



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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25th July 2021 - Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh.
Deacons: Rev. J P Moreland and Rev. J A McCarthy

Day	Time	Location
Saturday 24th July 2021	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive
Sunday 25th July 2021	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Tuesday 27th July 2021	10:00am	Requiem Service - David PIERCE Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Wednesday 28th July 2021	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Thursday 29th July 2021	11:00am	Requiem Service - Patricia AHERN St Jerome, Greenloons Drive

MEETING FOR ST. ANNE'S PARISHIONERS
Fr. John would like to invite all members of St. Anne's Parish to a meeting on **THURSDAY AUGUST 5th at 7.30pm at ST JEROME'S PARISH CENTRE**. The purpose of the meeting is to consult further about the future of St. Anne's Church. The meeting will be attended by Fr. Philip Inch of the Archdiocese. **Please note that the meeting is for parishioners of St. Anne's Parish only.**

Please Note: Monday 26th July 2021 - Feast Day of St. Joachim and St. Anne. Let us pray to St. Anne for help and guidance

Please pray for the lately Dead including; Francis SPALL, Anne FAULKNER, David PIERCE and Patricia AHERN and pray for all of their families.
And let us pray for those who are sick including Ann LONG and Ged CUNNINGHAM

Baptisms: Serena Eleanor KENNEDY became one with Christ and Christ one with her through baptism this week. We welcome her to our church and I ask that you pray for her and her family.
Marriage:- We had two couples joined in Holy Matrimony this week, they were Amanda WELSH/Philip HARRIS and Hannah KNEALE/Kean WHITEHEAD, both ceremonies were the most joyous occasions. Please keep them in your prayers

Thoughts of Pope Francis:- Only a heart that is not taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved, that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. Compassion is born from contemplation.

If any parishioner needs Father John for any reason whatsoever, particularly if someone is **sick or dying** and needs **Sacraments**, please call **07783354250**. 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, then Father John does not know that you have called. You can also call the **parish office on 01704873230** again leaving name, contact number and reason for call. The answering machine is checked every day. Also, you can use the parish email:- **ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk**

PARISH NOTICES

Our Lady of Compassion Prayer Group:- Did you know that our new parish has a prayer group that meets on Friday mornings online over 'Zoom'. If you would like to join the group, please contact Andrea Dell on 07342692957

Corpus Christi:- Following a recent survey that found that 70% of 'Practising Catholics' in the USA didn't believe in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The following link takes you to a talk given by Bishop Robert Barron (Word on Fire) on this most important matter -



Lourdes at Home 2021:- The Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes was due to take place during the week 25-30 July 2021 but was cancelled due to the pandemic. The organisers have instead arranged a **Lourdes at Home Pilgrimage Programme** to take place **from Sunday 25 July to Friday 30 July**. Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate the opening Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral at 3.00 pm on Sunday 25 July and the pilgrimage will conclude with a picnic followed by the Rosary and Torchlight Marian Procession in Our Lady's prayer garden, Southport Road, Lydiate from 6.00 pm on Friday 30 July. There will be two celebrations each day during the week at venues across the archdiocese which people will be able to attend. The full programme is available at [https://mcusercontent.com/cd5141bd5911a5777f769fc94/files/34990a49-a081-2b66-904a-a90673d2228e/Lourdes at Home 2021.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/cd5141bd5911a5777f769fc94/files/34990a49-a081-2b66-904a-a90673d2228e/Lourdes%20at%20Home%202021.pdf).

Formby Pantry, Compassionate Acts:- The first of our family of Pantries to use our new branding. We think it is looking smart and all part of our aim to lower the stigma of entering food projects. Working with Churches Together in Formby, Altcar & Hightown we have launched out of Holy Trinity on Rosemary Lane. Details as to how it all works, how to use it and how to help can be found on the following link - <https://www.compassionacts.uk/formbypantry.html>

Synod 2020 Update:-

After all the Synod votes were counted and considered the next step was a meeting with the Archbishop, his council and the Pastoral Plan Group. This took place at the Pastoral Centre of the Leeds Diocese for 5 days from July 12th.

During this week the votes on the 19 Recommendations took centre stage. These votes, the Synod Themes and the 27,000 contributions of the listening stage were allowed to direct and speak to the development of ideas for the pastoral plan. Alongside this the prayer and liturgy of each day inspired our thoughts and plans. At the centre of this was Christ himself whose light was shed on our Synod and on the realities of the world in which we are called to minister and live.

It was a hard week but one full of life and energy. By the Thursday a way forward was beginning to emerge. It is challenging but also life giving and most of all faithful to Christ experienced through the discernment that has been our pattern of working throughout the whole synod journey.

The ideas, and there were many of them, have surfaced. The next stage is for a writing group to gather (for a week) and to try to present what has emerged in a way that we can put it into place and make a difference. The Archbishop and his council will review the Plan; the Pastoral Plan Group will meet again for 3 days in September and then we will work out how to rollout the Plan towards it being shared at the end of November.