderful. (Please write the plant's name on its pot!). Everything can be left in church or in the porch at 28, Bushbys Lane. There is no entry charge for the Tea and Chat afternoon, please just come! All donations will be gratefully received and speedily sent off to CAFOD for famine relief in Sudan. Thank you so much, as ever, for your generous support and encouragement.

■ Mass with Anointing of the Sick

On **Thursday 23rd July at 2pm** there will be a Mass with Anointing of the Sick, which will replace the 10am service.

■ Parish Family Lunch

On **Sunday 13th October at 12.30pm** we will be holding a Parish Family lunch at the Gild Hall.

■ Compassion Acts

The Compassion Acts we would like to Thank You for your continued support to our charity. From January – April 2024, Our Lady of Compassion has kindly donated 1930.6kg of food items to our food projects. We could not do what we do without the support from the community.

■ Musical Fundraiser for Sudan

Gabriel Balasubramanian-Basu, aged 10, will be giving a piano recital at 2.30pm on Saturday 6th July 2024 at Holy Trinity Church, Formby. Entry is free but donations will be gratefully received in aid of the St Patrick's Missionary Society. Come and enjoy Debussy, Mendelssohn, Chopin and more...

■ Monday Morning Movies – 24th June at the Activity Centre (to the rear of the Gild Hall)

This month's film will be "One Life", starring Sir Anthony Hopkins and Helena Bonham Carter. Based on real life events, it tells the story of Nicholas Winton, a London stockbroker, who in 1938 travelled to Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia and organised the rescue of 669 children. A poignant and heart-warming tale of determination, tenacity and compassion. The film is rated 12.

Open to all adults. Free entry and refreshments, including tea, coffee and homemade cake.

If you have never been to Monday Morning Movie before, but would like to give it a try, please come along. There is no need to book and you will be given a warm welcome. Feel free to come on your own and meet new friends or bring a friend with you. If you'd like any more information just ring Jen on 07581410563.

■ St Joseph's Freshfield

Are holding an afternoon tea on Saturday 22nd June at 1pm, in aid of Caroline Greens Project in Kenya. Donations gratefully received. Many thanks, Servants of the Mother of God.

■ CAFOD – General Election

CAFOD and the SVP ask for your help to answer Pope Francis' call to support the most vulnerable by contacting your parliamentary candidates before the General Election. They've made it easy – just follow this link on CAFOD's website and you can use the prepared email or amend it, and when you send it, it will reach all your candidates: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/150354/action/1>. Cardinal Nichols and the Bishops Conference are urging us to voice our support for the most vulnerable and the environment too.

CONSULTATION ON FAMILIES OF PARISHES
SPRING 2024

We wrote to you in February to explain who we were and what we have been doing since we were created. Please see a copy of the letter at <https://www.holyfamilysouthport.org.uk> under the page for The Deanery of Sefton Coast North.

As we explained, it was a priority of the Archbishop to explore the resources of each of the deaneries, leading him to be able to establish Family of Parishes. The Archbishop has now determined that for our deanery – the Sefton Coast North Deanery – there will be two Family of Parishes, splitting the deanery into the North and the South.

We attach a more comprehensive leaflet which provides details of those Family of Parishes, and importantly how we want to engage with you in relation to a challenge from the Archbishop for us all “*to build relationships and develop communications*” in our Family of Parishes and our deanery.

There will be meetings for parishioners on Family of Parishes and to hear from you on the challenge from the Archbishop at:

St Marie’s (Marian Centre) on 27 June 2024 at 19.30; and
St John’s Stone (in the church) on 4 July 2024 at 19.30.

We want to listen to what you think. This letter and the attached leaflet will be discussed, and the comments made will go back to the July meeting of the DSC.

You can attend any of the meetings, you can give a written contribution to your DSC Member or you can email your response to bcmiller1@icloud.com.

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This leaflet is to help us listen, engage and contribute. What each of us says, thinks or feels really matters. It is in being attentive to this that we hope we will hear the path forward that God wants us to take; a synodal approach.

The following is the vision that emerged from the Synod of the Archdiocese of Liverpool in 2021:

“Christ is at the centre. Christ shares our humanity. He died and rose in love for all. He now shares his mission with all the baptised and he unites us to him and each other in the Mass.”

As we learn to make this vision real, we commit ourselves to:

- ❖ being immersed in the joys and hopes, griefs, and anxieties of humanity today;
- ❖ develop leadership that will attend to changing needs;
- ❖ embed synodality in every aspect of archdiocesan life; and
- ❖ be bold and creative in renewing local structures.

The Pastoral Plan of Advent 2021 presents this vision under the 6 areas of development.

We will look outwards,
welcoming and
accompanying one
another.

We will honour the
vocation of all the
baptised and work and
train collaboratively.

We will use our
resources to better serve
our mission.

We will embed
synodality throughout
the Church.

We will enable young
people and young adults
to flourish.

We acknowledge that for
our communities and
our parishes to flourish,
our priests and deacons
must flourish too.

