



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

17th Mar 2024 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 1

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

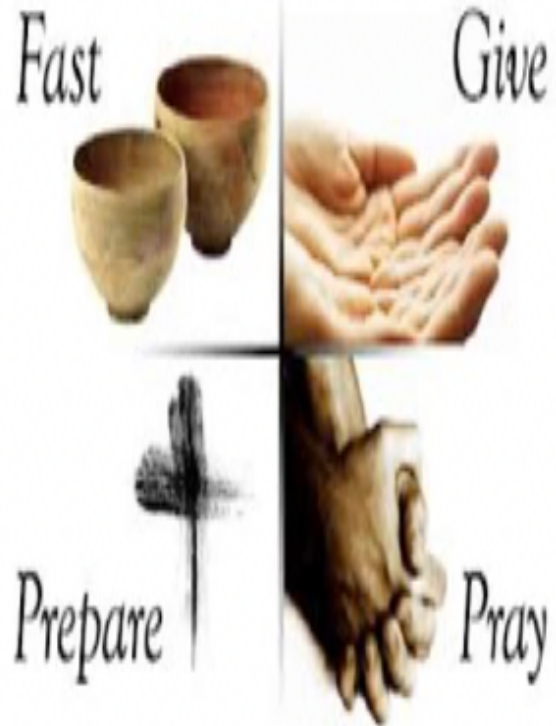
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Information & Events

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk Registration is open from 15th January to 15th March 2024.

- **Songs of Praise** – OLOC 16th March 1-4pm by ticket only
- **Parish Family Fun Day** – 6th May 12 noon – 4pm at the Gild Hall Activity Centre
- **Confirmation Mass** – Thurs 23rd May, St John Stone, celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.



Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh

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Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 16 th Mar	No Mass or Service due to Songs of Praise		
Sunday 17 th Mar	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Rosaleen & Anne Boggan
Tuesday 19 th Mar	Solemnity of St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin		
	09.15am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Private Intention
	7.00pm	Service of Reconciliation - OLOC	
Wednesday 20 th Mar	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Murray Family
Thursday 21 st Mar	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Rachel Jones
Saturday 23 rd Mar	6.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion	Philip & Steve Klymec
Sunday 24 th Mar	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord		
	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Alan Wright

Forthcoming Funerals: None.

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

Weekly Collection: £1,133.19 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 11th Mar – Helena Kolassa x 2, Joan Brooks, Joe Nolan x 2, Vincent Maloney, Danny Rathbone x 2.

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

David Jackson, Dr Hin Ching LIU, Fr Joe Whelan MHM, Patricia Starkey, Margaret Klymec, Linda Murray, David Wright, Philip Whiteside, Mary Scannell 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, Deacon Joe Moreland, John Holland, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans, Hilary Barton, Frank Dunne, Barbara Doyle and Ed Schofield.

Parish Notices

■ Songs of Praise – cancellation of 6pm Vigil Mass on Sat 16th March

Due to the recording of Songs of Praise on Saturday 16th March from 1pm – 4pm and the clearance of technical equipment thereafter, we regret that in these exceptional circumstances, we will have to cancel the 6pm Vigil Mass. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

■ Parking for Songs of Praise

Waitrose have kindly said parishioners attending Songs of Praise on 16th March can use their carpark. However, as parking is only free for 2 hours, they have asked that you call into their reception desk and give them your registration number, so you do not receive a parking fine.

■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Preparation dates have all been confirmed and there will be **4 sessions at St John Stone, which all those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend - April 18th, April 25th, May 2nd, and May 9th.**

A Confirmation Mass on Thurs 23rd May will be celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon at St John Stone Church, Ainsdale.

■ Services of Reconciliation Lent 2024

There will be a number of Services of Reconciliation for Lent across our Deanery on the following days:

- Tues Mar 12th, St John Stone Church Ainsdale at 7pm
- Tues Mar 19th at Our Lady’s Church Formby at 7pm
- Thur Mar 21st at Holy Family Church Southport at 7pm

Please note that these celebrations will comprise of a short service and individual confessions. The priests of the Deanery will be present at all services to hear confessions.

■ The Chatterly

This week The Chatterly joins forces with the UCM for their Grand Spring Bingo on Wednesday 20th March (for full details see UCM News). Refreshments will be served during the afternoon, tea, coffee mini hot cross buns and biscuits (£2). All proceeds to the designated charities. **The Chatterly will be closed after this event until Wednesday 17th April.**

■ UCM News

UCM GRAND SPRING BINGO at the Gild Hall on **Wednesday, 20th March**. Please note this is an afternoon event and the doors will open at 1.15pm ready to start at 2.00pm. There are some super prizes, hampers and cash prizes together with a Raffle. Refreshments are available in the interval and the Bar is also open. All proceeds are in aid of Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage / Our Lady of Compassion Parish projects / The Formby Befriending Scheme. It is hoped that lots of people will support these worthy charities.

■ Family Fun Day – Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Thank you to all those who have already volunteered to help make the day a success. Additional volunteers are always welcome so if you are able to assist setting-up, during the event or clearing away after, your input is very welcome and will help make this a successful Parish event. There will be a local artisan/craft fair along with a huge inflatable slide and a variety of games and prizes for all the family. We will also have a plant stall so if you are preparing to plant seeds or divide established plants as the gardening season starts, please put a few aside for us for the fun day.

We'll provide further details about the day very soon - but if you wish to be involved on the day or have any questions please do get in touch with us. Steve and Toni Drury Mobile/WhatsApp: 07767 343152:
email: contact@formbyevents.co.uk

■ Médecins sans Frontières

Médecins sans Frontières are working against the odds, to save the lives of badly wounded victims of the war in Gaza. I shall be fasting from 18th- 21st March to raise as much as I can, to help their efforts. If you would be kind enough to support me in doing this, please hand your donation to me or put it **in a sealed envelope in the basket on the table at the back of church** for me to collect. May the Lord bless you all for your generosity. Janet Basu.

■ The Justice and Peace Easter Monday Raffle

The Justice and Peace Easter Monday Raffle in aid of Mary's Meals – a wonderful school feeding programme for hungry children. Thank you so much! Over the last few weeks, you have given us chocolates, bottles, biscuits, smellies and lots of other interesting and wonderful things! You have also given us hampers, baskets, gift and bottle bags, to put everything in. We now have a gigantic Raffle, of at least 80 very attractive prizes, waiting to be drawn on Easter Monday. Thank you! Next weekend will be the very last opportunity for you to pick up extra little brown Raffle envelopes for friends and family. Spare envelopes are available on the tables in the porches as you go out today. Help yourself. Don't forget to put a name and phone number on the envelopes and put them back in the basket in Church, no later than Easter Sunday. If you won't be here over Easter, envelopes can be put through the door of 28 Bushbys Lane. After Easter, we will publish the names of all the prize winners and the amount raised, in the Newsletter and also on the notice boards. Good Luck everyone!

Thank you for your gifts, your donations, your prayers and your great generosity to hungry children and may God bless you and your family with his love this Easter.

■ Red Box Research

The 'Red Box' has been around for over 100 years. Whether you still have one at home, or remember having one growing up, we would love to hear from you as we plan for the future. Would you be happy to speak with us? If so, please complete a short form to show your interest and to find out more at: missio.org.uk/research. If you cannot access the form online you can call 020 7821 9755. Thank you, Paddy Kerwin.