



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

30th April 2023 – Easter Week 4

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle, psalter week 4

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

Coronation Weekend – 6th & 7th May – see
www.formbyevents.co.uk for more information.

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



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Newsletter



Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 29 th Apr	6.00pm	St Jerome	Maureen Connolly
Sunday 30 th Apr	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Marie Joyce White
Tuesday 2 nd May	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Bella Doyle
Wednesday 3 rd May	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Frederick Wilson
Thursday 4 th May	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Martha Blackham
Friday 5 th May	10.00am	Coronation Mass	The King and Royal Family
Saturday 6 th May	6.00pm	St Jerome	Martin Jackson
Sunday 7 th May	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	John Doyle

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.

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

Weekly Collection £1,180.52 Thank you!

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Tor Gillespie, Peter Dunne, Annette Hancock, Cathy Doyle, Theresa Hanlon, Pat Formby, Peter Lovelady, Edward Billington, Margaret Baxter 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, Mary Pinkman and Terry Otty.

Parish Notices

Schools Update

Please pray for the 33 children in year 4 at Our Lady's School who celebrated their First Confession in our church on Wednesday evening. They will make their First Communion on 20th May. The children of year 4 at St Jerome's School will celebrate their First Confession on May 10th and their First Communion on May 12th.

Deanery News

Please remember in your prayers, the Parish Priests of our Deanery who met last Thursday for their monthly meeting. The Deanery Synodal Council will meet on May 2nd.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

Preparation Meetings - there will be two preparation meetings this year on **Wednesday May 10th & 17th** at 7.00pm at St John Stone Church, Birkdale.

There will also be a meeting for all those being confirmed with Fr John after **11am Mass on Sunday 21st May**.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes, which has been a year in the planning, will take place from Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May. It is the custom for pilgrims going to Lourdes, to take with them prayer intentions from their parish community. To encourage this custom in our parish, there will be specially printed envelopes marked "Petitions for Lourdes" at the back of the church this weekend. Please insert the names of those you would like the pilgrims to present to Our Lady in Lourdes during our pilgrimage. Please make sure that the envelopes are all returned by the end of 11am Mass on Sunday 14th May.

Mass for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III

At the request of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, Mass will be celebrated for the King and Royal Family on the eve of the Coronation on Friday 5th May at 10am.

Mass Intentions

The people of our Catholic Community are very generous in asking for Masses to be offered for various intentions and especially for their loved ones who have died. Recently we have had a backlog of almost 60 Mass intentions waiting to be celebrated. Since Fr John may only offer 1 Mass intention per day and given that there is a maximum of 5 that he may celebrate in any given week, the backlog always lengthens quickly. Parish priests are requested to retain only those Masses that can be celebrated in a reasonable period of time. Therefore, here in our parish, the number of Mass intentions handed in are too many for Fr John to celebrate. It has been our custom to send Mass intentions to priests who receive none. We have been sending most to the priests at Mill Hill who for many years have supported our Catholic Community in the provision of Masses. They have expressed their deep gratitude for this generous gift. We are aware that this is a sensitive area and that people would like the Masses to be celebrated in their Parish Church. Nevertheless, we hope you will understand that this is not always possible.

Going forward, we shall now print in the newsletter, an acknowledgement of receipt for each Mass intention we receive. This will reassure the donor that we have received the intention and the accompanying offering. However, this provides no guarantee that the Mass will be celebrated in the parish.

Pray in May with Mary's Meals

In this month dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the work of Mary's Meals, a mission carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some of the world's poorest communities. This meal brings children into the classroom where they can get an education, offering hope of a better future. Our work began with prayer, and prayer has sustained our rapid growth - from feeding 200 children in 2002 to feeding over 2.4 million children today.

Please join us in praying for:

- all the children who receive Mary's Meals
- all those who have grown up eating Mary's Meals and gone out into the world as adults
- all the children still waiting for Mary's meals, that we will be able to reach them soon.

A prayer for hope

Thank you for the hope that life-changing meals bring to the communities that Mary's Meals serve. May the work of Mary's Meals help to bring hope and strength to the world and may those children whose lives have been transformed by receiving Mary's Meals use their education and voices to change their communities for the better.
Amen

Justice and Peace Raffle for Sister Orla in South Sudan

Thank you to everyone who donated in any way to the Raffle. Our final total of £1,325 has already been sent securely to Sister Orla, by bank transfer through the Loreto bank account in Dublin. As you know, times are very bad in Sudan and trouble can spread so quickly. Please ask the Lord to keep them safe.

