



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

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Our Lady of Victories Hightown, Holy Family Ince Blundell,
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23rd Mar 2025 – **Third Sunday of Lent**

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter week 3

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Parish Reconciliation Service** – Wed 26th Mar at 7pm
- **Parish Spring Fayre** – 5th May 11am – 4pm



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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 22 nd Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Mary Davy
Sunday 23 rd Mar	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Eileen Camidge
Monday 24 th Mar	3.00pm	Requiem Mass Kathleen Glackin	
Tuesday 25 th Mar	SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD		
	09.15am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Lou Fontaine
Wednesday 26 th Mar	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Terence Airey	
	7.00pm	PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE	
Thursday 27 th Mar	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Frances Janet Houghton	
Saturday 29 th Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass	David Fraser
Sunday 30 th Mar	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Farrell

Weekly Collection: £952.45 Thank you!

CAFOD Collection: £2,261.16.

Forthcoming Funerals: Kathleen Glackin 24th March at 3pm, Terence Airey 26th March at 10am, Frances Janet Houghton 27th March at 10am, Mary Nicolette Scarisbrick 15th April at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 17th Mar – Richard Prendergast, Teresa & Ken Campbell x2, Nicki Scarisbrick x3, Ann Breraton, Irene Sonne. **Mass Intentions waiting to be said = 42 (between now and end of JULY).**

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church, Arthur Grice, Annie Hayes

Please pray for the lately Dead including; Mary Josephine Farrell, Jim Murray, Philip Locke, Tony Driscoll, Peter Swift, Andrew Cormack, David Lewin, Terence Airey, Frances Janet Houghton, Kathleen Glackin, Mary Nicolette Scarisbrick 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, Claire Charlton, Dominic Tomlinson, Tim Chrimes, Joe Murphy, Paddy Kerwin.

Parish Notices

LENT 2025

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.

■ Gift Aid Boxes for collection

The Gift Aid Boxes for 2025/6 tax year, are now available for collection from outside the Sacristy. Could we please ask you only use the new brown envelopes from 6th April 2025, as the yellow ones cannot be accepted from this date. Thank you.

■ CAFOD Collection – Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers, fasting, and kind donations for CAFOD. In this Jubilee Year your generosity offers hope to our global sisters and brothers impacted by extreme poverty, war and climate change. Thank you for being a pilgrim of hope.

■ The Chatterery

This week the Chatterery looks forward to welcoming back Monsignor John for another of his interesting, informative and enjoyable talks. It all commences on **Wednesday afternoon, March 26th, from 2pm to 3.30pm** in the Parish Activity Centre. Tea/coffee/weekly raffle £1.50. All welcome!

■ OLOC Fell Walkers

Our walks on **Saturday 12.4.25** are from the beautiful market town of Grassington in Upper Wharfedale, in the outstanding scenery of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The A Walk is just under 10 miles with a total ascent of 1285 ft. The B walk is 7.22 miles with an elevation gain of 592 ft with no significant climbs although there are some easy stepping stones across a beck and stiles to navigate. The A walk is faster and higher and the B walk, lower and slower.

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.

■ Parish Spring Fayre – A Family Fun Day – 5th May Bank Holiday Monday

Plans are well underway to make this year's event a great success and a fun day for all our families and the local community.

A planning meeting will be held at the Activity Centre, behind the Gild Hall on **Wednesday 2 April at 3:30pm immediately after the Chatterery**. Thank you to all who have already agreed to help, if you would like to be involved please come along to the meeting or let Steve or Toni Drury know by emailing contact@forbyevents.co.uk or call Toni on 07814614144.

Tombola Donations - Next weekend a box will be placed at the back of church for donations towards the chocolate and bottle tombolas.

Plant Stall - This was extremely popular last year. As the gardening season starts in earnest, as you divide and sow plants for the garden, please pot a few up for the plant stall. They will be able to be dropped off at the Activity Centre before the Fayre or on the day - more details to follow. We hope to have a wide range of plants to see your garden in bloom from early May through to later summer. This year, we aim to sell hanging baskets by recycling old

hanging pots and filling them with beautiful blooms. If you have old pots and baskets from last year, please let Toni know on 07814614144 to arrange how to pass on to be replanted.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to a wonderful fun day for our Parish and community.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **February** draw was number **197**. 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!

■ Irenaeus

Come and See Day -10:30am - 4pm 5th April '25 Timothy Radcliffe O.P.

An Easter retreat at Irenaeus. - 7pm Wednesday 16th April - Sunday morning, 20th April 2025

For more information about all our events contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 949 1199

■ Churches Together - Formby Family Space

Could you spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnight? The **Formby Family Space** afterschool club is proving very popular with children of our local primary schools and their families. We need more volunteers to join our friendly and welcoming team to chat, supervise crafts, games or help prepare a simple meal on Thursday afternoons at the Lighthouse church. You can bring your children/grandchildren. For more information speak to your Churches Together Representative, ring Dympna on 07722 014530, or sign up at <https://compassionacts.uk/volunteer/>