



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

'We need at this time to search for the green shoots brought forth by Christ's Resurrection, and to help people to fall in love with Jesus Christ'
(Archbishop John's Homily at his Installation Mass)

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

24th August – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter week 1
School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Ordination of Andy Dell** – 6th September, 12 Noon at the Cathedral (see *Parish Notices* for further details)
- **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026** – 18th – 22nd May (booking forms available from the end of Aug)



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Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 23 rd Aug	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Lesley Murphy
Sunday 24 th Aug	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Noreen Lilley
Tuesday 26 th Aug	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Wednesday 27 th Aug	10.00am	SERVICE OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION	
Thursday 28 th Aug	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Saturday 30 th Aug	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Joan Marsden
Sunday 31 st Aug	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Alan English

Weekly Collection: £1,070.24 Thank you!

Forthcoming Funerals: Anthony Garner 9th Sept at 10am, Mary Patricia Davies 23rd Sept at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 18th Aug – Mary Musker x2, Jon Godfrey, Tony Garner.

Please pray for the lately Dead including; Pauline Roberts, Margaret Croutear, Joan Gettins, Pat Hawkins, Lesley Murphy, Patrick Francis Naughton, John Hall, Anthony Garner, Mary Patricia Davies and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including; Dominic Tomlinson, Beryl Prescott, Margaret Nuttall, Edward Schofield, Kathleen Cuffe, Chris Monckton, Mary Turner.

Parish Notices

■ The Gild Hall

As announced, the Archdiocesan Parish Centres Management Committee, having concluded their internal business consultation, have decided that the business is no longer viable. The Trustees of the Archdiocese confirmed this decision and trading ceased on Tuesday 12th August 2025. The three staff members have been made redundant. There will now be a period of winding down of the business and the removal of their assets. It will be some time before the future of the building becomes clear.



■ Cathedral Coach for the Ordination of Andy Dell to the Diaconate

Confirmation of bookings and payments (£8.50) will be taken at THE END OF all three Masses next weekend 30/31st August, for all those who have signed the list (**there are 7 places left on the coach if you would still like to sign up**). Please try to have the correct money. There will be parishioners on duty to undertake this task at the main SCHOOL LANE EXIT DOORS.

If anyone has any difficulty or requires further information, please contact Mike Halford on 879508. Those travelling on the coach are asked to be at **The Gild Hall, no later than 10.20am for a prompt 10.30am departure on Saturday September 6th**. Thank You.

■ The Spiritans Mission Appeal Collection – 23rd & 24th August

Founded in 1703, The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) are a Roman Catholic Religious Congregation dedicated to sharing hope and love worldwide. For over 300 years, our mission has been clear: to evangelize the poor and the needy, pursue justice, foster peace, care for creation, inspired by Luke 4:18 and advance God's kingdom here on earth. Today, more than 3,000 Spiritans from all continents bring this mission to life in over 60 countries, serving where the need is greatest—hospitals, parishes, prisons, schools, and refugee communities. We also support integral development for young people and work for justice globally. As Pope Francis reminded us in May 2023, we serve "in simplicity of life, respecting peoples and cultures," embracing the most abandoned with fraternity and prayer. Your support and prayers keep our mission alive. Together, we carry the Spiritan light to the world's darkest corners.

■ Digging Deeper Autumn Lectures – Sacred Heart Church, Ainsdale.

An Autumn season of lectures offering an ecumenical opportunity to dig deeper into what Christians believe. *The Apostle Paul reasoned daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus Acts 19:9*. Professor John Sullivan, Canon Dr Rod Garner and Dr Jon Darby will follow in Paul's footsteps. Their aim is to explain and guide our thinking towards a better understanding of the faith in our Lord Jesus to which we hold so dear. Each lecture is expected to last approximately 90 minutes, which will include discussion time. There is no charge for this series of events, however a small donation towards refreshments and speaker expenses would be appreciated.

Lecture Dates

Monday 1st September, 7pm – Professor John Sullivan

Monday 6th October, 7pm – Rev Canon Dr Rod Garner

Monday 3rd November, 7pm – Dr Jon Darby

■ St Jerome's School - Annual Mission Week

Calling all crocheting enthusiasts! The children of St Jerome's would love you to help them out with some crocheting as part of our annual Mission Week. The event will be held on **Wednesday 10th September 1.30-3.00**. Please contact the school office on 01704 833 211 if you are able to help.

■ Important Updates: Live Streaming & New YouTube Channel

We know many of you have appreciated our live streams of Mass and other events. To continue offering this valuable service, especially for those who are unable to attend in person, or exploring our faith, we've made some important updates in line with new guidelines.

