



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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27th February 2022 - Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 4

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	Mass Times Location	Intentions
Saturday 26th Feb	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive Stephen Christopher Pritchard	
Sunday 27th Feb	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	John Coughlan
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
Tuesday 1st March	09:30am	Morning Prayer	OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Phil Bailey
<u>Ash Wednesday - A Day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine and World Peace</u>			
Wednesday 2nd March	09:30am	Morning Prayer	OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Patricia Collins
Thursday 3rd March	7:30pm	St. Jerome, Greenloons Drive	
	09:30am	Morning Prayer	OLOC
	10:00am	Requiem Mass – Lawrence Formby	
<u>Mass Times – First Sunday of Lent</u>			
Saturday 5th March	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Philip Cunningham
Sunday 6th March	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Joan Flynn
<u>The Archdiocese strongly recommends that face masks are worn - Please respect your fellow parishioners and allow space.</u>			

Please pray for the lately Dead, including Sr. Margaret STACK, Lawrence FORMBY, and Josie HIGGINS and for all of their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including Teresa CAMPBELL, Mike THOMPSON, Maureen PRITCHARD, Eddy CONNOLLY, Alison BOTTERILL, Stephanie HARRISON, Ellen l'ANSON, Jim McAULEY, Ann LONG and Ged CUNNINGHAM

Thoughts of Pope Francis:-If we listen to the Spirit, we will not be concerned with conservatives and progressives, traditionalists and innovators, right and left. When those become our criteria, then the Church has forgotten the Spirit. The Paraclete impels us to unity, to concord, to the harmony of diversity.

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

Parish Giving:- The time has come to distribute the Parish Weekly Donation Envelope Boxes that go from April 2022 to March 2023. To do this efficiently and to ensure that you get your envelopes, can you please fill in the form below, that can be found with the newsletters, that will enable the Parish team to leave the boxes for you to pick up in the church of your choice. If you do not currently donate via an envelope, but would wish to do so, please just complete the relevant parts of the form – **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GIFT AID TO DONATE VIA THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM. BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIFT AID THEN PLEASE TICK THE RELEVANT BOX AND WE’LL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU.**

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Parish Administrator:- Our Lady of Compassion Formby Parish, 15 hours per week, Salary £8,314.80 per annum. An opportunity is available for a highly skilled and experienced administrator to work in the parish office, working closely with the parish priest, Rev. Mgr John Walsh. This is a part time, permanent post to be worked over 4 or 5 days each week with a start time between 9.00am-9.30am. Applicants must have; experience of working in a similar role dealing with a broad range of administrative tasks, excellent IT skills, verbal and written communication skills, and an ability to work unsupervised. Closing Date:- **4th March 2022. For further details and to apply, visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack**

Foodbank:- Thank you once again for your continued generosity. People often ask for an updated shopping list. The Foodbank staff would be delighted to receive fruit cordial, easy cook rice (500g bags), red jam, UHT milk, instant noodles, biscuits and toilet rolls (4 packs).

Thank you:- Fr John Walsh, Fr Bernard Higham, and Fr John Bradley wish to express their thanks to the kind parishioner who thoughtfully remembered them.

SVP- would like to thank all parishioners for their generosity at last week’s church collections. The amount collected was **£517**. In addition we are delighted with the response to the appeal that Richard Ainsworth gave at all Masses which explained the role of the SVP and that it is looking for new members. At Wednesday’s follow up meeting 6 parishioners attended expressing an interest in joining. A wonderful response. Thank you.

Churches Together:- A Mini-Pilgrimage for Lent, **Wednesday 16th March starting at 11.00 am at St Luke’s**. This will involve meeting in church, walking round the church grounds in small groups, stopping at various stations for scripture, prayer and reflection, and ending up at the Meeting Room for a light lunch together. Also,

A Quiet Morning at **St. Joseph’s, Tuesday 29th March starting at 9.30 am** with tea/coffee at the Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue. Led by Ted Woods, this will be a morning of Prayer and Reflection titled **‘Holy Week through the Lens of Stage and Screen’**, probably to include a thoughtful walk around outside, weather permitting.

