



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

18th Feb 2024 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 1

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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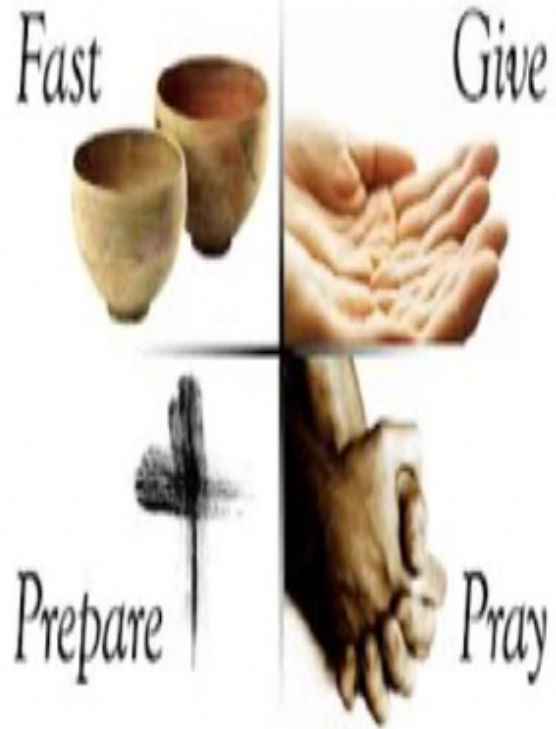
Information & Events

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.

- **Monday Movies** – 11th March Gild Hall Activity Centre
- **Songs of Praise** – OLOC 16th March
- **Parish Family Fun Day** – 6th May 12 noon – 4pm at the Gild Hall Activity Centre



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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 17 th Feb	6.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion	Alex Waddell
Sunday 18 th Feb	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Mary Mwanje
Tuesday 20 th Feb	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Margaret Klymec	
Wednesday 21 st Feb	09.15am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Robert Evans
Thursday 22 nd Feb	FEAST OF THE SEE OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE		
	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Eleanor Cowen
Saturday 24 th Feb	6.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion	Jacqueline O'Connor
Sunday 25 th Feb	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Peter Turner

Prayer Rota - In our weekly prayers for the other Christian communities of Formby, we pray for the United Reformed Church.

Weekly Collection £991.08 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 12th Feb – Philip Molyneux, Mary McDonald.

Mass Intentions sent to Mill Hill to be said during Feb/Mar: Teresa Campbell x2, Wtadystaua, Marian Seddon, Alan Wright x2, Bette Smyth, Elizabeth & Peter Kowalski, Jim Doyle, Jim & Isa McCulloch, Geoffrey Davies, Frederick Wilson, Brian Jones, Ken Campbell, Lesley Powell, John Chatterley.

■ **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 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 and Rachel Jones.

Parish Notices

■ Meeting about First Holy Communion 2024

There will be a meeting at Our Lady's Church on Wednesday 21st February at 7.30pm for all parents of year 4 children at Our Lady's and St Jerome's Primary Schools, who are eligible to receive their First Holy Communion this year. All parents of year 4 children who attend other schools, are also invited to the meeting.

■ Stations of the Cross

This annual devotion will take place before Mass EACH TUESDAY MORNING AT 9.15 am, apart from Holy Week, when they will be on Good Friday at 10.am. The Stations will replace the Tuesday Exposition which will continue as usual on a Wednesday and Thursday at 9.15 am unless there is a funeral listed.

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■ St Jerome's Men's Society - Donation

We are extremely grateful to the former St Jerome's Men's Society, Formby, who having closed their accounts, have made a generous donation of £1,101.85 to the Parish.

■ Family Mass

We are moving Family Masses to the **first Sunday of each month from March**, to coincide with Sunday brunch also at this time each month and families are very welcome too. Our next Family Mass will therefore be **Sunday 3rd March 11am** then Sunday brunch at the activities centre from 12 noon.

■ The Chatterry

The Chatterry re-opens this coming **Wednesday, February 21st**, when we welcome back as our guest speaker Fr. John, who will be giving us an insight into aspects of his priestly ministry some years ago which took him to other parts of the country and overseas. Tea/ coffee/ biscuits/ raffle, £1.50 in the Gild Hall lounges, 2pm to 3.30pm. All welcome!

■ CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. **Envelopes will be given out this weekend and collected back in next weekend.** If you are a taxpayer, please consider completing the gift aid slip and popping it within the envelope with your kind donation.