1. Changes to Live Streaming

We've made a few adjustments to ensure your comfort and privacy during our live streams:

- **What We're Streaming:** We'll continue to **live stream every 11:00 AM Sunday Mass**, along with special feast days or occasions when an operator is available.
- **Where to Watch:** All streams will be publicly available for replay for up to **three months** after the live event.
- **Privacy & Seating:** Members of the congregation are not focused on during the streaming but may be visible at the times as the cameras follow the Mass. If you prefer not to be visible on camera, you'll notice **new signs** at the church entrances. These will identify designated "off-camera" seating areas. Separate arrangements are being made for Ministries of the Eucharist, Liturgy and Music.
- **Communion Privacy:** During Holy Communion, to respect personal privacy, the stream will display only church settings and the Archdiocese of Liverpool Spiritual Communion Prayer.
- **Children's Consent:** Children under 16 will only be shown on camera if we have **parental consent**. If consent isn't given, parents are responsible for ensuring their children remain off-camera.



2. Our New YouTube Channel!

We've launched a **brand-new YouTube channel!** Please update your bookmarks:

- **New Channel Address:** You can find us at <https://www.youtube.com/@ourladyofcompassionchurch>
- **New Channel Name:** Our new page name is 'Our Lady of Compassion Church Formby'
- **New Handle:** You can also find us by searching for @ourladyofcompassionchurch

You can start watching all our streams on this new channel from **August 3rd**. While we couldn't replicate the old account details (which were <https://www.youtube.com/@ourladyofcompassionformby> and 'Our Lady of Compassion Formby'), this new channel should be just as easy to find and follow once it's been active for a few weeks.

Please visit our new YouTube channel and click "Follow" to stay connected! We'll keep these new details on our existing page until mid-September, after which the old channel will be removed.

■ Parish Calendar 2026: Capturing our Faith Through our Children

We are inviting the children and young people in the Parish to submit a photograph or picture showing what God's love means to them, or their favourite Bible story or hymn. These will be used to provide the images for our Parish 2026 Calendar. We may also use some of the images to produce cards for sale, but all will be displayed in the church. As adults it is very easy to over think and get caught up in the complexities and routine of life, this is an opportunity to learn from the young people in our Parish and remember the simplicity of our faith.

Digital photographs (not photos of the drawings) can be emailed to steve.drury@web-aviso.com. To arrange collection of physical hard copy drawings (for scanning), please contact Toni Drury on 07814 614144 or Andrea Dell on 07342 692957. Please provide name and age of the artist and a brief description of what the picture makes them think about. All pictures used will be annotated with name, age and description. By submitting an image, it will be taken as permission for this to be used. **Submissions should be made by 30th September 2025 and must be in landscape orientation.**

■ Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

Lists will be available at all Masses from the weekend of September 6/7th for any parishioner who wishes to register an interest for our pilgrimage from 18th to 25th May next year.

■ SVP Collection

SVP would like to thank all parishioners for their generous donations at last weekend's 2nd collection. The amount collected was £932.23. Thank you very much indeed.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **July** draw was number **22**. 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!

■ Justice and Peace Summer Holiday Treasure Hunt for Children

The Justice and Peace Group have been invited to run an interesting, relaxed event, especially for our primary age children. The Quirky Garden belongs to Paddy and Liz Kennedy who live near the Freshfield pub. They have a lovely, interesting garden and thought it would be great place to invite the children to come and have a Treasure Hunt. There are little fairy houses and lots of animal statues hiding in the flowers. As there are two small ponds, they ask that each child is accompanied by an adult for safety and that everyone keeps to the paths and the grass. There will refreshments. For children, it's "Ice your own fairy cake" and a carton of juice, and for adults, a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. There is no charge for this event but a small donation to our summer charity would be very welcome. We are supporting Barretstown Holiday Camp for children living with a serious illness. (See pictures online barretstown.org). So, we would like to invite parents, grandparents, carers and of course, primary age children, to come on **Saturday 30th August to 20, Stanley Road, Formby L37 7AW. The garden will be open at 10.30-12.00 and again at 2.00-4.00pm.** Dress up in fancy dress or wear a fancy hat for the occasion. If the weather looks doubtful, just bring an umbrella. Thank you so much Paddy and Liz for sharing your garden.

Children's Treasure Hunt -Old Clipboards Wanted!

Would you happen to have an old clipboard you could give or lend us for the Children's Treasure Hunt? The Justice and Peace group are looking for old clipboards to support the question sheets when the children go down the garden looking for treasure. If you can help, please leave your clipboard in church or (ring Bruni 876038). If you want it back, just put your name on it and we'll bring it back to church. Thank you so much.