Families of Parishes

At the heart of this vision is a commitment to create Families of Parishes. This will hopefully lead to brave decisions, which will

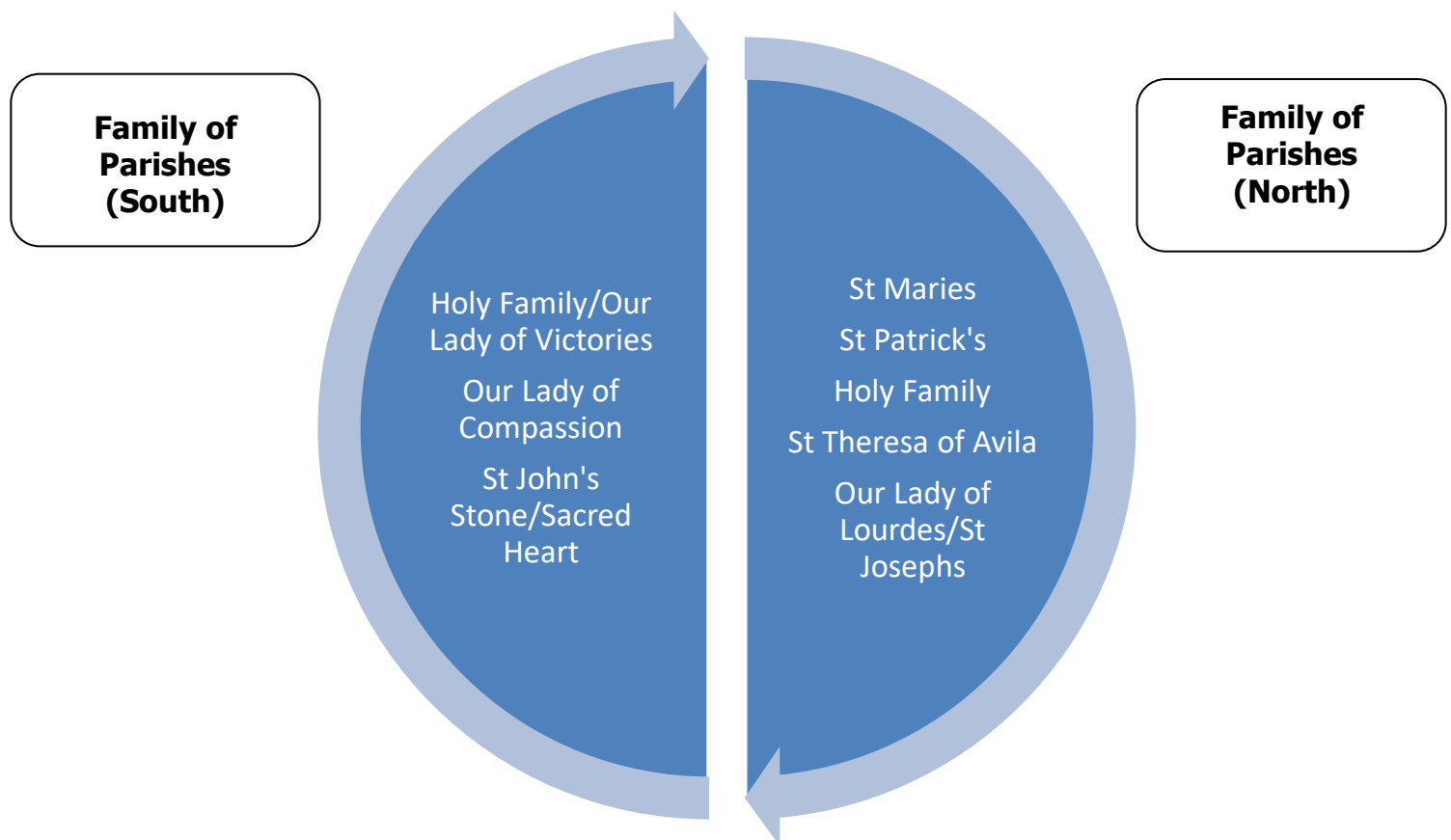
SEFTON COAST NORTH DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL

then free resources for evangelisation and for the work of the Church. It is not about church closure but about financial and pastoral realities.

Families of Parishes are groups of parishes sharing resources to do God's work. This includes having priests, deacons and lay people serving the Family of Parishes. This model will allow the priests, deacons, religious and laity associated with each parish to better share their gifts and talents with the whole Family of Parishes.

Our mission hasn't changed, but how we approach that mission must shift in response to our circumstances. We must move forward together synodally with greater collaboration and better stewardship of our resources.

After much consideration, the Archbishop has determined that we are to have 2 Families of Parishes for our Deanery:



❖ **How will this affect the lives of parishioners?**

Parishioners will become part of a larger faith family, working together and using resources in pursuit of our mission. They will still be part of their own parish communities.

They will worship alongside and work with other members of their new Family. They will be ministered to by clergy and lay people from all parishes in the Family and hopefully new initiatives across parish boundaries can emerge. They will share best practices and benefit from a renewed lay leadership managed through the Family structure.

❖ **Does this mean parishes may close, merge, or cluster?**

A Family of Parishes is not the same as a cluster or merged parish. It is a group of individual parishes led by an intentionally formed team (which will develop) to address and focus on the work of the local church.

Families of Parishes includes priests and deacons, with the support of paid lay pastoral workers and administrators, serving a Family of Parishes under a renewed ministry structure. This allows for greater collaboration and alignment for mission, better care of the faithful, and getting the best out of our resources.

❖ **What does this mean to the Deanery?**

The DSC and the clergy of the Deanery want to make it clear that having two Families of Parishes in no way hinders us being one Deanery. We should continue to enjoy the benefits of being part of a large Catholic community, always trying to find ways of us working together as a single unit. We want to share the resources of all our parishes for the good of the mission of Christ in the whole Deanery.

❖ **Preparing for the future**

In years to come the number of priests available will be greatly reduced. We also know the reality of the falling number who attend or volunteer in our parishes. We need a strategic and realistic look at how things will be in the future.

❖ **What happens next?**

The DSC wants to hear from you. The Archbishop has challenged us all to:

Build relationships and develop communications

- **What do you think?**
- **What practical steps can we take to establish and help develop our Family of Parishes**
- **What opportunities can be created?**

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