



## Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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**12th September 2021 - 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh.

Deacons: Rev. J P Moreland and Rev. J A McCarthy

Day	Mass Times		Intentions
	Time	Location	
Saturday 11th Sept	1:00pm	Wedding Service Gilfoyle/Hare - OLOC	<b>Michael Mitchell</b> <b>Kevin Higgins</b> <b>Parish Community</b> <b>Private Intention</b> <b>John Byrne</b> <b>Bernard Judge</b>
	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	
Sunday 12th Sept	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
Tuesday 14th Sept	12:00 noon	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
Wednesday 15th Sept	12:00 noon	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
Thursday 16th Sept	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
<b>Mass Times - Week of 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday 18th Sept	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	<b>James S Duddy</b>
Sunday 19th Sept	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
<b>Service of Word and Holy Communion</b>			
Wednesday 22th Sept	12:00 noon	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS SAID THAT MASKS ARE MANDATORY INSIDE CHURCH - Please respect this and respect your fellow parishioners some of whom may have compromised immune systems, also if people want space please allow them space.**

**PLEASE DO NOT KNEEL DOWN AND UP AGAINST PEOPLE WHO REMAIN SEATED**

**Please pray for the lately Dead** and for all of their families.

**And let us pray for those who are sick** including Eleen I'ANSON, Helen GRIMES, Jim McAULEY, Ann LONG and Ged CUNNINGHAM

**Baptisms:** Ada May RECORD 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.

**Thoughts of Pope Francis:-** If goodness is not invested, it is lost; let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again, for the grandeur of life lies not in possessions and promotions, but in realising that we are loved.

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 church Meeting Room**

As part of our duty of care for the health and safety of all who come to our church, I sent a general message to you all a couple of days ago to alert you that one of our children who was present at the 11.00am Mass last Sunday, has tested positive for Covid. Thankfully she is experiencing only mild symptoms and we hope she recovers fully soon. Because she was also present in the meeting room for coffee after Mass, I asked all those who were also there to check and follow current government guidance about proximity to anyone who tests positive for the virus.

As is the required practice, the Archdiocese was informed about the situation. They have advised that we find a larger venue for the serving of tea and coffee after Mass. There is concern about the size of the room, the numbers gathering at one time and poor ventilation. Until we find a new venue, **tea and coffee after the 11.00am Sunday Mass will not be served**. This will come as a disappointment, but as we move towards the winter we will have to become more cautious. The virus remains highly infectious and we know that those who are double jabbed can still acquire and pass on the infection.

To conclude, I want to express my gratitude to you all for carefully observing the safety protocols in our churches of wearing a face covering throughout the Mass and using hand gel as you come in. I also ask that we continue to be mindful of distance, particularly for those who are still finding their way back to church. We can be sure that our efforts are keeping us all safe.

God bless you,            Father John

**Eucharistic Ministers:** There will be a meeting of 'Eucharistic Ministers' and all who have indicated that they would like to take on this ministry on Wednesday 15th September at 7pm at our parish centre at St. Jerome's. This will be to discuss the way forward and to ensure completing and renewing of DBS checks. You are asked to bring means of identification, preferably passport, photographic driver's licence and one of birth certificate, current council tax bill, or the following, so long as they are less than 3 months old; bank or building society statement, utility bill

### **Season of Creation: UN Climate Change Conference (COP26)**

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021. 'COP' means 'conference of parties'. Leaders from 197 countries, including Pope Francis, who have signed up to the UN's climate change treaty, will travel to Glasgow to take part in the conference. This will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil. The focus of the conference will be how to keep temperature rises below 1.5C. If the world warms more than this threshold, millions more people in the most vulnerable communities around the globe will suffer from devastating droughts, storms, floods and other impacts of climate change. Governments will be obliged to set out more ambitious goals for ending their contribution to climate change under the Paris Agreement (2015).

CAFOD invite us to sign a petition urging the Prime Minister to make sure the communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. You can sign the petition online here: <https://e-activist.com/page/73304/petition/1>

**Churches Together:** For an update on the 'Food Pantry,' please refer to the letter at the end of this newsletter. If you would like to volunteer on a Monday morning at the Food Pantry, pack and deliver groceries on a Wednesday, or donate to the work, visit [www.compassionacts.uk](http://www.compassionacts.uk)

**Monthly Prayer Meeting:** 'Churches Together' monthly prayer meeting on zoom.

Saturday September 18th, 2021 09:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85124423837?pwd=SlIdlQXdOck5Xa1UybzFXQUUp0S2N1UT09>

Meeting ID: 851 2442 3837

Passcode: 630590

## **CTiFAH Food Pantry Update**

Formby Food Pantry, organised by the local charity 'Compassion Acts' in partnership with Churches Together in Formby, Altcar and Hightown, has now been up and running in Formby for two months. With seven volunteers on board we work in pairs on a rota basis every Monday morning in Holy Trinity's Workshop and welcome individuals referred to us by Compassion Acts. The folk we see are defined as 'just about managing', perhaps single parents or people recently made redundant, perhaps coping with escalating debts. Some are indeed working full-time, but are in inadequately paid jobs. There can be all sorts of reasons for financial difficulty and Compassion Acts has a range of expert counselling and help on offer, whether to tackle debt, ease access to government benefits or help with budgeting – the aim being ultimately to set people free from the trap of poverty through a programme which, in a series of steps over an extended period, will help to transform their circumstances.

Membership of the Food Pantry is for one year, as the second step up from the food bank. Members pay £5 per visit in order to purchase £20-worth of groceries. Each week, in a relaxed and informal atmosphere over a cup of coffee, we get to know them and help them compile their shopping list for the week. Any counselling needs we become aware of we refer back to Compassion Acts.

At the moment we do not have an actual food-store here in Formby, so we take the completed shopping lists to the nearest stocked Food Pantry (currently in Southport, but with one soon to open in Birkdale). We collect the goods and deliver them directly to people's homes. In addition to the tinned/boxed foods, toiletries, etc. from the store, we are also able to choose a few perishable items for each client from a selection of fresh goods (bread, fruit and vegetables), kindly donated by supermarkets, so that each person will receive two bulging bags of groceries - always received with enthusiasm!

We feel that the work is going well. We are getting to know some lovely folk and it is a privilege to help restore some hope to desperate situations. It is also sobering to see how easy it can be to fall into poverty in the current climate, so there is no room for complacency or blame.

We began the work fairly gently, approaching a few families, but we are now looking to advertise more widely, so that more people in need can see where help is available. Please spread the word to anyone you think might be interested. We are most grateful for all of the prayer, donations and encouragement from our home churches. Please be assured your help is well used.

If you would like to volunteer on a Monday morning at the Food Pantry, pack and deliver groceries on a Wednesday, or donate to the work, visit [www.compassionacts.uk](http://www.compassionacts.uk)

Please continue to donate food to Southport Foodbank as this also supports the Food Pantry.

If you wish to join Formby Food Pantry yourself to receive help with the cost of food shopping, then text your name to 07526 897384 or visit online at [compassionacts.uk/formbypantry](http://compassionacts.uk/formbypantry)

Valerie Hogben