



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

25th Feb 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 2

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

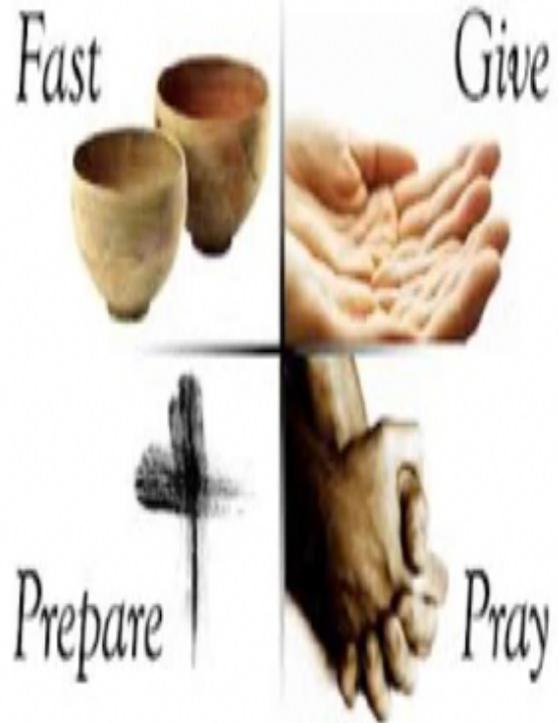
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Information & Events

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk Registration is open from 15th January to 15th March 2024.

- Family Mass – OLOC 3rd March, 11am
- Monday Movies – 11th March Gild Hall Activity Centre
- Songs of Praise – OLOC 16th March 1-4pm by ticket only
- Parish Family Fun Day – 6th May 12 noon – 4pm at the Gild Hall Activity Centre
- Confirmation Mass – Thurs 23rd May, St John Stone, celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.



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Mass Times

| Day | Time | Location | Intentions |
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| Saturday 24 th Feb | 6.00pm | Our Lady of Compassion | Jacqueline O'Connor |
| Sunday 25 th Feb | 9.00am | Our Lady of Compassion | Parish Community |
| | 11.00am | Our Lady of Compassion | Peter Turner |
| Tuesday 27 th Feb | 09.15am | Stations of the Cross | |
| | 10.00am | Service of the Word & Communion | |
| Wednesday 28 th Feb | No Mass or Service | | |
| Thursday 29 th Feb | 10.00am | Requiem Mass – Philip Whiteside | |
| Saturday 2 nd Mar | 6.00pm | Our Lady of Compassion | Catherine Lindsey |
| Sunday 3 rd Mar | 9.00am | Our Lady of Compassion | Parish Community |
| | 11.00am | Our Lady of Compassion – Family Mass | Gerry Callaghan |

Forthcoming Funerals: Wed 6th March @ 10am Linda Murray, Thurs 7th March @ 10am David Wright.

Prayer Rota - In our weekly prayers for the other Christian communities of Formby, we pray for Holy Trinity, Formby.

Weekly Collection £1,061.40 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 19th Feb – Tom Whawell, Bernadette O'Toole, Richie Maitland x 2, Margaret & Robert Parker Rimmer, Pat & Joe Rigby, Philip Whiteside, Bernadette Rimmer, Kevin Williams, Mary Scannell.

Mass Intentions sent to Mill Hill to be said during Feb/Mar: Teresa Campbell x2, Wtadystaua, Marian Seddon, Alan Wright x2, Bette Smyth, Elizabeth & Peter Kowalski, Jim Doyle, Jim & Isa McCulloch, Geoffrey Davies, Frederick Wilson, Brian Jones, Ken Campbell, Lesley Powell, John Chatterley.

■ **Please pray for the lately Dead including;**

David Jackson, Dr Hin Ching LIU, Fr Joe Whelan MHM, Patricia Starkey, Margaret Klymec, Linda Murray, David Wright, Philip Whiteside, Mary Scannell and all their families.

■ **And let us pray for those who are sick including;**

Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Mary Pinkman, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Beryl Prescott, Kathleen O'Gorman, Deacon Joe Moreland, John Holland, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans, Hilary Barton, Rachel Jones and Frank Dunne.

Parish Notices

■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

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Preparation dates have all been confirmed and there will be **4 sessions at St John Stone, which all those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend - April 18th, April 25th, May 2nd, and May 9th.**

A Confirmation Mass on Thurs 23rd May will be celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon at St John Stone Church, Ainsdale.

