



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

'We need at this time to search for the green shoots
brought forth by Christ's Resurrection, and to help
people to fall in love with Jesus Christ'
(Archbishop John's Homily at his Installation Mass)

Part of a Family of Parishes with

Our Lady of Victories Hightown, Holy Family Ince Blundell,
St John Stone and Sacred Heart Ainsdale & Woodvale

1st June – Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter week 3
School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Family Mass & Parish Lunch** – Sun 1st June
11am Mass, followed by lunch at The Gild Hall
- **Sacrament of Confirmation** - St John Stone
Church, Ainsdale on:
 - Monday 23rd June 7pm
 - Wednesday 25th June 7pm
- **Blessed Sacrament Benediction and
Procession** – 15th June at 3pm



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Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions	
Saturday 31 st May	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Frank Greaney	
Sunday 1 st June	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community	
	11.00am	Holy Mass – Family Mass	Mairead Burns	
Tuesday 3 rd June	10.00am	Holy Mass	Nicki Scarisbrick	
Wednesday 4 th June	NO MASS OR SERVICE			
Thursday 5 th June	10.00am	Holy Mass	Ged Cunningham	
	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY			Extra Intentions
Saturday 7 th June	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Paddy Kerwin	All those injured in Liverpool
Sunday 8 th June	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community	
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Joe Moreland	

Weekly Collection: £1,146.72 Thank you!

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church, Mila & Charlie McCabe, Albie Quillan, Harry Ryan, Archie Wordley Ellis, Alfie Ellis.

Forthcoming Funerals: David John Owens, 12th June at 10am, Catherine Higgins, 17th June at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 26th May – Fran Bradley, Mary Holyes x2, Tommy Bulger, Eileen Teresa Berry.

Mass Intentions sent to Mill Hill: Ged Cunningham x2, Danny Rathbone, Helene Kolassa, Nicki Scarisbrick, Frances & Edward McCann, Maureen Gallagher, Paddy Kerwin x2, Sheila Glover, Tommy Callaghan, Helen Lloyd, Benetta Halligan, Mary Scarisbrick, Frank Greaney, Evelyn McKenna, Ann Connolly, Jean Sowden, David Tutt, David Carden, Joan Marsden, Kirstie Hutchinson, Patricia Mangan, Tony Evans.

Please pray for the lately Dead including; Kathleen Glackin, Mary Nicolette Scarisbrick (known as Nicki), Paddy Kerwin, Ged Cunningham, Frank Greaney, Margaret Sharrock, Bill Evans, Kenneth Culshaw, Joan Godsall, David Owens, Catherine (Cathy) Higgins and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Margaret Nutall, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Beryl Prescott, Kathleen O’Gorman, Nell Piggott, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones, Claire Charlton, Dominic Tomlinson, Tim Chrimes, Joe Murphy, Eileen Bynoe, Ellen Hayes.



Parish Notices

THE TRAGEDY IN LIVERPOOL

We are all shocked and appalled at the terrible events in Liverpool on Monday evening. What was a celebration of joy for so many, was turned into shock and sorrow. The prayers, thoughts and love of our whole Parish community, are with all the injured and their families.

■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Rawsthorne at St John Stone Church, Ainsdale on Monday 23rd June & Wednesday 25th June beginning at 7pm.

There are **3 preparation sessions that candidates are required to attend**, which will be held at **St John Stone Church from 7pm – 8pm:-**

- Monday 2nd June
- Monday 9th June
- Monday 16th June

■ Family Mass & Parish Lunch

On **Sunday 1st June** there will be a Family Mass at 11am, followed by a Parish Lunch in the Gild Hall, to which all members of the Parish are invited.

■ Thank You

The Servants of Mother of God would like to thank everyone who attended their afternoon tea, all the helpers and those who made lovely cakes and sandwiches. We raised £700 for Kenya to help towards buying an Xray Machine, as they have to walk miles and miles if they need an Xray. Many thanks to all for your support.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **April** draw was number **99**. 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!

■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers will be walking out of Clitheroe on **Saturday 14.6.25**, with two circular walks from this Ribble Valley town with its Norman Castle and Park. The A walk is 9.5 miles with an ascent of 1257 ft and the B walk is 7.5 miles with no more than 200ft. The A walk is faster and higher and the B walk, lower and slower.

We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. The coach leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road, Formby, at 8am on the day and you can book your place by ringing 01704 878548. There is always an early stop for coffee/tea/bacon barmes and time after the walk to visit shops, cafes and pubs in the area. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch together with something waterproof to sit on. Sticks can also be helpful.



Parish Development Review

Our Lady of Compassion Formby

part of the Deanery of Sefton North

This attachment will appear regularly on the Parish Newsletter, to fully inform members of the Parish of the Parish Development Review Process and the ongoing status of the buildings, that form the Parish Estate.

Our Lady's Presbytery (Formerly the Convent)

Our Lady's Presbytery, formerly the Convent, has had a long history. Built in 1688, it was originally intended to be the first Church for the Catholic community of Formby. The collapse of the reign of the Catholic King, James II and the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688 put an end to that dream. The building was used for various purposes in the years that followed, including use as stables. With the passing of the Catholic Relief Act 150 years ago, the building was finally used as a church and became the place of worship for Catholics until the building of our present church in 1864.

After that, the building was taken out of commission as a church and eventually became a Convent in 1930 until the departure of the nuns in 1999. Fr Bernard took over the house as his Presbytery until his retirement in 2020. Fr. John continued to live at St Jerome's after his appointment as Parish Priest of Our Lady's. Our Lady's Presbytery was surveyed by the Archdiocese and it became clear that the cost of the renovation would be prohibitive. Fr. John was given the use of a diocesan house in Rosemary Lane as a temporary solution.

At the end of 2022, the Trustees of the Archdiocese decided that the number of vacant buildings across the Catholic estate after the merger of the three parishes was too high. The decision was taken to sell St. Anne's estate, and when the time was right, to sell Our Lady's Presbytery. St. Anne's estate has been sold and now Our Lady's Presbytery has been put on the market.

St Jerome's estate still remains empty and it remains on the Trustees' agenda. The Archdiocese is now looking urgently at all empty properties because of the increasing cost of maintaining unused buildings, particularly the extremely high punitive rates that Councils are charging for them. Last weekend, Fr John wrote a long message to the Parish about the new Parish review that is being launched in the three Sefton deaneries and the future shape of our parishes and buildings. What we are seeing in our own Parish is now beginning to take place elsewhere. As the review gets underway, we will hear more about the process.

St Anne's Presbytery Church and Hall

The St Anne's Estate has now been sold. The land was given on a legal reverter clause by the donors of the land, the Weld Blundell Family in 1928. Once the church ceased to exist, the land was to revert to the original donors. They have now received the full proceeds of the sale of the land. The Parish has not benefited financially. We are not aware of how the new owners will develop the land, that will become clear over time.

St Jerome's Presbytery Church & Hall

The Trustees of the Archdiocese are aware of the Parish Estate at St Jerome's. There are certain challenges relating to the proximity of the school. As of now no decisions have been made and it is unlikely that any decision will be reached in the near future.

