



# 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

**28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter week 2**  
School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

*Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714*

## Information & Events

- Family Mass – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11am
- Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 – 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
(booking forms available from the end of Aug)



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh

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## Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Theresa Lester
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Jon Godfrey
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	10.00am	<b>REQUIEM MASS – Kieran Deasey</b>	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Musker
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>NO MASS OR SERVICE</b>		
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Tony Garner
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Griffin

**Weekly Collections:** £ 921.03 (7<sup>th</sup> Sept), £1,223.61 (14<sup>th</sup> Sept), £1,243.32 (21<sup>st</sup> Sept) Thank you!

**Second Collections:** £414.57 Catholic Education & £301.00 Evangelii Gaudium Thank you!

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Church, Birdie Butterworth Ford, Harry & Thomas Riley, Robyn Small, Tara Buckley

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Kieran Deasey 30<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10am, Kathleen Cuffe 8<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept** – Holy Souls in Purgatory, Tommy Bulger x2, Mary & Gerard Murch, Betty & Robert Lloyd, Tyler Forshaw, Vincent Cobane, Erasmo Grossi, Teresa & Ken Campbell x2.

**Please pray for the lately Dead including;** Joan Gettins, Pat Hawkins, Lesley Murphy, Patrick Francis Naughton, John Hall, Anthony Garner, Mary Patricia Davies, Michael Ford, Ann Valerie Keating, Irene Price, Kieran Deasey, Kathleen Cuffe and all their families.

**And let us pray for those who are sick including;** Dominic Tomlinson, Beryl Prescott, Margaret Nuttall, Edward Schofield, Chris Monckton, Mary Turner, Nell Piggott, Nora Kilbane.



# Parish Notices

Dear Parish Family,

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your prayers, kind words, and generous gifts as I was ordained a deacon. Your support has meant so much to me and my family throughout this journey. I am truly blessed to serve such a loving and faith-filled community. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I begin this new chapter of ministry. With sincere thanks and blessings, Andy

## ■ CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Next weekend the second collection will be for CAFOD. Please donate to their Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. You can donate via the CAFOD envelope at next week's second collection, online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call **0303 303 3030**. You can also **text CAFOD to 70560** to donate £10. Thank you for your prayers and support.

## ■ Family Mass – 5<sup>th</sup> October

The next Family Mass will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. If you would like your child to read at this Family Mass please message Andrea on 07342 692957.

## ■ Shoebox Express – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Please join us on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October for the fun of the Shoebox Express® Grand Charity Bazaar, packing Christmas shoebox parcels of you and practical assistance for displaced children in Ukraine. Bring your family and friends, it's a fun and rewarding event for all ages. It's not compulsory to make a Christmas shoebox, you can just come for the buzz, the free refreshments and bacon rolls! If you decide to fill a Christmas shoebox, we will give you a Christmassy box and our tables of stationery, toiletries, hats & gloves, toys & games and sweets will give you an impressive choice of suitable gifts for your box. We know there's a cost-of-living crisis, so we ask a suggested donation of £8 towards the cost of all items you pack and the overseas shipping. If you wish to donate more or less, please know that's okay with us. Shoebox Express® is all about eliminating barriers to participation. We even accept credit & debit cards. The Trustees pay all the running costs of the charity and everyone donates their time for free, so you can be confident your donation is used where it counts. Your Christmas shoebox will help relieve poverty and promote the happiness of a child living in extremely difficult circumstances. Thank you.

## ■ Monday Morning Movies

Due to personal circumstances, Monday Morning Movie will be suspended until further notice. The scheduled screenings for September through to December will not take place. Thank you to all our lovely movie goers for your good company and help.

## ■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **August** draw was number **21**. 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!

## ■ Our Lady's Fell Walkers

Our Lady's Fell Walkers have two walks on **Saturday 11th October 2025** from Coniston Village, sitting at the northern end of Coniston Water in the Lake District. The A walk is 9 miles with an ascent of 460 metres and the B walk is 6.6 miles with an ascent of 210 metres. The A walk is faster and higher, and the B walk lower and slower. 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.



### ■ The Chatterbox

On Wednesday 1st October, we welcome Joe Leigh and a colleague from “The Green Doctors” to the Parish Centre at the rear of the Gild Hall car park. They will be giving tips on how to stay warm, stay well and how to save money on household bills and other top tips for the coming Winter. 2pm to 3.30 pm. £2 entry includes tea/ coffee/ biscuits / raffle. All Welcome!

### ■ Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

Places in twin or triple rooms are still available on our parish pilgrimage next year, 18th to 22nd May. A list is available at the back of church for interested people to sign up. Mike Halford will then send you further information together with a booking form. **For those already signed up, booking forms and deposits are due in by SUNDAY OCTOBER 5 as per the instructions in the recent letter.** Anyone requiring further information can contact Mike on 879508.

### ■ Handmade Rosary Bracelets

A parishioner will be selling handmade rosary bracelets again with all proceeds for OLOC. They will be available on Sunday from 10:30 to 11:00 am. Prices will be £8@ for those with semi-precious stones and £5@ for those with manmade materials. Some of the bracelets can be used as key chains or as mobile phone decorations. It can be thoughtful gifts or remind us that we are proud Catholics and say more rosaries, especially in October.”

### ■ Maria Parker

Following the effects of an accident last year, unfortunately Maria Parker is unable to continue in her role as assistant Catholic Chaplain at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital and Queens Court Hospice. It is with sadness that Maria has now left this role, but she remains very much in our thoughts and prayers as her recovery continues. We are all immensely grateful to her for her dedication, commitment and love of those she served during her time in this special ministry. Maria will be greatly missed by us and especially by all the patients. Fr. Kevin McLoughlin, Hospital Chaplain.

### ■ Irenaeus – Day of Renewal

Day of Renewal at the Irenaeus Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. It is being led by Abhy Thomas. Abhy has been involved with Catholic Charismatic Renewal for over 20 years through the international Catholic movement, Jesus Youth. He has served the Lord through Jesus Youth in various capacities, including as the first Youth Coordinator in the UK, two terms as Jesus Youth UK National Coordinator, and a member of the Jesus Youth international council. Please also see Church Noticeboard for upcoming events.

### ■ Medjugorje Candlelight Procession and Rosary

**MEDJUGORJE** Candlelight Procession and Rosary is live streamed each month via Zoom. To receive the link and be put on the mailing list, e-mail Joe Walsh Tours at: [joewalstours@tel.net.ba](mailto:joewalstours@tel.net.ba)

### ■ The Newman Association

Tony Hickey, International Retreat Director on Scripture and Divine Will, will give a Talk about MEDJUGORJE on Thursday, 16th October, 7 pm for 7.30 pm at St. Helen's Church Parish Centre, 112, Alexandra Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 7TQ (Tel. No. 0151 924 3417). *Not to be missed!* Everyone very welcome. Refreshments beforehand.

ALSO

**Fr. Simon CADWALLADER'S Bring & Buy fundraiser held on Saturday, 23rd August**, at St. Helen's Church Parish Centre, L23 7TQ for the work he carries out in his Parish in Peru, raised the wonderful sum of **£1,600!** With grateful thanks to everyone who donated items, attended the event, and helped in any way!

### ■ Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage

Applications for the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage with Sefton Coach 7 are LIVE now at [liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk](http://liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk) Young people aged from Year 10-age of 22 are invited to be part of Coach 7 this year (22nd-31st July 2026). The cost of the pilgrimage is £720 but fundraising will reduce this cost. For more information email [coach7@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:coach7@rcaol.org.uk)