The Chatterry

On **Wednesday 3rd May**, there will be a special Afternoon (£5), to celebrate the Coronation of the King & Queen. Bookings are essential for this event. Please telephone Pam Dunne on 871381 to reserve your place - 2pm to 3.30pm in the main room of The Gild Hall.

The following week, **May 10th**, we shall keep the Coronation theme going with a "Royal Quiz."

OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers will be walking from the ancient village of Hayfield in the Peak District on Saturday 13th May 2023. The A walk is 9.5 miles and 1950ft and follows some of the route taken by the 1932 mass trespass walkers to the Kinder plateau - an important step in the creation of the Peak District National Park and future rights to roam. Our walk starts from Hollingsworth Head and crosses Burnt Hill to the Pennine Way and onto Kinder Plateau. We walk along the edge past Kinder Downfall and Kinder Low. There are good views across the Goyt Valley and over to Chinley and Manchester. We return to Hayfield past Kinderlow end and Edale Cross. There are generally good paths and few stiles, though the walk across Kinder Plateau is quite rough, with plenty of rocks and boulders to negotiate. Walking poles would be useful.

The B walk is 7.5 miles and 1400 ft. The first part of the walk follows the Sett Valley Trail to Lantern Pike. This was the track bed of a railway that until 1970 linked Hayfield with New Mills and Manchester and is now a pleasant tree lined haven for wildlife. We walk past Lantern Pike and then along quiet country lanes. Crossing the busy Glossop road we climb to Middle Moor with good views over to Kinder and then return to Hayfield along the Snake Path. Paths are generally good, though there are some rough sections where care is needed, mud and a small ford to cross towards the end of the walk. Hayfield has a couple of good pubs at the end of the walks, The George and The Packhorse and tea shop Rosie Lee is open till 4.00. The village will be in festive mode as it's the annual May Queen Festival this weekend, so there's likely to be a lot of bunting about!

We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. The coach leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road, Formby, at 8 a.m on the day and you can book your place by ringing 01704 878548. The A walk is a higher, faster walk and the B a lower, slower walk. There is always a stop for coffee/tea/bacon barmes etc., on the way out and time after the walk to visit local cafes, shops and pubs. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and boots and bring a packed lunch. Sticks are also handy if you have them.

CORONATION EVENTS - UPDATES

After all the hard work by a small but dedicated team, we are now looking forward to 3 days of community events. We just need to tie up a few last things ...

TICKETS: We still have some tickets left for both events.

Saturday 6th Live Screening is free with teas, coffees and cakes (on a donation basis).

Sunday 7th Social evening with Live music and entertainment is £10 a ticket. These are selling well, shaping up to be a great evening!

We will be at all weekend masses with tickets (and a card machine!)

Do please email or call us to reserve.

SUNDAY & MONDAY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED + HELPERS TO RUN STALLS (NO CASH HANDLING)

Sunday 7th - From 1pm at Guild Hall Activity Centre – Helping set-up gazebos and decorating the Gild Hall for the evening event – Also cleaning -up after the event (From 11pm)

Monday 8th – From 9am at Gild HALL Activity Centre – Helping set-up tables and attractions + run stalls – Also cleaning up after the event (from 4pm). **If you can help – please email or text to let us know.**

IF YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED A GAZEBO OR PLANTS FOR THE MONDAY:

Do please drop them off on the Sunday 7th from 1pm at the Gild Hall Activity Centre, so we can help you set them up.

MONDAY 8TH FAMILY FUNDAY

Right from walking into the hall we will have local artisan craft stalls, plus teas, coffees and cakes. You can get on a village walking treasure hunt with some great family prizes. We'll have the largest bouncy slide in Merseyside at 28ft! (Age limit is 12). Some great skills games for all ages, plus a lovely craft area for younger ones, as well as chocolate tombola – all attractions will be on a ticket exchange system. Plus in front of a picnic area, with hot dogs too - we'll be having live music throughout the event! The weather is going to be fab Do please come along!

FINAL PLANNING MEETING

Wednesday 3rd May at 10:30am in the Gild Hall Activity Centre.

To reserve tickets, offer help or any other questions, do please contact us via either:

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