



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

26th Mar 2023 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 1

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Upcoming Events

Monday Movies – 24th April, (please see the
[Events Page of the OLOC website](#) for further dates).

Coronation Weekend - details coming soon.

Fr John's Ruby Jubilee or Ordination – 10th July



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Newsletter



Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 25 th Mar	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Liz Page
Sunday 26 th Mar	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Sister Paulinus 90 th
Tuesday 28 th Mar	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Marie Dobinson (Gallagher)
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross – Our Lady of Compassion	
Wednesday 29 th Mar	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Veronica Swift
	7.00pm	UCM Bi-Monthly Mass – St Jerome	
Thursday 30 th Mar	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Leo Pearson
Friday 31 st Mar	2.00pm	Funeral Service – Elizabeth Hawkshaw	
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord			
Saturday 1 st Apr	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Leonard McKay
Sunday 2 nd Apr	09.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Salwek Gawlik & Family

The Church of St Jerome is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 09.00am to 11.00am for Quiet Prayer. Tea/coffee is available in St Jerome's Parish Centre on Monday and Thursday 09.00am – 10.00am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Due to the cold weather and central heating issues in the Church, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **will not take place before** weekday masses until further notice. Therefore, the Church will be open at 09.30am for weekday masses.

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church, Nyla-Rose Cooper McLave & Florence Baccino.

Weekly Collection £1,064.96. Thank you!

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

John Page, Elizabeth Hawkshaw, Isabella (Belle) Clegg, Martha Blackham, Peter Dunne, Annette Hancock, Cathy Doyle and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Teresa Campbell, Eddy Connolly, Stephanie Harrison, Ellen l'Anson, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, and Mary Pinkman.

Contact Father John

If any parishioner needs Father John for any reason whatsoever, particularly if someone is **sick or dying** and needs the **Sacraments**, please call **01704 873230**. 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. The answering machine is checked every day and you can also send an email to: ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk

Parish Notices

Stations of the Cross

Stations of The Cross will be celebrated each **Tuesday evening at 7.30pm** in Our Lady of Compassion Church, with exception of Holy Week, when they will take place at 10.00am on Good Friday morning.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS, ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH IN THE EVENING, WILL BE THROUGH THE MAIN DOOR ON SCHOOL LANE ONLY – The Church will be open from 7.15pm.

Fr John's Ruby Jubilee of Ordination

This Summer Fr. John will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood, his Ruby Jubilee. On the actual date, **Monday 10th July, there will be a concelebrated Mass at 7.30 pm in Our Lady's Church**. His Grace the Archbishop will attend and preside, with Bishop Tom Neylon, and afterwards there will be a celebration in the Gild Hall.

Mike Halford has been appointed to co-ordinate the event and in due course he will be asking various people and parish groups to become involved with the arrangements. Meanwhile, please mark the event in your diary and on your calendar for another happy celebration to look forward to following on from the Coronation of King Charles.

UCM News

A UCM Bi- Monthly Mass is to be held at St. Jerome's Church on **Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm**. The UCM Chaplain, Fr David Potter, will celebrate Mass together with Fr John. Also in attendance will be the Archdiocesan Officials and members of the UCM Foundations throughout the Archdiocese. All UCM members, past and present are cordially invited to attend the service followed by refreshments in St. Jerome's Parish Centre.

Parish Big Lent Walk

If you're reading this week's newsletter online, please do join us at **4pm on Saturday 25th March** for our CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Walking 6km starting 4pm & finishing at St Jerome's in time for 6pm Mass we are aiming to walk a combined 200km in solidarity with those living in poverty. Our walk is accessible so please join with prams / wheelchairs. If you would like to sponsor all of the walkers, we have a shared link. Thank you.

Sister Paulinus

Congratulations to Sister Paulinus who today, Sunday 26th March, celebrates her 90th Birthday. The 11am Mass is being offered for her intentions and we wish her Good Health and Many Blessings on her very special day.

The Chatterery

The Chatterery will be open as usual from **2pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday 29th March**. There will be an Easter theme this week with the usual tea/coffee and biscuits plus the addition of Hot Cross Buns, an Easter Raffle and a prize for the best Easter Bonnet or Hat!!!

The Chatterery will be closed for the next two weeks during Holy Week and Easter Week and will re-open on Wednesday 19th April.

Coronation Planning

We are pleased to report that the planning is really starting to come together. The new meeting notes can be downloaded from the website: www.formbyevents.com This week we are putting out our first request for assistance. In finalising stalls for the family fun day on the Monday 8th May Bank Holiday of the Coronation weekend, we have agreed that a plant stall might make a pleasant addition to the other items planned. This is a call out to all keen gardening parishioners for your help. As now is the time to start planting seeds and growing on some cuttings, we wondered if you could add a pot or two more, so that they can be ready in time as donations for our event. We will confirm a drop of point closer to the time, but please start the sowing, dividing and propagating now. All plants are guaranteed a good home. After Easter we will be providing a more detailed summary of the weekend and how you can be involved in this historical occasion for our Parish. Thank you. Toni & Steve Drury.

The Living Christ Retreat – 28th & 29th April

The **LIVING CHRIST RETREAT** is offered for all, especially in our deanery parishes, on Friday evening 19:00pm – 21:00pm /Saturday 09:30am – 17:00pm incl Mass, **April 28th /29th at St John Stone Church Southport PR8 3RN**. Individuals are expected to attend both days. This time together is a unique and down to earth way of accompanying each other in the Easter faith. Talks by lay people and group discussion about practising the faith in reality and day to day living. All welcome, feedback shows many have benefited from this retreat. For more information and to book your place please ring 01704 577722, or email heartstone@rcaol.org.uk

Free Easter Raffle for Sister Orla's Girls' School in South Sudan

Many thanks to everyone who brought donations and brown envelopes last week for the Raffle. Everything is much appreciated.

Justice and Peace Committee Working Lunch

Lunch will be at 28, Bushbys Lane at 12. 30 this Monday 27th March, followed by working on and beautifying the Raffle prizes.

OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the February draw was number **54**. 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 board at Our Lady's and St. Jerome's. (N.B. if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to:- OLOC 200 Club). Good luck!