



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

16th Mar 2025 – **Second Sunday of Lent**

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 13th Jan – 17th
March - If you are in year 8 and would like to
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please
register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. There is
also more information on our website
ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk including
online preparation sessions.
- **Monday Movies** – 17th March, 11am
- **Parish Reconciliation Service** – Wed 26th
Mar at 7pm
- **Parish Spring Fayre** – 5th May 11am – 4pm



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Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 15 th Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Vera Kelly
Sunday 16 th Mar	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Eileen Bynoe
Tuesday 18 th Mar	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Ellen Hayes
SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH			
Wednesday 19 th Mar	09.15am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Rosemarie Evans
Thursday 20 th Mar	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Andrew Cormack	
Saturday 22 nd Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Mary Davy
Sunday 23 rd Mar	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Eileen Camidge

Weekly Collection: £1,207.11 Thank you!

Forthcoming Funerals: Andrew Cormack 20th March at 10am, Terence Airey 26th March at 10am, Frances Janet Houghton 27th March at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 10th Mar (to be said from June) – Jenny Moran, Tony Whitelaw.
Mass Intentions waiting to be said = 32 (between now and end of June).

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, David Lewin, Terence Airey, Frances Janet Houghton, Kathleen Glackin 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, Claire Charlton, Dominic Tomlinson, Tim Chrimes, Joe Murphy.

Parish Notices

LENT 2025

Stations of The Cross	Wednesdays at 9.15am before the 10am Mass (commences March 12 th).
Exposition of the Blessed Blessed Sacrament	Tuesday and Thursday at 9.15am before 10am Mass (commences Thurs 6 th March).

Please note that the celebration of Stations of The Cross or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will **not** take place if a Requiem Mass is listed on any particular day in the weekly parish newsletter. Stations of The Cross will **not** take place on the Wednesday of Holy Week. They will be on Good Friday morning at 10am.

■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2025 – Registration Opened on 13th Jan – 17th March

If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. The registration website is open from 13th January until the 17th March. Please also visit our website for further information (ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk under Sacraments), including online preparation sessions and what to do if your child attends a non-Catholic School or a School outside the Diocese.

■ CAFOD Lent Appeal

Family Fast Day is on Friday 14th March. A collection will be held the weekend of 15th/16th March. If you are in a position to, please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. You can use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. We will also have the contactless device in church the weekend of 15th/16th March. Thank you for your support. Lent prayer video <https://youtu.be/BRhixfRAQEs>

■ Gift Aid Boxes for collection

The Gift Aid Boxes for 2025/6 tax year, are now available for collection from outside the Sacristy. Could we please ask you only use the new brown envelopes from 6th April 2025, as the yellow ones cannot be accepted from this date. Thank you.

■ The Deanery Synodal Council

The Deanery Synodal Council warmly invites you to the following event in support of adult faith formation: **Exploring Accompaniment**, led by Karen Groves & Archie Cameron, at Holy Family Church hall, Southport (PR8 6AS), from 10.00 – 13.00 on Saturday 22nd March.

■ The Chatterry

This coming Wednesday, **March 19th**, come along to The Chatterry to celebrate a belated St. Patrick's Day 🍀🍀🍀 We will be suitably entertained by "YOOKS" a Southport based ukulele band. We'll all be able to sing along to their Irish music and songs. Don't forget to wear your green outfits and come to join in the fun and laughter! It all happens at the parish Activity Centre behind the Gild Hall at 2pm. £1.50 for tea/coffee/ biscuits/raffle. This week there will be an extra big St Patrick's Raffle as well. 🍀🍀🍀. All welcome!

Group 1 helpers or substitute on the rota this week.

■ Parish Spring Fayre – Monday 5th May – 11am – 4pm

The Parish Spring Fayre will take place on the first May Bank Holiday, Monday 5th May at the Activity Centre behind the Gild Hall. We hope to build on the success of last year's event with a mix of traditional stalls, games, refreshments, hot dogs and delicious cakes. The large inflatable slide, which was so popular last year, will make a return with a separate inflatable for our smaller children so they can join in the fun.

We are always looking for more helpers and new ideas, so if you would like to help make the day a success and help with organising, set up or running a stall, please let Steve or Toni Drury know. Email contact@forbyevents.co.uk or call **07814614144**. We hope for good weather and would appreciate any loaning of gazebos to provide as much cover from the glaring sun as possible, or shelter from the rain. If you are able to assist in loaning a gazebo, please let Steve or Toni Drury know.

Donations

A box for donations for the tombola will be at the back of church from start of April and closer to the time requests for contributions to the cake stall will be made. However, a more immediate request is for the plant stall, which was very popular last year. As the gardening season starts in earnest, with plants being divided and seeds sown, please consider if you have any that could be grown on for the plant stall. Also, if you have any old hanging baskets we would like to recycle and plant up for sale at the fayre. **Please contact let Toni Drury 07814614144**

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **February** draw was number **197**. 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. (N.B. if paying by cheque please make your cheque payable to: OLOC 200 Club or if by Standing Order - sort code: 30-17-48. acc. number: 01355280). Good luck!

■ Monday Morning Movie – 11am, 17th March at the Activity Centre

This month's film is "Conclave", based on the novel by Robert Harris and starring Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci and Isabella Rossellini. When the Pope dies suddenly and unexpectedly, it falls to Cardinal Lawrence (Fiennes) as Dean of the College of Cardinals to oversee the Conclave during which the new Pope will be chosen. He favours his trusted forward-thinking friend Cardinal Bellini, but as tensions, secrets and ideological differences come to light, the sequestered cardinals look increasingly unlikely to reach a consensus. And how will the female religious, who as Sister Agnes (Rossellini) comments are "meant to be invisible", impact the final outcome?

This film is rated 12. Open to all adults. Free entry and refreshments.

■ Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals Emergency appeal. Our Parish responds. Maybe you read the emergency appeal for help from Mary's Meals in the newsletter? The Justice and Peace group met this week and very much wanted to respond on behalf of the parish. It is tragic that in South Africa, more than 21 million children are suffering from malnutrition as a direct result of the worst drought in 100 years. The J and P are proposing to help by organising another Free Easter Raffle. A Yellow Letter with all the details of how we can work together to keep hope alive for some of these children will be available at the back of Church this week. It costs just 10p a day for Mary's Meals to feed a child at school. £20 would provide 200 nutritious school meals. How many meals could our parish donate by the end of Lent? (Spoiler alert-Raffle! Think bottles, chocolate, smellies, gift bags, baskets, fancy biscuits etc etc.). Maybe we can't save all the children, but let's give it a try! Thank you.

■ Volunteers needed

Can you volunteer some time? A few hours per week? The Hospice Africa Ainsdale Charity Shop (207, Heathfield Road, PR8 3HE), is looking for trustworthy and cheerful volunteers to help support its important work of bringing palliative care and pain relief to the dying in Africa. Hospice Africa relies heavily on the income from its charity shops and so we really need more volunteers to help in shop related duties. If you are interested in volunteering or in the work we do, please contact me directly at merrimanm2@gmail.com or hospiceafrica.uk@gmail.com to find out more. Alternatively leave a message on 01695 578209. Thank you.

■ Irenaeus

Come and See Day -10:30am - 4pm 5th April '25 Timothy Radcliffe O.P.

An Easter retreat at Irenaeus. - 7pm Wednesday 16th April - Sunday morning, 20th April 2025

For more information about all our events contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 949 1199