



## Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

**Served by the church of Our Lady of Compassion and  
St. Jerome Chapel of Ease**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 1

Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh.

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

Gild Hall: Manager - Eileen Sheridan - 01704 872279, 07970 720967

Day	Time	<u>Mass Times</u> Location	Intentions
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	<b>Sonia Porter</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Parish Community</b>
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Brendan Ginty</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	09:15am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	OLOC
	09:30am	Morning Prayer	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Marie Curriston</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	09:15am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	OLOC
	09:30am	Morning prayer	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Thomas Sweetman</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	OLOC
		<b><u>Palm Sunday</u></b>	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	<b>Sarah Ferguson</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Dorothy Fraser</b>
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Parish Community</b>
		<b><u>Holy Week</u></b>	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	09:15am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	09:30am	Morning Prayer	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Florence Higenbottom</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	09:15am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	09:30am	Morning Prayer	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Philip Cunningham</b>
		<b><u>Holy Thursday</u></b>	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Mass of The Lord's Supper</b> – Our Lady of Compassion followed by prayer before the Altar of Repose until 9.30pm. (Please note there will be no washing of feet this year)	
		<b><u>Good Friday</u></b>	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am	Stations of the Cross – Our Lady of Compassion	
	11:00am	Walk of Witness and Passion play	
	3:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion – Our Lady of Compassion (There will be no individual kissing of the Cross this year)	
		<b><u>Holy Saturday</u></b>	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	8:30pm	Easter Vigil - Our Lady of Compassion	
		<b><u>Easter Sunday</u></b>	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	

**The Archdiocese strongly recommends that face masks are worn -  
Please respect your fellow parishioners and allow space.**

During the Season of Lent, **St. Jerome's Church** will be open throughout Lent on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** from **9.00am until 12 Noon**. All are invited to drop in for a moment of quiet and prayer at these times.

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**

**Please pray for the lately Dead,** including Edna CALLAGHAN and for all of their families.

**And let us pray for those who are sick** including Peter WEBSTER, Catherine LAMB, Charles MILLS, Teresa CAMPBELL, Mike THOMPSON, Maureen PRITCHARD, Eddy CONNOLLY, Alison BOTTERILL, Stephanie HARRISON, Ellen I'ANSON, Jim McAULEY, Ann LONG and Ged CUNNINGHAM

**Baptisms:** Daniel John MURT, Amelia Jayne HARRIS and Eric Henry CAMPBELL became one with Christ and Christ one with them these last two weeks. We welcome them to our church and I ask that you pray for them and their families.

**Thoughts of Pope Francis:-** Christ chose the most difficult way possible: the cross. So that no one on earth should ever be so desperate as not to be able to find him, even there, in the midst of anguish, darkness, abandonment, the scandal of his or her own misery and mistakes. There, to the very place we think God cannot be present, there he came.

## Parish Notices

**Offertory Envelopes:** Please remember to collect your box of offertory envelopes that are available in the Greenloons Drive porch of St. Jerome's church and outside of the meeting room at Our Lady of Compassion church.

**Activity Centre:** For the past two years, the Activity Centre has been closed. Recently, the building underwent a survey to determine its condition. A number of minor issues were found, mostly relating to health and safety. The diocese raised the question about its future use. Previous to the pandemic, the centre was hired to a number of different groups. But it is clear that the parish needs a facility for its own groups, and also needs the option to have a base to reach out to the wider community.

The diocese will now compile its report on the work that needs to be done, look at the costs, and engage the contractors. In the meantime, I have now asked that the centre, once restored, be used as a parish meeting facility. It will be offered as an alternative venue to the Gild Hall. We have no firm date for its opening, but the hope is that everything will be complete by the summer. I will keep you updated on the progress.

To reflect the new usage of the centre, it seems appropriate to look for a new name for the building to reflect its new relationship with the parish. A competition will be launched in our two primary schools to ask our children to find a new name and a new logo for the building. There will be a prize offered to the successful pupil, and the new name and logo will appear on the new sign on the building. More details about the competition will be announced after Easter. Watch this space for updates on this project.

**St. Jerome's Hall:** After two years of closure, St. Jerome's Hall will reopen in May. It will be offered for general hire and more details will be published in the coming weeks.

**Confirmations 2022:-** The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place later this year across all the deaneries of the Archdiocese. The dates and times are still to be confirmed. All those in Year 9 and above are eligible to receive the Sacrament. At this stage, we are asking for the names of all those who would like to receive the Sacrament. Please send the information by email to the parish email address as soon as possible, so that we can compile a list of those interested.