■ Services of Reconciliation Lent 2024

There will be a number of Services of Reconciliation for Lent across our Deanery on the following days:

- Tues Mar 12th, St John Stone Church Ainsdale at 7pm
- Tues Mar 19th at Our Lady's Church Formby at 7pm
- Thur Mar 21st at Holy Family Church Southport at 7pm

Please note that these celebrations will comprise of a short service and individual confessions. The priests of the Deanery will be present at all services to hear confessions.

■ St Jerome's Men's Society - Donation

We are extremely grateful to the former St Jerome's Men's Society, Formby, who having closed their accounts, have made a generous donation of £1,101.85 to the Parish.

■ The Chatterry

This week one of our organisers, Mike Halford will be our speaker with a talk entitled "By Royal Invitation." The Chatterry will be open as usual from 2pm to 3.30pm on **Wednesday 28th February** in the lounges of the Gild Hall. All welcome. The following week, **March 6th**; parishioner Steve Drury will be our guest.

■ CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. We will also have a contactless device available for anyone wishing to donate via their debit or credit card.

■ Big Lent Walk for CAFOD

All are welcome to join our **Big Lent Walk for CAFOD**. Leaving Our Lady's Church at the end of the 11am Family Mass on 3rd March, we will walk to the Gild Hall Activities Centre where Sunday Brunch is being held. At the Activities centre, we will continue to clock up our steps by walking around the small field outside. Do as little or as much as you would like to do, all the steps count! All are welcome to participate. Children, please ensure you have an adult with you! If you'd like to sponsor the walkers this is the link... Thank you!

[Our Lady of Compassion Parish Formby CAFOD Big Lent Walk is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **JANUARY** draw was number **61**. 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*). Good luck!

■ St Jerome's Tabernacle

Parishioners of the former St Jerome's will remember the beautiful tabernacle that was purchased 10 years ago from a legacy of Fr David Bullen. After the closure of the church, the tabernacle was sent to the Archdiocesan Vocations Centre at St Charles, Aigburth, for use in their chapel. The request was made by the Chancellor of the Archdiocese. We pray that it will be instrumental in bringing priestly vocations to our diocese.

■ Songs of Praise Open Rehearsal 6th March 7-8:15pm

The Church choir is deep in rehearsal for BBC Songs of Praise recording on 16th March. The selected hymns are being included at our Sunday Mass, while this ensures familiarity with the hymns, the arrangements now agreed with BBC will be slightly different. We are inviting those who have tickets to the recording on 16th March to attend an open rehearsal with the choir on Wednesday 6th March at Our Lady of Compassion Church, from 7-8:15 pm. This will enable all to be familiar with the hymns and the musical arrangements and support a confident recording on the actual day. No need to book places for the rehearsal. We will be starting promptly at 7:00pm and look forward to seeing you there. Karina & John Beesley.

■ OLOC Fell Walkers

Our Lady's Fell Walkers have two circular walks planned on Saturday 10th March 2024. The walks start and end in the quaint market town of Kirby Lonsdale in Cumbria. The A walk is 9.8 miles with a height gain of 1640 ft and the B walk is 8 miles over rolling countryside with very little in the way of climb. The A walk is usually higher and faster and the B, a slower, lower walk. 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.

■ Monday Movies – Gild Hall Activity Centre

Below are the dates for Monday Movies for the coming year. Details of the upcoming movie will be included in the Newsletter near the time.

11th March
29th April
20th May
24th June
15th July
5th August (TBC Holiday at home)
30th September
21st October (10th Anniversary of MMM)
25th November
16th December

■ SVP

SVP Would like to thank all parishioners who contributed at last weekend's retiring collections. The amount collected was **£645.48**. This money will go towards our commitment to provide funding to the 6 parishes that we are twinned with in India and The Sudan. Letters from 2 of these parishes were put on the notice boards back in December/January.

■ SJOG Homes for Ukraine

As an official provider of the government scheme, SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates collaboratively with the esteemed Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, and support during the placement.

More information on the project can be found at the following links

- Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>
- E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk
- Facebook: [facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine](https://www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine)
- YouTube: [youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine](https://www.youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine)

Thank you for spreading a word about the programme.