



# 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

**31<sup>st</sup> August – 22<sup>nd</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

- **Ordination of Andy Dell** – 6<sup>th</sup> September, 12 Noon at the Cathedral (see *Parish Notices* for further details)
- **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026** – 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May (booking forms available from the end of Aug)



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## Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Joan Marsden
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Alan English
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>NO MASS OR SERVICE</b>		
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Feast of St Gregory the Great</b>		
	10.00am	SERVICE OF THE WORD AND COMMUNION	
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pat Hawkins
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Carol Williams
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Edward Ratnasingham

**Weekly Collection: £917.53 Thank you!**

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Anthony Garner 9<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10am, Mary Patricia Davies 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 25<sup>th</sup> Aug –** Mary Griffin, Terry O'Connor, John Stack.

**Please pray for the lately Dead including;** Pauline Roberts, Margaret Croutear, Joan Gettins, Pat Hawkins, Lesley Murphy, Patrick Francis Naughton, John Hall, Anthony Garner, Mary Patricia Davies, Michael Ford and all their families.

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



# Parish Notices

## ■ Cathedral Coach for the Ordination of Andy Dell to the Diaconate

Confirmation of bookings and payments (£8.50) will be taken at THE END OF all three Masses this weekend 30/31st August, for all those who have signed the list. Please try to have the correct money. There will be parishioners on duty to undertake this task at the back of Church.

If anyone has any difficulty or requires further information, please contact Mike Halford on 879508. Those travelling on the coach are asked to be at **The Gild Hall, no later than 10.20am for a prompt 10.30am departure on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Thank You.

## ■ Digging Deeper Autumn Lectures – Sacred Heart Church, Ainsdale.

An Autumn season of lectures offering an ecumenical opportunity to dig deeper into what Christians believe. *The Apostle Paul reasoned daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus Acts 19:9*. Professor John Sullivan, Canon Dr Rod Garner and Dr Jon Darby will follow in Paul's footsteps. Their aim is to explain and guide our thinking towards a better understanding of the faith in our Lord Jesus to which we hold so dear. Each lecture is expected to last approximately 90 minutes, which will include discussion time. There is no charge for this series of events, however a small donation towards refreshments and speaker expenses would be appreciated.

### Lecture Dates

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September**, 7pm – Professor John Sullivan

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**, 7pm – Rev Canon Dr Rod Garner

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**, 7pm – Dr Jon Darby

## ■ OLOC Fell Walkers

Our Lady's Fell Walkers have two circular walks from Chirk on **Saturday 13.9.25**. The A Walk is 11.5 miles with 360m ascent and the B Walk is 7.8 miles with 250 of ascent. Chirk is a town in Wales on the Wales/Shropshire Border known for its Castle, a NT property, the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and the Chirk Railway. 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."

## ■ St Jerome's School - Annual Mission Week

Calling all crocheting enthusiasts! The children of St Jerome's would love you to help them out with some crocheting as part of our annual Mission Week. The event will be held on **Wednesday 10th September 1.30-3.00**. Please contact the school office on 01704 833 211 if you are able to help.

## ■ Important Updates: Live Streaming & New YouTube Channel

We know many of you have appreciated our live streams of Mass and other events. To continue offering this valuable service, especially for those who are unable to attend in person, or exploring our faith, we've made some important updates in line with new guidelines.

### 1. Changes to Live Streaming

We've made a few adjustments to ensure your comfort and privacy during our live streams:

- **What We're Streaming:** We'll continue to **live stream every 11:00 AM Sunday Mass**, along with special feast days or occasions when an operator is available.
- **Where to Watch:** All streams will be publicly available for replay for up to **three months** after the live event.
- **Privacy & Seating:** Members of the congregation are not focused on during the streaming but may be visible at the times as the cameras follow the Mass. If you prefer not to be visible on camera, you'll notice **new signs** at the church entrances. These will identify designated "off-camera" seating areas. Separate arrangements are being made for Ministries of the Eucharist, Liturgy and Music.



- **Communion Privacy:** During Holy Communion, to respect personal privacy, the stream will display only church settings and the Archdiocese of Liverpool Spiritual Communion Prayer.
- **Children's Consent:** Children under 16 will only be shown on camera if we have **parental consent**. If consent isn't given, parents are responsible for ensuring their children remain off-camera.

## 2. Our New YouTube Channel!

We've launched a **brand-new YouTube channel!** Please update your bookmarks:

- **New Channel Address:** You can find us at <https://www.youtube.com/@ourladyofcompassionchurch>
- **New Channel Name:** Our new page name is 'Our Lady of Compassion Church Formby'
- **New Handle:** You can also find us by searching for @ourladyofcompassionchurch

You can start watching all our streams on this new channel from **August 3<sup>rd</sup>**. While we couldn't replicate the old account details (which were <https://www.youtube.com/@ourladyofcompassionformby> and 'Our Lady of Compassion Formby'), this new channel should be just as easy to find and follow once it's been active for a few weeks.

**Please visit our new YouTube channel and click "Follow" to stay connected!** We'll keep these new details on our existing page until mid-September, after which the old channel will be removed.

## ■ 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](mailto: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.**

## ■ Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

Lists will be available at all Masses from next weekend, September 6/7th for any parishioner who wishes to register an interest for our pilgrimage from 18th to 25th May next year. Details on next week's Newsletter.

## ■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **July** draw was number **22**. 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!

## ■ Thank You

Ann and Ed Schofield wish to thank the people of Our Lady's Parish for all the good wishes on the occasion of our 60th Wedding Anniversary. The support of this Parish has meant so much to us during the 60 years of our marriage. Much love and prayers for everyone, priests and people, who have been there for us always. God Bless you all.