**First Holy Communions 2022:-** Our congratulations go to the 70 children from Our Lady's School, and other schools, who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in Our Lady's church this past week. Arrangements are being made for all the children at St. Jerome's school who have not already done so, to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the next few weeks.

The First Holy Communion dates for the children of our two schools this year, are as follows;

**Our Lady's School** on Saturday, **7th May at 10.00am** in Our Lady's church.

**St. Jerome's School** on Saturday, **14th May at 10.00am** in St. Jerome's church.

If there are any parents in the parish whose children attend other schools and who wish their children to receive their first reconciliation and holy communion, will they please contact Father John as soon as possible. The children must be in Year 4 or above.

**Justice and Peace Gigantic Easter Monday Raffle for Ukraine:** Over the last few weeks you have given us chocolates, bottles, biscuits, smellies and other interesting things. You also gave us hampers, baskets and gift bags to put everything in. We now have a *gigantic* Raffle, of 69 very attractive prizes, to be drawn on Easter Monday. Today is the **very last day** for you to pick up an extra Raffle envelope. Spare envelopes are available on the tables in the porches as you go out today. Don't forget to put a name and phone number on the envelope and get it back to the basket in church **no later than Easter Sunday**. If you won't be here over Easter, envelopes can be put through the door of 28 Bushbys Lane. The weekend after Easter, we will publish a final total of how much was raised, and also the names of the prizewinners. In the meantime, all our donations will go immediately to Cafod specifically for Ukraine, where they will help to support very many desperate, bombed-out families. Thank you for your prayers and your great generosity to these suffering people, and may God bless you and your family with his love this Easter.

**Divine Mercy Service 2022: Sunday 24th April 2022** is the Feast of the Divine Mercy and we are delighted that we are once again able to hold a Divine Mercy Service on this day at Our Lady of Compassion Church. The service itself will start at **3pm** and is expected to last just under an hour. It will also be live streamed. (Please note that this is a service, not a Mass. Masses will be said at the usual times on this day.) The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the service. The institution of this feast was requested by Jesus in 1931 via **Sister Faustina Kowalska**, a Polish nun who was canonised by **Pope John Paul II** on this feast day in the year 2000. Jesus himself attached an **extraordinary promise** to this feast telling Saint Faustina, **"The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."** In effect, on **Divine Mercy Sunday** He is offering us the chance to **wipe the slate clean and begin our spiritual lives afresh**. We would love to invite you to **share in this amazing grace**. The Feast of Divine Mercy is preceded by a special **Novena** (beginning on **Good Friday**) in which you are invited to participate (**at home**). **You can find the Divine Mercy Novena online. If you don't have access to the internet you can pick up a prayer leaflet from church on Palm Sunday.** If you would like to find out more about **St Faustina** and the **Feast of Divine Mercy**, why not read her diary which is entitled, **"Divine Mercy in My Soul"** by **Blessed Sister M. Faustina Kowalska**? For further information, please contact Jen Foster on 834712.

**Our Lady's Fell Walkers:** Our two walks this month are from West Kirby, the A walk, a faster longer walk is 10.5 miles and the B, a slower walk is 7.5 miles, both are flat. The A Walk will start at Hadlow Station having coffee/toast prior to the walk. The B walk will stay on the coach, then drive to Parkgates where they will stop for tea/toast before starting their walk.

We will be walking along the Wirral Trail between West Kirby and Hadlow Station (Willaston), which follows the route of the disused West Kirby to Hooton railway adjacent to the Dee Coastline, so weather permitting, there should be great views. Hadlow Road is the only remaining station building along the line and is now a Grade 11 listed building.

We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome, including non-walking partners who would like to visit our destination whilst their other half enjoys the walk. The coach leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road at 8 a.m. and you can book your place by ringing 01704 878548. There is always a stop for coffee/tea/bacon barm etc., on the way out and time after the walk to visit local cafes, shops and pubs. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and boots and bring a packed lunch. Sticks are also handy if you have them, especially in wintry conditions".

**The Newman Society:** We invite you to our next talk on **Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Our talk follows on appropriately from our recent talk on Gerard Manley Hopkins, which covered his Lydiat connections. **Our subject on April 21<sup>st</sup> is The Catholic Country House**, and our speaker is **Roger Mitchell**. Roger has an MA in country house studies, and has lectured internationally on this subject for The Arts Society. **Venue is St. Helen's Parish Centre at 7.30p.m.**



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