



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

23rd Oct 2022 – 30TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 2

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Served by the Churches of Our Lady of Compassion and
St. Jerome

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Forthcoming Events

- Sun 23rd Oct 4pm OLOC – Rosary, Sermon & Benediction
- Sat 19th Nov, OLOC – Formby Choral Society
- Sat 26th Nov, 1pm – 4pm St Jerome's Hall – Christmas Fayre
- Sun 18th Dec, OLOC– Sung Evening Prayer, Liverpool Bach Collective

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Newsletter



Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 22 nd Oct	6.00 pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Bill Maher
Sunday 23 rd Oct	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Bridie O'Donaghue
	4.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion – Rosary, Sermon & Benediction	
Tuesday 25 th Oct	09.15am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Maureen Murphy
	11.15am	Requiem Service – May Patten	
Wednesday 26 th Oct	09.15am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Frederick Wilson
Thursday 27 th Oct	09.15am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Communion Service Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
Saturday 29 th Oct	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Ali HP
Sunday 30 th Oct	09.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Louise Parisi

The Church of St Jerome is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 09.00am to 11.00am for Quiet Prayer

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

John McKay, Anthony Youell, May Patten, Ernest Finnesey, Margaret Watson and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Isabelle Clegg, Teresa Campbell, Eddy Connolly, Alison Botterill, Stephanie Harrison, Ellen l'Anson, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Mary Pinkman, and Jenny Gaskin.

Contact Father John

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, Father John does not know that you have called.

You can also call the **Parish Office on 01704 873230**, again leaving the information mentioned above. The answering machine is checked every day and you can also send an email to:-

ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk

Parish Notices

News from our Schools

Our Lady of Compassion Primary School www.olocprimary.co.uk

St Jerome's Primary School www.st-jeromes.co.uk

Over the coming weeks, Father John will be meeting children from both schools, in both of our churches, to explain the various parts of the Mass, as part of their ongoing religious formation.

October Devotions: Rosary, Sermon & Benediction

October has always traditionally been the month of The Holy Rosary and to celebrate this devotion this Sunday afternoon, **October 23rd, at 4pm**, there will be a special service of rosary, sermon and benediction with traditional hymns in honour of Our Lady, together with the Loreto Litany and Latin Benediction hymns. Please do try to attend to make it a special parish service. All welcome!

November Pious List

November is the traditional month of prayer for our loved ones who have died. During the month of November, all the Masses celebrated in our churches are offered for those named on the Pious List. The names will rest before the altar. Please take a Pious List envelope from the back of the church, insert the name of your loved one, along with a Mass offering and hand it in as soon as possible.

Compassion Acts

Formby Food Pantry – *Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

The Gild Hall Activity Centre opened its doors on Thursday this week, to the new Formby Pantry shop and is run by local volunteers from Compassion Acts, a local Christian charity and Churches Together in Formby; the Food Pantry takes place on **Thursdays 11am – 1pm**. With the cost of living crisis more of us are finding budgets tight and the pantry is a weekly food club over a 12-month period, designed for people who are just about managing and to prevent poverty. Members pay £5 and choose groceries worth about £20 and can access a school uniform hub, benefits and debt advice, fuel bank and most importantly, enjoy mutual support and friendship through the ups and downs of everyday life. Formby Food Pantry members have said *“it has been a life saver”, “you have really helped me through a difficult time in my life”, “it is making such a difference, thank you”* and some members also volunteer. In the next month, we plan to open a warm space at the same time. This will be open to anyone, not just those using the Pantry.

This is part of our mission and outreach as a parish and we're delighted that it is being hosted in the Gild Hall Activity Centre. Thank you to Father John for welcoming us to the Activity Centre and to all the parishioners at Our Lady of Compassion for your very generous support: - the food donations collected each week, which go to the Pantry and local foodbanks, for your prayers and for those who help in so many ways.

Compassion Acts is a local Christian charity set up by churches in Southport and Formby. It aims to prevent poverty and support people who are experiencing poverty in all its forms. As well as running 7 foodbanks, 5 food pantries and many prevention projects, we work with schools, families, churches, retailers and other charities to prevent and minimise the impact of poverty. In 2021 the benefits/debt advice volunteer team helped 900 people to claim an average of £1,200 each last year in unclaimed benefits, with the result that most then didn't need foodbanks or food pantries. If you are interested in volunteering on a Thursday morning, drop in and see us at the Activity Centre, phone Dympna on 07722 014530 or visit the website below. Roles include chatting with members, serving refreshments or helping with the fresh food donated from supermarkets. If you know of anyone who would be interested in finding out more and possibly joining the pantry, they can phone or text 07526897384 or visit our website www.compassionacts.uk. Dympna Edwards, Pantry Volunteer & Chair of Trustees

SVP

There will be a retiring collection for the SVP at all masses on **5th/6th November**. Parishioners who will be away or who are unable to attend Mass can make donations directly to the SVP bank account the details of which are: **Account Name: D11908 The Parish of Formby Sort code: 60-0-04 Account No.: 46084517.**

The October SVP newsletter is also available for collection. Thank you.

Parish Notices

A parish notice board that was once outside the entrance to St. Anne's church, has now been refurbished and relocated to the wall on the right-hand side of the main entrance doors to Our Lady's.

A copy of the weekly parish newsletter will be inserted each week and we hope that this will be both helpful and informative for parishioners, who may not have collected one at the weekend. A reminder also that the weekly newsletter is also available on the parish website.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2023

Applications are now available online at liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk for any young people aged Y10 upwards (to 22 years) who would like to be part of Sefton Coach 7. Be part of something special! Places are going fast so apply soon. For more info, contact coach7@animateyouth.net

The Chatterly

This coming **Wednesday, 26th October**, there will be a Harvest Raffle (tickets £1), in addition to the usual tea/coffee chat 2pm – 3.30pm in The Gild Hall lounges. Hope to see many of you there!

OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the September draw was **157**. 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 notice boards at Our Lady's and St. Jerome's. Good luck!

Come for Coffee/Tea

Until further notice, coffee/tea for parishioners will be available in St. Jerome's lounge on a Monday and Thursday between 9am -10am.

Christmas Fayre 2022 – Saturday 26th November

The plans for the Christmas Fayre overall are progressing well. We will be having a variety of stalls including standard favourites such as bottle tombola, chocolate tombola, cakes, books and toys, Christmas jumpers, toiletries plus several games and of course Father Christmas. We will soon be asking for stall donations and volunteers to help make the event a success, so do look out for the flyer in the coming weeks providing more detail and opportunity to get involved.

In the meantime, if you would like more information do, please contact us - and thank you for those who have already volunteered. Steve & Toni Drury

Formby Rotary Fundraiser

Thank you to all those who supported the fund raiser to help with restoration costs of Formby Rotary's Carol Wagon. On the day just over £1,000 was raised. Thank you, Mary Fleming.