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

18th Oct – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2, Psalter Week 1

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Archbishop's Visit** – Sun 1st Nov 11am Mass
- **Annual Memorial Mass** – Sun 15th Nov 11am
- **PARISH CENTRE**
  - **NEW – Men's Faith Group**: Tues 20th Oct 7.30-8.30pm
  - **Wreath Making Workshops** : Saturday 14th November
  - **Children's Christmas Crafting & Games Day**: Saturday 28th November
- **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2027** – Monday 7th June to Friday 11th June

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MASS TIMES

Day	Time		Intention
Saturday 17th Oct	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Joan Evans
Sunday 18th Oct	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Patrick O'Brien
Tuesday 20th Oct	10.00am	NO MASS OR SERVICE	
Wednesday 21st Oct	10.00am	SERVICE OF THE WORD & COMMUNION	
Thursday 22nd Oct	10.00am	NO MASS OR SERVICE	
Saturday 24th Oct	6.00pm	Holy Mass	G & M O'Reilly
Sunday 25th Oct	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Michael Dowler

Weekly Collection: £1,195.47 Thank you!

Queenscourt Appeal £1,890.99 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 12th Oct – James Michael Thompson, Marie Rutter, Andrew Wilson, Sandra Chegwin, Patrick Branney, Euan McNamara, Francis Youell, Ron Frost.

MASS INTENTIONS Sent to Mill Hill – John & Frances McCumiskey, Thomas Ainsworth, John Stafford, 80th, Patricia Hawkins, Pat Branny, Loretta Jones, Linda Anne Durrant, Special Intention, Jim McCahy, Special Intention, John Hanlon, James Corrigan, Brenda & Maggie MaGee, Special Intention, Thresa Wilson, Nicholas Uprichard, Marie Ratter, Andrew Wilson, Sandra Chegwin, Patrick Branney, Francis Youell.

Forthcoming Funerals: Ann Gallagher 28th Oct at 10am, Peter Carr 4th Nov at 10am.

Please pray for the lately Dead including; Jane Munn, Joseph (Joe) Murphy, Catherine Fell, John Gerald Horn, Sean P Brady, Ellen Hayes, Richard Hawkins, Josephine Harrison, Janet Basu, Nicholas Uprichard, Martin Johnson, Ann Gallagher, Margaret Carr, Peter Carr and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including; Dominic Tomlinson, Beryl Prescott, Margaret Nuttall, Edward Schofield, Mary Turner, Nell Piggott, Rachel Jones, Rod Maguire, Irene Forshew, Bernard Philip, Eileen Boyne, Patricia (Pat) Williamson, Margaret Foley, Calum Collings.

Parish Notices

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR OCTOBER

For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

The Pious List

November is traditionally the month of the Holy Souls, when we especially remember deceased members of our families and friends. **From November 1st to 30th ALL MASSES** celebrated in Our Lady's will be for those names on the Pious List.

Envelopes are available from this weekend on the tables at the doors of the Church. Kindly take one home and write out your list of names and return it to Church, also enclosing your Mass offering before November 1st. All lists received will be placed before the altar on the Sanctuary.

Annual Memorial Mass – Sunday 15th Nov at 11am

Our Lady of Compassion Church, Formby, is holding its annual Memorial Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 15th November 2026, for those from the parish who have died and whose funeral services have taken place from our Church during the past twelve months. All are welcome.

NEW - Men's Faith Group

We're starting a new monthly Men's Faith Group at Our Lady of Compassion. An informal evening for men to get together and explore how faith connects with everyday life. You don't need to know lots about the Catholic faith, and you certainly won't be expected to have all the answers. Just come along, have a brew and join the conversation. **Third Tuesday of every month, 7.30–8.30pm at Our Parish Centre - Starting Tuesday 20th October.** All men are very welcome.

