



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

1st Oct 2023 – 26th Sundays in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 2

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

Christmas Fayre – 25th Nov.



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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 30 th Sept	6.00pm	St Jerome	Paul Rimmer
Sunday 1 st Oct	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Maeve O'Meara
Tuesday 3 rd Oct	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Mary Ann Sulton
Wednesday 4 th Oct	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Communion Service	
Thursday 5 th Oct	10.00am	Requiem Mass – James Youell	
Saturday 7 th Oct	6.00pm	St Jerome	Geoffrey Peacock
Sunday 8 th Oct	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	John & Maria Williams

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 Friday 09.00am – 10.00am.

Weekly Collection £1,065.35 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 25th Sept – Winnie Tate, Gerry Callaghan, 2 Sisters in the same nursing home, Billy Ryan, Special Intention (JM), James Youell, Betty & Robert Lloyd, Gerry & Maureen O'Reilly, Philip Klymec, Steve Klymec, Helen Doyle.

Baptisms – We welcome into our Church, Theo Feeley, Odhran Hitchens.

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Lorraine Hosking, Hilary Balfour, Runhilde McDougall, Elizabeth Rimmer, John Chatterley, Howard Hind, James Youell, Maureen Crick, Robert (Bobby) Jenkins, Thomas Williams, Teresa Campbell, Patricia Wynne and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Teresa Campbell, Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Mary Pinkman, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Alan Wright, Tim Chrimes and Kathleen O'Gorman.

Parish Notices

The Chatterly

This coming **Wednesday October 4th**, there will be a Book Swap in the lounges of the Gild Hall. Now that the darker evenings are approaching it is time to get together your collection of books for Winter reading. Bring along some of your well-loved favourites to exchange with fellow "Chatterers" and have new ones ready for cosy nights in!

The Chatterly is open as usual from 2pm to 3.30pm each Wednesday afternoon.

ON WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER, we welcome as our guest speaker, VICTORIA GRIMES Journalist, Reporter and Presenter of "Granada Reports" the nightly local TV news programme, who will relate the story of her broadcasting career. Victoria is the daughter of parishioners Michael and Maureen Grimes. All welcome to what promises to be a most interesting and informative afternoon.

The Foodbank

The Foodbank have informed us that they are running low on the following items.

Soup, Beans, Jam, Coffee, Biscuits, Custard, Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Tinned veg, inc tomatoes, Tinned hot & cold meat, UHT juice/cordial. Thank you.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

Thank you to all those who have now signed up or shown interest in our parish pilgrimage for October next year, 30 people in total so far. Our allocation of single rooms has now been reached but people can go on a waiting list if they wish to be considered. Double/ twin/ triple accommodation is still available.

We are intending to hold a short meeting during the coming weeks after the 11am Mass one Sunday so that parishioners can ask questions and find out about the proposed itinerary. Please watch the Newsletter for details of this. Booking forms will be distributed at this meeting and deposits collected thereafter.

To sign up for the pilgrimage, please see the list on the table at the back of Our Lady's Church by the main doors or telephone Mike Halford on 879508.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 6th October

At all of our Masses this weekend, CAFOD envelopes will be given out ahead of CAFOD's Family Fast Day this coming Friday. A collection will take place next weekend. If you are a taxpayer, please consider completing the gift-aid section of the envelope and place it inside the envelope along with your donation. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it is needed most, fast - so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Thank you for your prayers and your kindness, it's much appreciated. A contactless device will also be available after the 9am & 11am Sunday Masses next weekend.

OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **August** draw was number **19**. 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 and St. Jerome's. (N.B. if paying by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: OLOC 200 Club). Good luck!

OLOC Fell Walkers

Our Ladies Fell Walkers will be travelling to Pateley Bridge in Upper Nidderdale for two walks in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the Yorkshire Dales on **Saturday 14th October 2023**. The A walk is 8.9 miles with an elevation of 950 ft, a height gain of 600 ft and the B walk is 6.9 miles with an elevation of 975 ft, a height gain of 625 ft. Pateley Bridge has pubs and cafes for refreshment and independent local shops to browse after our walks, not to mention the Oldest Sweet Shop in the World selling retro sweets of a bygone age. The A walk is a higher, faster walk and the B is a lower, slower walk. There is always a stop for coffee/tea/bacon barns on the way out and

time after the walk to visit local cafes, shops and pubs. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch. Sticks can also be helpful. 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.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2023

Would you be able to give a filled shoebox to a child in poverty in Ukraine this Christmas? There are different ways to do this. Either, as a family project, filling it yourself by buying small items at the Shoebox Bazaar at the Methodist Church on Saturday 14th October. Or, if you prefer, the Justice and Peace Group can do it for you: £8 will fill and send a box.

