



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

28th Apr 2024 –Easter Week 5

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2,
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School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Monday Movies** – 29th April, 11am at the Gild Hall Activity Centre.
- **Parish Family Fun Day** – 6th May 12 noon – 4pm at the Gild Hall Activity Centre
- **Confirmation Mass (Group A)** – Thurs 23rd May, St John Stone, celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.
- **Confirmation Mass (Group B)** – Thurs 13th June, St John Stone, celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.



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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 27 th Apr	6.00pm	Holy Mass	E & P Kowalski
Sunday 28 th Apr	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Tom & Collette Williams
Tuesday 30 th Apr	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Barbara Doyle
Wednesday 1 st May	10.00am	Requiem Mass – William Kershaw	
Thursday 2 nd May	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Enid Scanlan
Saturday 4 th May	6.00pm	Holy Mass	John Otty
Sunday 5 th May	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Bernard Dean

Weekly Collection £1,045.34 Thank you!

Forthcoming Funerals: Harry Kelly 8th May at 10.00am

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church, Olivia Baillie, Walter & Leo Ramsdale, Elizabeth Metcalf, Penelope Williams.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 22nd April – Frank Dunne x3, Patsy Daley x2.

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

Mary Scannell, Frances Cushing, Teresa Keelan, Dorothy Robinson (of Altcar), Francis Dunne, Joan Phillips, William Kershaw, Henry (Harry) Kelly, Patricia Ann Brereton, John Simmons 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, Barbara Doyle, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones and Ruth Purcell.

Parish Notices

■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

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 session.**

Due to increased numbers this year, there will be 2 groups and 2 Confirmation Celebration dates as below. Candidates will be assigned to Group A or Group B and will be able to change group, if necessary, they just need to let us know when they attend the preparation meetings.

CONFIRMATION GROUP A

Confirmation Celebration Mass – May 23rd at 7.00pm in St. John Stone Church, Ainsdale celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.

Confirmation Preparation Meetings:- All sessions to take place in St. John Stone Church April 18th at 6.00pm.
April 25th at 6.00pm.
May 2nd @ 6.00pm.
May 16th at 6.00pm.

CONFIRMATION GROUP B

Confirmation Celebration Mass – June 13th at 7.00pm in St. John Stone Church, Ainsdale celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.

Confirmation Preparation Meetings:- All sessions to take place in St. John Stone Church April 18th at 7.30pm.
April 25th at 7.30pm.
May 3rd at 7.30pm.
Final Practice Session – to be confirmed.

■ The Chatterly

This **Wednesday, 1st May**, there is a warm and welcome return to local historian and personality Joan Rimmer, who will once again entertain us with wonderful stories of Formby as it used to be in former years. Do come along to the Gild Hall lounges 2pm to 3pm for tea/ coffee and a friendly chat!

Also donations of cakes for the stall that The Chatterly will be hosting on the May Bank Holiday Parish FUN DAY would be most appreciated. Kindly let Pam know if you are able to supply / assist for that event. Thanks!

■ Monday Morning Movie – 29th April, 11am at the Gild Hall Activity Centre

The next film will be Top Gun: Maverick. More than 3 decades after the original Top Gun film was made, Tom Cruise returns in this thrilling blockbuster. An emotional rollercoaster, it will keep you gripped as the action plays out on the big screen. Free entry and refreshments. Open to all adults. This film is rated 12.

■ Red Boxes

In 2023, Our Lady of Compassion raised £498.97 through our red boxes. Thank you so much! Our Lady of Compassion is part of a world-wide network supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Father Ignatius MHM working in a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit Missio.org.uk to find out more. Thank you again, Paddy Kerwin.

■ Justice and Peace

Could the owner of a Mother's Day card from a parishioner who donated a pink gift bag to the recent raffle (*Inside, the card says, "To Mum. Hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day. All our love, Ste, Julie, Matty and Ethan*) please contact Bruni on (876038) or any of the Justice and Peace members.

ALSO PLEASE CHECK THE RAFFLE WINNERS' LIST IN THE PORCH.

■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers have two circular walks on the 11th May 2024 from the Derbyshire Village of Eyam in the Peak District. The A walk is 10.6 miles and 2060 ft of ascent. We walk past a number of the village landmarks and out onto the moors, good views from Sir William Hill, through Abney Clough to Abney, returning via Bretton and Foolow. The B walk is 7.3 miles and 1060 ft. mostly on good tracks, walking through Eyam to Coombe Dale and returning via Stoney Middleton. Eyam is known as the "Plague Village" where the villagers isolated themselves for a year to try to contain an outbreak of bubonic plague. The A walk is 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.

■ Fast for Gaza – Thank you

A huge “thank you” to all who contributed so generously to the fundraiser, to support the wonderful work of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Gaza. They have written to thank you all for the £435 received (the letter is on the Church Notice Board for you to read). May the Lord bless you all for your kindness and compassion. Janet.

■ CAFOD - Sudan Emergency Appeal

The people of Sudan need our help urgently. We are launching an **emergency appeal** for donations to get aid to them on the biggest scale we can muster. When violence broke out last year in Sudan between government and paramilitaries, most aid agencies evacuated. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help, meaning severe delays in getting aid to the people, and the challenges of getting into areas where fighting is still going on remain. Many borders are shut as the government say they need to keep weapons out. But the Church and our local partners are still there. **A collection will therefore be held at Masses on 27th and 28th April.**

■ CAFOD – Save the Date & A Year of Encounter

Come and join CAFOD to hear Tom Delamere share his experience of working in South Sudan and explore the power of leaving a gift in your Will to make a lasting impact in the world. We will have lunch together, and weather permitting, enjoy some reflection time in the beautiful grounds. St Joseph’s Prayer Centre, Formby, L37 1PH on Thurs 6 June, 10.30am to 2pm. To find out more and to book your place please go to www.cafod.org.uk/legacyevent

A Year of Encounter - *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online session on Saturday 4th May to learn more.