The Chattery

This week, **Wednesday 21st October**, Pat Murphy makes a welcome return to the Parish Centre as our guest speaker, 2pm to 3.30pm. Pat will give a talk on the many times she has visited the Eternal City of Rome, both as a tourist guide and a pilgrim, exploring the many different Basilicas, churches and other well-known and not so well known, religious and tourist sites. Pat will also bring along a selection of religious Christmas cards for sale on behalf of The Liverpool Archdiocese Lourdes Pilgrimage Association. Refreshments and raffle as usual £2.
GROUP 3 HELPERS OR SUBSTITUTES ARE ON DUTY THIS WEEK.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHATTERY WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th FOR THE MID TERM HOLIDAY.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

All the booking forms have now been sent to the travel agent and those paying deposits by card, should have been contacted for individual payments to be processed by telephone. If you have not been contacted yet, please telephone Northern Star Travel on 0161 773 2115. All those travelling and paying either by cheque or card should receive a confirmation invoice through the post. Any difficulties please contact Mike on 879508.

A reminder that BRITISH SUMMER TIME ends next Sunday, 25th October, when clocks go back one hour. Please be aware of this when planning your attendance at the 9am or 11am Mass.

Second Collection

NEXT WEEKEND, OCTOBER 17/18th, at all Masses, there will be a second collection taken immediately after Communion for The APF WORLD MISSIONS.

Justice and Peace Quiz for Queenscourt

Tickets are now available for the Justice and Peace Quiz for Queenscourt. It's a good night out for a great cause. Please do come and bring your friends on Saturday 21st November at Holy Trinity Hall, Rosemary Lane. Doors open 6.45 for 7.00pm prompt start, 6-8 in a team, no bar. This is a BYO (bring your own) night. Easy and relaxed. Remember your bottle opener and glasses, Something to eat, maybe snacks or a banquet-and a bin bag.

Easy questions and lots of fun. There will be a Raffle and Irish Bingo so bring a bit of cash. Entrance by ticket only(£10). To reserve yours, please contact Anne 873483, Terry 07849927937 or any of the J&P members. Thank you for your support.

The Parish Centre

Wreath making workshop – Saturday 14th November 2-4pm

Join us for some early Christmas fun in our joint fundraising event with the local charity Hospice Africa. An afternoon of wreath making, chat, light refreshments plus a little bit of Christmas shopping at OLOC Parish Centre, Church Road, Formby. **Booking with payment in advance essential** - Please contact Toni Drury 07814614144 to make your booking. Payment can be made via paypal: toni@druryfamily.co.uk
Hospice Africa is a Liverpool based charity providing palliative care or people with cancer and terminal illness in Uganda and across other African countries. If you wish to know more about the work of Hospice Africa, please visit their website https://www.hospice-africa.org/en/hospice-africa-uk

Children's Christmas Craft and Fun Saturday 28th November 11 am -4 pm - Volunteers needed.

Last year we introduced with great success, our Christmas crafting and fun day for children. An opportunity for our children to craft Christmas cards, decorations and gifts along with some traditional games and challenges. While aimed at children, we noticed many adults also enjoyed the opportunity to be creative and share the moment too! So, we are looking for volunteers to help make this year's event a greater success. If you would like to be involved, please contact Toni Drury 07814614144 or email toni@druryfamily.co.uk.

Formby befriending Scheme – making friends to make a difference

Could you spare an hour once a week or fortnight to reduce social isolation for older people locally? We are looking for volunteers to drive or befriend an older person through a visit or phone call. To find out more phone Vicky on 07437 479417 or visit https://formbybefriendingscheme.org.uk/

Missio and World Mission Sunday

Thank you again to everyone who donated to the Red Box collection last month. We had a few more envelopes returned over the weekend, so the updated total for the collection is £370.67! Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio - the Pope's charity for world mission - we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme '**One in Christ, united in mission**' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Keys found - *A Missio envelope handed in at 11am Mass last weekend, contained two house keys - if these are yours, they can be collected from the Sacristy. Thank you*

OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the August draw was number 11. 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) Good luck!

Speakeasy

SPEAKEASY church folk group celebrates 50 years reunion Mass at St William of York church Thornton st 6pm - 24th October 2026.

Shoebox Appeal – closing soon

The Justice & Peace Group's shoebox appeal is soon coming to an end. **May we remind you that all shoeboxes must be in church by SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER,** ready for transport to Ukraine in time for Christmas. We hope that these little boxes will bring a little joy to children in Ukraine. Thank you for supporting our appeal.