



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

Part of a Family of Parishes with
Our Lady of Victories Hightown, Holy Family Ince Blundell,
St John Stone and Sacred Heart Ainsdale & Woodvale

23rd Feb 2025 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter week 3

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025 – Registration Opens on 13th Jan – 17th March** - If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. There is also more information on our website ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk including online preparation sessions.



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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 22 nd Feb	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Elizabeth & Peter Kowalski
Sunday 23 rd Feb	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass – Family Mass	Teresa Brimmage
Tuesday 25 th Feb	No Mass or Service		
Wednesday 26 th Feb	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Jim Murray	
Thursday 27 th Feb	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Tony Driscoll	
Saturday 1 st Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Kathleen W Duddy
Sunday 2 nd Mar	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Gerry Callaghan

Weekly Collection: £1,002.50 Thank you!

Baptisms: We welcome into our church Willow Morris.

Forthcoming Funerals: Jim Murray 26th Feb at 10am, Tony Driscoll 27th Feb at 10am, Peter Swift 4th March at 10am, Andrew Cormack 20th March at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 18th Feb – John & Patrick Erskine, Rosaleen & Anne Boggan, Philip Locke, Tommy Bulger x2.

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Brenda Forrest, Eileen Camidge, David Kirk, William Bell, Stephen Roberts, Margaret Liddiard, Mary Josephine Farrell, Jim Murray, Philip Locke, Tony Driscoll, Peter Swift, Andrew Cormack and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Beryl Prescott, Kathleen O’Gorman, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones, Ruth Purcell, Claire Charlton, Dominic Tomlinson, Tim Chrimes, Joe Murphy, David Lewin.

Parish Notices

LENT 2025

Ash Wednesday 5th March

10am AND 7.30pm. Mass with Blessing and distribution of Ashes
Fr John will lead and Ash Wednesday service for our children in Our Lady of Compassion & St Jerome's Primary Schools

Stations of The Cross

Wednesdays at 9.15am before the 10am Mass (**commences March 12th**).

Exposition of the Blessed Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday and Thursday at 9.15am before 10am Mass (**commences Thurs 6th March**).

Please note that the celebration of Stations of The Cross or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will **not** take place if a Requiem Mass is listed on any particular day in the weekly parish newsletter.

Stations of The Cross will **not** take place on the Wednesday of Holy Week. They will be on Good Friday morning at 10am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS

(children who do not attend Our Lady's or St Jerome's Schools)

- All preparation is done by the local parish schools. If your child does not attend one of the local parish schools you can contact them and ask for your child to be included in the preparation sessions **or**
- You can take your child through preparation yourself – please contact St Paul's book shop in Liverpool who can provide all the information.

Dates for reception of First Holy Communion

10th May at 10am – for Our Lady of Compassion School

17th May at 10am – for St Jerome's School

- Please inform the Church Parish Office via email which date you would like and include a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

MASS INTENTIONS – Current timeframe for Masses to be said.

Please note the Mass Intentions list is currently full as there are **28 waiting to be said**. Therefore, any Mass intentions received from today will be said from the beginning of **May onwards**. Thank you.

■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2025 – Registration Opened on 13th Jan – 17th March

If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. **The registration website is open from 13th January until the 17th March**. Please also visit our website for further information (ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk under Sacraments), including online preparation sessions and what to do if your child attends a non-Catholic School or a School outside the Diocese.

■ Lent – St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Freshfield

Way of The Cross, **each Friday at 7pm**. A time of prayer, reflection and sharing. All are welcome.

■ The Chatterbox

The chatterbox will be closed for a mid-season break this coming Wednesday, February 26th, and will re-open on Wednesday 5th March at 2pm.

■ Monday Morning Movie Forthcoming Dates 2025

Venue: The Activity Centre Start time: 11am

Details of the film to be shown will appear in the bulletin each month, prior to the screening. Open to all adults. Free entry and refreshments.

17th March 14th April	19th May 16th June	14th July August (TBC)	15th September 13th October	10th November 8th December
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■ The World Day of Prayer 2025

The World Day of Prayer 2025 service will be held in the United Reformed Church on Church Road, Formby on Friday 7th March at 2pm. All are very welcome to attend this beautiful service written by our friends in the Cook Islands. The service will be followed by tea, coffee and cakes. If you would like to help at the service, please contact debby.rigby@icloud.com

■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers have two circular walks on Saturday 8.3.25 from Cartmel in Cumbria, an A walk of 11 miles and a B walk of 8 miles. The A walk is faster and higher and the B walk, lower and slower. Each walk traverses some lovely countryside which is a mixture of woodland, rough fell and bridleways and the end of the walks there will be an opportunity to explore the village where there are a couple of pubs and tea shops in the main square as well as the famous sticky toffee pudding shop and nearby Cartmel Priory.

We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. The coach leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road, Formby, at 8am on the day and you can book your place by ringing 01704 878548. There is always an early stop for coffee/tea/bacon barmes and time after the walk to visit shops, cafes and pubs in the area. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch together with something waterproof to sit on. Sticks can also be helpful.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **January** draw was number **15**. Have you joined yet? For just £2 per month, a number will be allocated to you and if your number is drawn out in the monthly draw, you could win up to £200. Application forms can be found on the noticeboard at Our Lady's. (N.B. if paying by cheque please make your cheque payable to: OLOC 200 Club or if by Standing Order - sort code: 30-17-48. acc. number: 01355280). Good luck!

■ Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals has recently launched an emergency appeal for children and families in Southern Africa who urgently need help. The region is experiencing its worst drought in 100 years. Crops have failed, cattle are dying, and food is scarce and expensive. The situation is desperate; an estimated 21 million children are suffering from malnutrition. Mary's Meals is providing a lifeline to families in four of the worst-affected countries, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It costs just 10p a day to feed a child at school with Mary's Meals. With your support we can help many thousands more children and families through this devastating drought.

Please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk and find out more about our Emergency in Southern Africa appeal.