



# Our Lady of Compassion Formby

Part of a Family of Parishes with  
Our Lady of Victories Hightown, Holy Family Ince Blundell,  
St John Stone and Sacred Heart Ainsdale & Woodvale

30<sup>th</sup> Mar 2025 – **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter week 4**

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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

## Information & Events

- **Monday Movies** – 14<sup>th</sup> April, 11am at the Activity Centre
- **Parish Spring Fayre** – 5<sup>th</sup> May 11am – 4pm



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# Newsletter

## Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass	David Fraser
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Farrell
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	No Mass or Service		
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	09.15am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	David Scragg
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Rosaleen & Anne Boggan
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6.00pm	Holy Mass	David Wright
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Martin Jackson

**Weekly Collection: £1,113.45 Thank you!**

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Ged Cunningham 10<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, Mary Nicolette Scarisbrick 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, Frank Greaney 16<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 24<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Deceased relatives of Crooks family, Ann & John Crooks, Ged Cunningham x4, Joe Nolan x2, Danny Rathbone x2, Helene Kolassa x2, Alan Duckett, D O’Donoghue, Beryl McElwaine-O’Donnel, Kathleen Glackin, Brian Palmer, Alan Wright.

**Mass Intentions sent to Mill Hill to be said during Mar/Apr** – Rose Barns, Philip Locke, Philip Molyneux, Margaret Klymec, Steve Klymec, Jim Murray, Nicky Drane, Charles Madden, Suzanne Jones, John Erskine, Patrick Erskine, Philip Locke, Tommy Bulger x2, Irene Brouwes Houben, Margaret McMahon, Paul Kershaw, Callow family, Elzbieta Kajtaniak, Janet Houghton, Dympna Walker, Kiraz Erica Dullaghan, Maria Valente, Brian Palmer, Jenny Moran, Tony Whitelaw, Richard Prendergast.

**Please pray for the lately Dead including;** Mary Josephine Farrell, Jim Murray, Philip Locke, Tony Driscoll, Peter Swift, Andrew Cormack, David Lewin, Terence Airey, Frances Janet Houghton, Kathleen Glackin, Mary Nicolette Scarisbrick, Paddy Kerwin, Ged Cunningham, Frank Greaney and all their families.

**And let us pray for those who are sick including;**

Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Margaret Nutall, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Beryl Prescott, Kathleen O’Gorman, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones, Claire Charlton, Dominic Tomlinson, Tim Chrimes, Joe Murphy.

# Parish Notices

## HOLY WEEK 2025

Day	Time	
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>		
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	9.00am	Holy Mass
	11.00am	Holy Mass
<b>TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK</b>		
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Mary Nicolette Scarisbrick
<b>WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK</b>		
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Frank Greaney
<b>THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM</b>		
<b>THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER</b>		
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	7.30pm	Evening Mass followed by watching at the Altar of Repose
<b>FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>		
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	10.00am	Stations of the Cross
	11.00am	Walk of Witness – Formby Village
	3.00pm	The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord <i>Collection for the Holy Places</i>
<b>THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT</b>		
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	8.00pm	The blessing of the Fire and preparation of the Candle The Liturgy of the Word Rite of Baptism and Confirmation Renewal of Baptismal Promises Sprinkling with Newly Blessed Water First Mass of Easter
<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>		
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	9.00am	Holy Mass
	11.00am	Holy Mass – Family Mass

### ■ Gift Aid Boxes for collection

The Gift Aid Boxes for 2025/6 tax year, are now available for collection from outside the Sacristy. Could we please ask you only use the new brown envelopes from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025, as the yellow ones cannot be accepted from this date. Thank you.

### ■ CAFOD Collection – Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers, fasting, and kind donations for CAFOD. In this Jubilee Year your generosity offers hope to our global sisters and brothers impacted by extreme poverty, war and climate change. Thank you for being a pilgrim of hope.

### ■ The Chatterery

This week at the chatterery there will be time for “chatter” and a “mini” quiz. Do come along on Wednesday afternoon, April 2nd, from 2pm to 3.30pm in the parish Activity Centre. **Group 3 helpers or stand-ins on duty this week.**

The following week, April 9th, will be the last session before our Easter break. Full details will appear in next week's newsletter.

### ■ OLOC Fell Walkers

Our walks on **Saturday 12.4.25** are from the beautiful market town of Grassington in Upper Wharfedale, in the outstanding scenery of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The A Walk is just under 10 miles with a total ascent of 1285 ft. The B walk is 7.22 miles with an elevation gain of 592 ft with no significant climbs although there are some easy stepping stones across a beck and stiles to navigate. 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.

### ■ Parish Spring Fayre – A Family Fun Day – 5<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday Monday

Plans are well underway to make this year's event a great success and a fun day for all our families and the local community.

A planning meeting will be held at the Activity Centre, behind the Gild Hall on **Wednesday 2 April at 3:30pm immediately after the Chatterery**. Thank you to all who have already agreed to help, if you would like to be involved please come along to the meeting or let Steve or Toni Drury know by emailing [contact@forbyevents.co.uk](mailto:contact@forbyevents.co.uk) or call Toni on 07814614144.

**Tombola Donations** - Next weekend a box will be placed at the back of church for donations towards the chocolate and bottle tombolas.

**Plant Stall** - This was extremely popular last year. As the gardening season starts in earnest, as you divide and sow plants for the garden, please pot a few up for the plant stall. They will be able to be dropped off at the Activity Centre before the Fayre or on the day - more details to follow. We hope to have a wide range of plants to see your garden in bloom from early May through to later summer. This year, we aim to sell hanging baskets by recycling old hanging pots and filling them with beautiful blooms. If you have old pots and baskets from last year, please let Toni know on 07814614144 to arrange how to pass on to be replanted. Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to a wonderful fun day for our Parish and community.

### ■ Churches Together - Formby Family Space

Could you spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnight? The **Formby Family Space** afterschool club is proving very popular with children of our local primary schools and their families. We need more volunteers to join our friendly and welcoming team to chat, supervise crafts, games or help prepare a simple meal on Thursday afternoons at the Lighthouse church. You can bring your children/grandchildren. For more information speak to your Churches Together Representative, ring Dymrna on 07722 014530, or sign up at <https://compassionacts.uk/volunteer/>

### ■ St Jerome's School- Easter Party

On **Thursday 3rd April**, Class Six pupils will host an Easter Party for senior members of our parish. This follows on from our very successful party held at Christmas. We will provide guests with some refreshments, party games and a few songs from our school choir. If you would like to attend, please let the school office know so that we can add you to the guest list. 01704 833 211. Guests are asked to arrive at **2pm** and the party will end just after **3pm**.