



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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6th March 2022 - First 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	Mass Times	
		Location	Intentions
Saturday 5 th March	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Philip Cunningham
Sunday 6 th March	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Joan Flynn
Tuesday 8 th March	09:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	OLOC
	09:30am	Morning Prayer	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane.	Gerry Callaghan
Wednesday 9 th March	09:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	OLOC
	09:30am	Morning Prayer	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Catherine and John Maguire
Thursday 10 th March	09:30am	Morning Prayer	OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Helen and Joseph Cooper
	10:30am – 12 Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	OLOC
	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	OLOC
Mass Times – Second Sunday of Lent			
Saturday 12 th March	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Joseph Walton
Sunday 13 th March	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	John A
	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 Sr. Margaret STACK 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:- Let us ask ourselves what type of words we use. Words that express care, respect, understanding, closeness, compassion, or do we pollute the world by spreading venom: criticizing, complaining, feeding widespread aggression?
God is great and is ready to lift us up if we reach out to Him. So let us cast away the negative thoughts, the fears that block every impulse, that prevent us from moving forward.

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

Opening Of The Churches of Our Lady of Compassion Formby during Lent:- During the Season of Lent, St. Jerome's Church will be opened on particular days for **private prayer**. Beginning on Monday, 7th March, St. Jerome's will be open throughout Lent on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's from 9.00am until 12 Noon. All are invited to drop in for a moment of quiet and prayer at these times. The opening of Our Lady of Compassion church is shown on the time table for our Masses, openings include **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** and **Stations of the Cross**.

Churches Together:- We are re-launching our **Carers' Group** at the Methodist Church opening with a free Concert with the 'Sounds of the Sixties' Music Group followed by a Cream tea between **2:30pm and 4:00pm on Thursday 10th March at Formby Methodist Church**, for catering purposes and further information please contact – Irene Watts on 01704 876219. The Carers 'Group will start meeting again every Friday afternoon between 2.00 – 4.00pm at the Methodist Church from 18th March. This Group is open to anyone in our community who is a Carer, or who would benefit from friendship and support.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal:- This Family Fast Day, Friday 11th March, we remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent there will also be a contactless device available after all Masses next weekend to donate via debit or credit card. Thank you

Our Parish Community Walk Against Hunger:- We're walking together on Saturday 26th March to raise money 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

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, a form will be available in church for you to take away and complete. The Parish team will 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.**

If you donate via Standing Order or Direct Debit and would like a set of special collection envelopes, please tick the relevant boxes on the form. **Please leave a completed form in either church by the 13th March 2022**

Biscuit Sale:- On Sunday 27th March 2022 there will be a sale of 'Homemade All Butter Shortbread Biscuits' in the meeting room of Our Lady of Compassion church after both morning Masses, cost £1 per pack of two. This is in aid of the St. Patrick's Missionary Society and the starving people that they care for in drought-stricken Sudan.

UCM Meeting:- The UCM monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th March**. Mass will be celebrated by Fr John at 10am in our Lady's Church and all UCM members are invited. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in the Gild Hall.

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.

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.

Our Lady of Compassion Formby 200 Club:- Please support Our Lady's 200 Club. For only £2 per month, you will be allocated a number and if your number is drawn, you could win up to £200 in our monthly draw. You can pay by cash/cheque/standing order. Application forms can be found on the notice boards at Our Lady's or St Jerome's. GOOD LUCK! **The winner of the January draw was number 11**

Our Lady of Compassion Formby:- Have you visited the piety store of our parish which is situated at the back of the Our Lady of Compassion church. You can purchase religious artifacts, cards and gifts for many occasions.

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

UKRAINE

Archbishop Malcolm has approved the launch of an archdiocesan urgent and major appeal to support Ukraine. Co-ordination meetings are taking place so we await to here our Archdiocesan plans, but initially you can donate by text :-

Text **HELPUKRAINE** to **70085** to donate **£2**

Text **HELPUKRAINE** to **70450** to donate **£3**

Text **HELPUKRAINE** to **70060** to donate **£5**

Text **HELPUKRAINE** to **70470** to donate **£10**

(Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message)

All funds will go to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London to support the people of Ukraine

ALSO

Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Appeal:-

More than a million people have fled their homes to escape conflict in Ukraine. Leaving behind jobs, belongings and loved ones, they now face an uncertain future.

Intense conflict in Ukraine is threatening the lives and livelihoods of civilians across the country. Families have been separated. People have been injured. Lives have been lost.

Homes have been destroyed or are unsafe to live in. Critical infrastructure such as health facilities, water supplies and schools have also been damaged or destroyed.

At Ukraine's borders with Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Moldova, huge numbers of people are arriving with only what they can carry. In many places there are long waits to cross and scant facilities waiting for them on the other side, with temperatures dropping below freezing overnight.

There have also been increasing media reports of racism against people of colour who are being refused access to relief, aid and the right to cross the border to safety.

18 Million people are projected to become affected by the conflict with **4 million** people expected to be displaced.

DEC charities are in Ukraine and neighbouring countries meeting the needs of all refugees and

displaced people:

- £30 could provide essential hygiene supplies for three people for one month
- £50 could provide blankets for four families
- £100 could provide emergency food for two families for one month

The British Government has promised to match any monies raised, up to **£20 Million**

Donations can be made by following this link - <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

You can donate **£10** by texting **HELP** to **70150**

(Texts cost £10 (your donation) plus standard network charge. 100% of donation will go to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. You must be 16+ and have bill payer's permission. For full terms go to dec.org.uk)

Cheques payable to '**DEC UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN Appeal**' can be posted to PO BOX 999, London EC3A 3AA

Or call 0370 60 60 900