



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

19th Mar 2023 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 4

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Served by the Churches of Our Lady of Compassion and
St. Jerome

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Upcoming Events

Monday Morning Movies – 27th March at the
Gild Hall Activity Centre

Coronation Weekend - Event, details coming
soon.



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Newsletter



Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 18 th Mar	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Kathleen W Duddy
Sunday 19 th Mar	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Mary Baxter
Tuesday 21 st Mar	10.00am	Communion Service - Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross – Our Lady of Compassion	
Wednesday 22 nd Mar	10.00am	Communion Service - Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
Thursday 23 rd Mar	10.00am	Requiem Mass – John Page	
Saturday 25 th Mar	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Liz Page
Sunday 26 th Mar	09.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Sister Paulinus 90th

The Church of St Jerome is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 09.00am to 11.00am for Quiet Prayer. Tea/coffee is available in St Jerome's Parish Centre on Monday and Thursday 09.00am – 10.00am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Due to the cold weather and central heating issues in the Church, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **will not take place before** weekday masses until further notice. Therefore, the Church will be open at 09.30am for weekday masses.

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church, Alfie Wilkinson-Rogerson.

Weekly Collection £1,097.00. Thank you!

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Dawn Johnson, Theresa Routledge, Paul Byrne, David Ludley, John Page, Elizabeth Hawkshaw, Isabella (Belle) Clegg, Martha Blackburn, Peter Dunne, William Pope and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Teresa Campbell, Eddy Connolly, Stephanie Harrison, Ellen l'Anson, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, and Mary Pinkman.

Contact Father John

If any parishioner needs Father John for any reason whatsoever, particularly if someone is **sick or dying** and needs the **Sacraments**, please call **01704 873230**. If the phone is not answered, please leave a **clear message** indicating your **name, the reason for your call** and a **contact number**.

If no message is left, Father John does not know that you have called. The answering machine is checked every day and you can also send an email to: ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk

Parish Notices

Stations of the Cross

Stations of The Cross will be celebrated each **Tuesday evening at 7.30pm** in Our Lady of Compassion Church, with exception of Holy Week, when they will take place at 10.00am on Good Friday morning.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS, ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH IN THE EVENING, WILL BE THROUGH THE MAIN DOOR ON SCHOOL LANE ONLY – The Church will be open from 7.15pm.

Fr John's Ruby Jubilee of Ordination

This Summer Fr. John will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood, his Ruby Jubilee. On the actual date, **Monday 10th July, there will be a concelebrated Mass at 7.30 pm in Our Lady's Church**. His Grace the Archbishop will attend and preside, with Bishop Tom Neylon, and afterwards there will be a celebration in the Gild Hall.

Mike Halford has been appointed to co-ordinate the event and in due course he will be asking various people and parish groups to become involved with the arrangements. Meanwhile, please mark the event in your diary and on your calendar for another happy celebration to look forward to following on from the Coronation of King Charles.

Sister Paulinus

I thought the former parishioners of St Anne's would like to know that on 26th March, Sister will be 90 years old. I am having a birthday cake prepared in Newry on behalf of the St Anne's parishioners and it will read: *'From the parishioners of St Anne's to wish you every joy and blessing.'* I will be going over for Sister's birthday, so if anyone wishes me to pass on a card, I will be happy to do so. Fr John Bradley.

Sister Paulinus Mass 26th March

Next Sunday, the 11am Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of Sister Paulinus on the occasion of her 90th. Birthday. Sister worked for many years in the former parish of St. Anne's with both Fr. Edmond Leahy and Fr. John Bradley and is still known and remembered fondly by so many parishioners from across Formby. We wish Sister very many Blessings and all good wishes on her special milestone Birthday.

The Chatterly

On Wednesday this week, we welcome to The Chatterly Katherine of "Kasia Krafts". Katherine will give a talk and demonstration about her work, which include personalised Rag Dolls and Needle Flowers. 2pm in the lounges of the Gild Hall. Look forward to seeing everyone then.

UCM News

A UCM Bi- Monthly Mass is to be held at St. Jerome's Church on **Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm**. The UCM Chaplain, Fr David Potter, will celebrate Mass together with Fr John. Also in attendance will be the Archdiocesan Officials and members of the UCM Foundations throughout the Archdiocese. All UCM members, past and present are cordially invited to attend the service followed by refreshments in St. Jerome's Parish Centre.

Coronation Planning

We are pleased to report that the planning is really starting to come together. The new meeting notes can be downloaded from the website : www.formbyevents.com This week we are putting out our first request for assistance. In finalising stalls for the family fun day on the Monday 8th May Bank Holiday of the Coronation weekend, we have agreed that a plant stall might make a pleasant addition to the other items planned. This is a call out to all keen gardening parishioners for your help. As now is the time to start planting seeds and growing on some cuttings, we wondered if you could add a pot or two more, so that they can be ready in time as donations for our event. We will confirm a drop of point closer to the time, but please start the sowing, dividing and propagating now. All plants are guaranteed a good home. After Easter we will be providing a more detailed summary of the weekend and how you can be involved in this historical occasion for our Parish. Thank you. Toni & Steve Drury.

Earthquake Appeal – Thank you

The parish emergency collection for the survivors of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey, raised in excess of £3638! All proceeds went immediately to CAFOD for their disasters fund. This was a wonderful total. Thank you for your great generosity.

The Living Christ Retreat – 28th & 29th April

The **LIVING CHRIST RETREAT** is offered for all, especially in our deanery parishes, on Friday evening 19:00pm – 21:00pm /Saturday 09:30am – 17:00pm incl Mass, **April 28th /29th at St John Stone Church Southport PR8 3RN**. Individuals are expected to attend both days. This time together is a unique and down to earth way of accompanying each other in the Easter faith. Talks by lay people and group discussion about practising the faith in reality and day to day living. All welcome, feedback shows many have benefited from this retreat. For more information and to book your place please ring 01704 577722, or email heartstone@rcaol.org.uk

Free Easter Raffle for Sister Orla's Girls' School in South Sudan

Thank you to everyone who has already donated goods for the Free Raffle. How can a free raffle make money, perhaps you wonder? Sister Orla's story and what the parish could do to help her work, is explained in the Justice and Peace's Yellow Letter. Please make sure you pick up a copy from the table by the church door. This Raffle is open to everyone, parishioners, friends and family. Details of the raffle for our online community will be available in next week's Newsletter.

Monday Morning Movie – 27th March

Our first screening will be "Dream Horse", (rated PG) starring Oscar nominee Toni Colette. This is a heart-warming, uplifting story, based on real-life events. The film is set in the Welsh valleys and tells the story of Jan Vokes who, with the help of her fellow villagers, breeds a racehorse and raises him on an allotment. Dream Alliance becomes a symbol of hope for the community. Open to all adults. No need to book. There will be an interval during which tea, coffee and cake will be served. **Start time:** 11am. **Finish time:** 1.20pm approx. **Venue:** Gild Hall Activity Centre, Church Road, Formby.

OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the February draw was number **54**. 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 notice board at Our Lady's and St. Jerome's. (N.B. if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to:- OLOC 200 Club). Good luck!