



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

27th July – 17th 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 26 th July	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Parish Community
Sunday 27 th July	09.00am	Holy Mass	John Patrick Brennan
	11.00am	Holy Mass	John Chatterley
Tuesday 29 th July	10.00am	Holy Mass	Alan English
Wednesday 30 th July	10.00am	Holy Mass	Tony Greenan
Thursday 31 st July	10.00am	Holy Mass	Peter Powell
Saturday 2 nd Aug	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 3 rd Aug	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Pat Hawkins

Weekly Collection: £2,132.64 (2 weeks) Thank you!

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church, Clarisse Formby-Richards, Penelope Garry, Patrick Hogan, Elsie Hogan

Forthcoming Funerals: None

Mass Intentions Received w/c 21st July – Elizabeth Kowalski, Lesley Murphy, Noreen Lilley.

Please pray for the lately Dead including; Bill Evans, Kenneth Culshaw, Joan Godsall, David Owens, Catherine (Cathy) Higgins, Sheila Whiteside, Derek Bevan, Tony Greenan, Pauline Roberts, Margaret Croutear, Joan Gettins, Pat Hawkins, Lesley Murphy and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including; Dominic Tomlinson, Beryl Prescott, Margaret Nuttall, Edward Schofield.



Parish Notices

■ 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.**

■ The Chatterry

Sincere and many thanks are extended to the organisers, helpers, parishioners and donors who made the recent Strawberry Afternoon Tea such an enjoyable and successful event. Special thanks to all who baked cakes and donated prizes for the Summer Raffle. The happy atmosphere was helped along by Caroline Derbyshire and The Dementia Memories Choir, who were greatly entertaining and much appreciated by attendees who generously donated almost £200 to their organisation through a special collection.

Monies raised over recent weeks at the weekly "Chatterry" enabled an end of season donation of £950 to be given to Monsignor John for use within the parish, for which he expresses his thanks to all concerned for their support, generosity and strong fellowship within our community.

■ Ordination of Andy Dell to the Diaconate

This will take place in the Cathedral on **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6th AT 12 NOON**. It is hoped that a good number of parishioners will be able to attend to pray for, give support to and congratulate Andy and his family on this very special occasion. To make it easy to do so, we are arranging a coach, which will depart from outside the Gild Hall at 10.30am. Returning from the Cathedral after the service and a short reception at around 3pm. **Details of cost and a list for people to sign up to will appear and be available from early August.**

■ Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

We are in the process of organising another parish pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. It will take place from **18th to 22nd May**. Full details, a list of interest and booking forms will be available from the end of August. Watch the Newsletter for further announcements.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **June** draw was number **184**. 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!

■ Musical Fundraiser for Sudan

We are delighted to announce that Gabriel Balasubramanian-Basu raised £1045 for the St Patrick's Missionary Society's work in Sudan at his piano recital on Saturday 5th July at Holy Trinity Church. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and gave so generously; we look forward to seeing you again next year!



■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers are walking from Carnforth in Lancashire on **Saturday 9th August 2025** and have two circular walks on offer. The A walk is 10 miles but has an ascent of only 492 ft. The B walk is 7 miles and is mostly flat. The A walk is faster and higher (usually) and the B walk lower and slower. Carnforth is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and is famous for being the location of the classic romantic 1945 drama "Brief Encounter".

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.

■ World Grandparents and Elderly Day

Sunday 27 July is World Grandparents and Elderly Day – a day that was established by Pope Francis in 2021. It is held annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is "*Blessed are those who have not lost hope*" (cf. Sir 14:2). The day is an opportunity to recognise the important role of grandparents and the elderly in families and society, and to show them love and appreciation. It is also a time to reflect on how their presence can be a sign of hope for future generations.

PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!

Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time, animated by the hope that comes from You!

Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars, to bring the hope of peace.

Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing, to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.

Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones and for everyone we meet, the memory of your tenderness.

Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You, the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost.

For in You, Lord, everything begins again!

Amen.