■ St Jerome's Tabernacle

Parishioners of the former St Jerome's will remember the beautiful tabernacle that was purchased 10 years ago from a legacy of Fr David Bullen. After the closure of the church, the tabernacle was sent to the Archdiocesan Vocations Centre at St Charles, Aigburth, for use in their chapel. The request was made by the Chancellor of the Archdiocese. We pray that it will be instrumental in bringing priestly vocations to our diocese.

■ Parish Family Fun Day – 6th May Bank Holiday Monday

As part of our Parish celebrations for our 160th anniversary we are planning a family fun day on Bank Holiday Monday – 6th May at the Gild Hall Activity Centre, 12:00 – 16:00. We will have various games and stall attractions for all the family, including a giant inflatable slide and local artisan craft stalls. Proceeds from the event will go towards essential repairs for the church organ and supporting our Justice and Peace Group who do so much address inequalities in our world and bring comfort to those in need.

As ever we need volunteers to make this event a success. We need a minimum of 10 volunteers to assist setting up and supervising the various outside stalls along with volunteers to oversee the refreshments. Early confirmation of volunteers' availability is appreciated so we can plan appropriately to the resources available. We will arrange a planning meeting in March once we have an idea of the level of support, (details to follow).

If you are able to help make this a successful parish event please send an email to: contact@formbyevents.co.uk or Mobile (text or WhatsApp) 07767343152 providing name and contact details. Thank you, Steve & Toni Drury.

■ Monday Movies – Gild Hall Activity Centre

Below are the dates for Monday Movies for the coming year. Details of the upcoming movie will be included in the Newsletter near the time.

11th March
29th April
20th May
24th June
15th July
5th August (TBC Holiday at home)
30th September
21st October (10th Anniversary of MMM)
25th November
16th December

■ SVP

SVP Would like to thank all parishioners who contributed at last weekend's retiring collections. The amount collected was **£645.48**. This money will go towards our commitment to provide funding to the 6 parishes that we are twinned with in India and The Sudan. Letters from 2 of these parishes were put on the notice boards back in December/January.

■ The World Day of Prayer Service

The World Day of Prayer Service will take place at Holy Trinity Church this year on Friday 1st March at 2pm. All are very welcome to attend this uplifting service and the enjoy the refreshments that follow. The service this year has been written by a group of women from Palestine and is very moving. If anyone would like to join the special choir for this service, there is a rehearsal with Maggie at Holy Trinity on Monday 19th February at 12 noon. Parishioners from all churches across Formby and Hightown are invited and this service is an opportunity to all pray together.

■ SJOG Homes for Ukraine

As an official provider of the government scheme, SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates collaboratively with the esteemed Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, and support during the placement.

More information on the project can be found at the following links

- Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>
- E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk
- Facebook: facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine
- YouTube: youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine

Thank you for spreading a word about the programme.

'Songs of Praise'

Saturday 16th March 2024

Dear Parishioners,

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that the BBC Programme, Songs of Praise, have chosen our beautiful church to film a selection of hymns to be broadcast in the coming months. This is an exciting and wonderful opportunity for us all.

John Beesley, the Musical Director of Our Lady's, has been in communication with the programme director, and is being guided by the production team regarding their requirements and expectations for the visit. Here is what we know so far:

Schedule

The crew is scheduled to arrive on Friday 15 March and will spend the day setting up sound and lighting equipment.

The filming will take place on Saturday 16 March from 1pm-4pm. Everyone will need to be seated well beforehand, but timings have yet to be confirmed.

What are they filming?

This is a 'Musical Content' recording, which means they want us to sing a selection of hymns (to be confirmed) which will be incorporated in their broadcasted programmes over the upcoming weeks and months. It is not a 'hosted' recording with interviews etc, it is purely to capture congregational singing.

On the day

This will be a wonderful experience, but there are a couple of things to consider before getting involved. There will be some small breaks but be aware of the physical demands of standing to sing and sitting on pews for 3 hours. You also need to be happy and comfortable being filmed and it being broadcast on national television. The TV Director will provide guidance on seating arrangements.

Preparation

Recording so many hymns in such a short space of time, will be challenging for both us and the production team. It's important that we are well organised and feel confident with all the music they need. We will be using all the selected hymns many times in the coming weeks at our 11 o'clock Mass to help us really get to know them.

Who will participate?

You! We know we can count on your enthusiasm and support. We'd love to accommodate everyone in the parish who wishes to participate on the day, so it's important to make sure you take the opportunity to register as soon as possible.

What next?

Details of how to register will be published in next week's newsletter. We have been allowed a grace period of one week for parishioners to register before it is opened up to the wider public.

Thank you in advance for your support as we venture into this wonderful experience for our parish.



COME SING WITH US AT
**OUR LADY OF COMPASSION
FORMBY**

**SATURDAY 16TH MARCH
13:00 - 16:00**

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