



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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St. Jerome Chapel of Ease

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24th April 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 2

Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh.

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

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Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 23 rd April	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Sean McMahon
Sunday 24 th April	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Patricia Magee
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
Tuesday 26 th April	09:30am	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 27 th April	09:30am	Morning Prayer	
	10:00am	Service of Word and Communion	
Thursday 28 th April	09:30am	Morning Prayer	

Please note that
weekdays events may
have to be cancelled due
to illness

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 30 th April	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Martin Jackson
Sunday 1 st May	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Tricia Pinkman
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community

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

Please pray for the lately Dead, including Bridget RYAN 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, Eddy CONNOLLY, Alison BOTTERILL, Stephanie HARRISON, Ellen I'ANSON, Jim McAULEY, Ann LONG and Ged CUNNINGHAM

Thoughts of Pope Francis:- When I accept Jesus, he reveals my contradictions, my idols, my temptations. He becomes my resurrection, the one who always lifts me up when I fall, the one who takes me by the hand and lets me start anew. He always lifts me up.

Easter Thank You: Father John, Deacon Joe and Deacon John would like to sincerely thank all those who sent gifts and cards for Easter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Also, the thanks of us all go to those members of the parish who worked so hard to make the church look so beautiful for the Easter celebrations. Thank you to you all!

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

Summer Sacramental Celebrations: The Archbishop will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the young people of our Deanery who are in Year 9 and above. The Mass will take place at St John Stone Church on **Wednesday, 20th July at 7.30pm.**

First Holy Communion celebrations will take place 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.

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

UCM Meeting: Afternoon tea on Wednesday 11th May has been arranged for 12noon, directly after Mass, for the members' outing to **Dobbies Garden Centre.** Names and payment of £13.50 for those wishing to attend should be given to the Treasurer at the next meeting on 13th April.

Our Lady of Compassion baby group: with Ruth, Anamchara Doula. The group is free and will run 1.00-2.30pm on Thursdays during term time at The Gild Hall in Formby. Suitable for newborns to pre-crawling babies. Come and have a cuppa and a chat with other local parents. No need to book, just turn up!

"THE CHATTERY" at The Gild Hall is a new initiative being organised by a group of parishioners whereby the two lounges in the hall will be open every Wednesday from 2pm to 3.30pm to welcome all parishioners (both ladies and gentlemen, couples and singles) to meet with fellow parishioners and friends for a chat and company over tea, coffee and biscuits.

The idea is that people will drop in for all or part of the time and use the facility to have the opportunity to meet others just as we would arrange to do so in any of the village coffee shops, and as we did in our former three parishes after Sunday Mass. It is hoped that each week this will be a perfect occasion to get together to renew acquaintances from before the pandemic and to meet other parishioners from our newly formed community.

Please do come along to support this great chance to join together on an informal basis. I am grateful to all those who have worked hard on planning this venture over recent weeks. As time progresses we hope to arrange small activities like book exchanges, raffles, short talks of interest and at special times of the year "Afternoon Teas."

How often do we say to people, "We must have a catch-up over coffee!" Now we have the chance to do something about it in friendly familiar surroundings and help support the parish at the same time. Funds from purchases will go direct to the parish.

The Chatterery will be open for the first time on Wednesday 4th May.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on that afternoon.

Lost Wedding Ring: Beryl Prescott who operates our 'Piety Store' has lost her wedding ring sometime last Thursday 21st April in or around Our Lady of Compassion church. I don't need to say how devastating this is for her. It is gold with a scalloped edge. If you find it or are aware of a ring being found please let her or the church know. Thank you