Here's what to do. In an envelope, put cash or a cheque (made out to 'Our Lady of Compassion Justice and Peace Group'). Leave the envelope in the Church porch or post it to Anne Devine, 58 Wicks Crescent, Formby. If you are willing to Gift Aid your donation, please write your name and address on the envelope so that we can get a Gift Aid form to you. **All boxes need to be in Church by Sunday 22nd October.** Thank you.

Missio

The new Missio Parish Secretary for Missio for Our Lady's and St. Jerome's is Paddy Kerwin. He would love anyone interested in helping to contact him on 07492355517.



Pastoral Letter for the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

To be read at all Sunday Masses on 30 September and 1 October 2023
(Conclusion of the Season of Creation)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Care for Creation: Commitments, Actions and Participation

As the Season of Creation draws to a close for this year, we are invited to reflect on the readings from Scripture we have just heard. In today's first reading from the prophet Ezekiel, we hear the abrupt and possibly harsh call which warns the wicked to renounce their ways and holds those who witness evil and do nothing responsible. The Gospel tells us how we should react to wrong-doing: by facing it, naming it, and trying to remedy it.

These passages from scripture are often invoked as a call to personal repentance, but after this summer of fires and floods, of record temperatures, and devastated landscapes, I am led to reflect on our call to be a prophetic voice on the ills of our times. Especially on the potential catastrophic effects of climate change which not only negatively impact human life but all animal and plant life on land and sea.

This coming Wednesday Pope Francis will be publishing a follow up to his 2015 letter *Laudato Si'*. Addressed to the whole world, the title of both publications derives from the first words of a St Francis of Assisi prayer – whose feast day we will celebrate on 4 October. St Francis wrote, "Praise be to brother sun and sister moon." By addressing all creation in this way, he reminds us that we are all interconnected.

There is no place for attitudes that think fires in Southern Europe, North Africa and Canada are no concern of ours. St Thomas Aquinas, the great Dominican philosopher and theologian, said “In every living creature there is a trace of the Trinity”.

In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis draws together centuries of prayer and wisdom and asks us to urgently “Listen to the Cry of the Earth, and the Cry of the Poor”. The Synod was part of that listening, as we built relationships with one another, and discerned a way forward for a more sustainable Church. That is why today you are receiving an update on what the Archdiocese is doing, and what you can do as an individual and a parish.

October sees the Archdiocese re-commit itself to creating a more sustainable world and I have chosen to bring this under the banner of Care for Creation. This phrase captures our Christian call to love each other and care for God’s Earth.

I am aware of the need to be a steward of our resources, people, and environment and I am supported by all who work and volunteer within the Archdiocese – so I wish to share some of this with you.

Within the Archdiocese our buildings are already supplied by electricity generated from renewable energy, such as wind and solar, and 80 percent of the gas we burn is produced from renewable resources. This year, we are preparing a Net Zero carbon emissions plan that will identify how we can become even greener. We continue to take seriously how our money is invested: we have established a Responsible Investment Policy, and invited people into conversations about our sustainable livelihoods and the impact of our investments.

In our schools, we will continue to deliver education and resources to seek behavioural change at an individual and school level. CAFOD’s Live Simply campaign continues to engage the interest of our young people.

Across deaneries, our own environmental training programme has prepared more than 40 Care for Creation leaders promoting action in parishes.

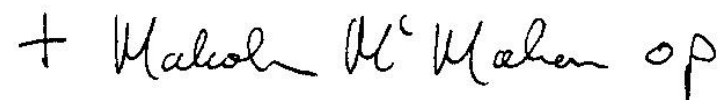
At the launch of the Pastoral Plan, after our diocesan Synod, I encouraged schools, parishes, and each one of us to make pledges. I invite you again to reflect on this Season of Creation. I hope that you may become inspired to build God’s Kingdom on earth through practical, spiritual, and other activities that bring us together in more sustainable relationships.

You may pledge to eat less meat; walk rather than drive whenever possible; reduce air travel; limit the number of new clothes you buy. You may wish to pray that we take the environmental situation seriously or meditate on God's creation – being attentive to the gift of life and practising gratitude for the world around us. You may commit to joining an environmental group or working with other local churches – building new and life-giving relationships.

This is not just another environmental campaign; it is an integral part of our faith. It is about commitment, action, and participation in the work that Christ asks of us. In coming together as a parish, in making your personal pledges, in striving to heal the planet – you are a living witness to Jesus Christ. So do not be afraid to tell people why you are working for justice for the world's poorest people. You are working as a response to God's call, expressed through today's psalm:

"He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor."

May the Lord of all creation bless you and your families,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm Mc Mahon OP". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Malcolm McMahan OP
Archbishop of Liverpool