Attendance at both events is limited by numbers maybe around 30 each. The Mini-Pilgrimage will take about an hour to go round outside, on somewhat uneven paths. St Joseph’s paths are firm and even. Booking will be by phone to June McGibbon 871244 or Bruni Jones 876038.

J & P Group:- Help for Afghanistan! We’ve all seen the pictures from Afghanistan. So many people hungry. So many children on the brink of starvation! What can we do? The Justice and Peace group would like to invite you, your family and friends to take part in a Grand Easter Monday Charity Raffle. Every penny we collect will go through Cafod directly to Afghanistan. We can all help! How will it work? We already have some gifts kindly donated to the J and P since Christmas-bottles of all varieties, boxes of chocolates and super smellies. We are happy to accept more of these, or anything else you think is raffleable. We want to make up beautiful hampers and baskets of delightful goodies as prizes, but there is a problem-so far, we only have two baskets! Could you perhaps ask around for any baskets, hampers, or gift carrier bags, (they don’t have to be new)? We would be so happy to receive them. Just put them beside the Foodbank items in church. We promise not to mix them up! There will be more details about joining in with the Raffle in future Newsletters. Thank you so much everyone.

CAFOD:- Our Parish Community Walk Against Hunger - We're walking together on Saturday 26th March to raise money for CAFOD to help stamp out hunger, one step at a time, Will you join us? Meeting at St Jerome's Church at 3.30pm with the walk starting at 3.45pm we will follow a route that takes us via Our Lady's Church, through to Timms Lane passed St Anne's Church and back to St Jerome's in time for 6pm Mass.

If you would like to sponsor our walkers please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/OLOCP-community-walk-against-hunger>

Everyone is welcome. Children do need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian please

For more info or to get involved please contact Siobhan Farnell on 07988810564

or siobhanfarnell@yahoo.co.uk

OLOC Fellwalkers:- We have two walks this month from the medieval village of Cartmel in Cumbria. Both walks are circular, starting from the car park in the centre of Cartmel racecourse.

The A walk, a higher faster walk, will be approximately 11 miles and the B walk, lower and slower, will be approximately 7.5 miles. There is no great height attained by either walk, with most of the main climb (approx 200 metres) coming in the opening couple of miles (both walks follow the same route at this stage). The walks head to Fell End then towards Grange-over-Sands, then Allithwaite before returning to Cartmel. The A walk will include the length of the promenade from Grange to Kent's Bank. There should be lovely views across the Kent Estuary towards Arnside and Morecambe Bay - weather permitting. Both routes are a mixture of fields, rough fell and bridle ways as well as roads - and mud! It was very muddy at the beginning of the walks on the first recce two weeks ago, and it hasn't stopped raining since, Having said that, according to the long range weather forecast, the 12th March will be a dry day.

Cartmel is always a favourite destination with its 12th century Priory and of course, home of the Sticky Toffee Pudding Shop, boutique shops and welcoming inns.

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".

New Accompaniment Teams - The Sacraments of the Church are the celebrations where people meet Jesus in a beautiful and powerful way, above all in the Eucharist. We are seeking to establish Accompaniment Teams in the Parish, to accompany and prepare those who are seeking Christ in the Sacraments and those who have lost their loved ones. There are four areas that require a Team; Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation and Bereavement.

If this is something of interest to you, please let us know. Please indicate which area you feel drawn to work in, or whether you are happy to be placed in any of the Teams. We are hoping that the Teams will be up and running by Easter. You may feel that you need time to think about it. In the meantime, we ask us all to pray for this new venture and for all our people who are continually seeking the Lord in the Sacraments.

Living Christ Retreat:- happening in Ainsdale on evening 25th Friday/ daytime Saturday 26th March. We begin with a cheese & wine welcome on Friday 25th March, 7-9pm continuing Saturday 26th March 9.30-5pm in Sacred Heart Hall Liverpool Rd Ainsdale PR8 3BP. We do ask you to come for the whole of the retreat. Please book your place in advance, ASAP. To sign up, or for more information phone 01704 577722, or email: heartstone@rcaol.org.uk

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God Bless

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New Envelope Donator	Yes/No
Do you want to Gift Aid?	Yes/No

Standing Order/Direct Debit	Yes/No
Requires Special Collection Boxes	Yes/No

Box Pick Up Church	Our Lady's	St Jerome's	
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