



SOLEMNITY OF
THE
RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD

Our Lady of
Compassion
Formby

31st Mar 2024 – Easter Week 1

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714



Information & Events

- **Parish Family Fun Day** – 6th May 12 noon – 4pm at the Gild Hall Activity Centre
- **Confirmation Mass** – Thurs 23rd May, St John Stone, celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.

Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh

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Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
HOLY SATURDAY			
Saturday 30 th Mar	8.00pm	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation	
EASTER SUNDAY			
Sunday 31 st Mar	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	
Tuesday 2 nd Apr	EASTER OCTAVE		
	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Linda Murray
Wednesday 3 rd Apr	EASTER OCTAVE		
	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Rosemary Gower
Thursday 4 th Apr	EASTER OCTAVE		
	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Mary McDonald
Saturday 6 th Apr	EASTER OCTAVE		
	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Tom Whawell
Sunday 7 th Apr	EASTER OCTAVE		
	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Bernadette O'Toole

Forthcoming Funerals: Teresa Keelan 11th April at 10am, Francis Dunne 15th April at 12 noon, Dorothy Robinson 17th April at 10am.

Prayer Rota: - In our weekly prayers for the other Christian communities of Formby, we pray for St Luke's, Formby.

Weekly Collection: £1,092.18 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 25th Mar – Joe Roberts, Eileen Dunphy, Vincent Maloney, Frank Dunne, The McHugh Family, Martin Fraser, Christine (Merriman) Steele.

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

Margaret Klymec, Linda Murray, David Wright, Philip Whiteside, Mary Scannell, Frances Cushing, Teresa Keelan Dorothy Robinson (of Altcar), Francis Dunne, 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, Frank Dunne, Barbara Doyle, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones and Ruth Purcell.

Parish Notices

■ **Gift Aid Envelopes for collection**

For those parishioners who give their offertory through Gift Aid, your envelopes for the coming financial year are ready for collection, from the table outside the Sacristy. If your box number is different from previous years, this is due to an update and the box number you have now been allocated, will remain going forward.

■ **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 - April 18th, April 25th, May 2nd, and May 9th.**

A Confirmation Mass on Thurs 23rd May will be celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon at St John Stone Church, Ainsdale.

■ **Church Flowers**

We are very blessed to have a team of dedicated and gifted flower arrangers who work hard behind the scenes, to make our church beautiful with their flower arrangements. This was very evident during the recent ‘Songs of Praise’ recording. The flowers team provided everything required by the BBC, which called for weeks of preparation before the event. On behalf of us all, a big thank you to the ladies for their hard work and dedication.

■ **The Chatterry**

The Chatterry will be closed for Holy Week and the two weeks after Easter.

We thank everyone for their loyal support at the various weekly gatherings since Christmas, for the enjoyment and praise for the varied programme of activities arranged, for the community spirit and friendship that abounds, and for all the assistance and support that the teams of helpers give to make the gathering run so smoothly.

We wish everyone a very Happy Easter and look forward to welcoming parishioners and friends back to the Gild Hall on **Wednesday 17th April at 2pm.**

■ **Divine Mercy Service 2024**

Sunday 7th April 2024 is the Feast of the Divine Mercy and we are delighted that we are once again able to hold a Divine Mercy Service on this day at Our Lady of Compassion Church. The service itself will start at 3pm and is expected to last just under an hour. (Please note that this is a service, not a Mass. Masses will be said at the usual times on this day.)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the service. (If you are unable to attend reconciliation on the day, you can make your own arrangements to have your confession heard, within the Octave.)

■ **UCM News**

The UCM Spring Bingo was a great success raising the amount of £650 which will be shared among the three nominated charities – Our Lady’s parish projects, the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage and the Formby Befriending Scheme. We cannot thank enough all those who helped in organising, attending and donating prizes for this event, your support was and always will be very much appreciated.

■ Justice and Peace Free Raffle for Mary's Meals

This Easter Sunday is the last chance to enter the Justice and Peace Free Raffle for Mary's Meals, as we will be drawing it on Easter Monday. If you have lost your little brown envelope, or if you would like to add other friends and family, or you are reading this online, just put an ordinary envelope through the door of 28 Bushbys Lane (with names and phone numbers), and we will make sure you are in the Raffle. Absolute deadline- midnight on Easter Sunday!! Thank you for your massive encouragement and support. Good luck everyone. Happy Easter!

■ Family Fun Day – Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Thank you to all those who have already volunteered to help make the day a success. Additional volunteers are always welcome so if you are able to assist setting-up, during the event or clearing away after, your input is very welcome and will help make this a successful Parish event. There will be a local artisan/craft fair along with a huge inflatable slide and a variety of games and prizes for all the family. We will also have a plant stall so if you are preparing to plant seeds or divide established plants as the gardening season starts, please put a few aside for us for the fun day.

We'll provide further details about the day very soon - but if you wish to be involved on the day or have any questions please do get in touch with us. Steve and Toni Drury Mobile/WhatsApp: 07767 343152:
email: contact@formbyevents.co.uk

■ April's Family Mass

April's family Mass will take place on **Sunday 14th at 11am**, as the first Sunday is in the middle of the Easter holidays. **The brunch will also be moved to 14th April.** If your child or grandchild would like to be involved in the family Mass, please contact Andrea on 07342692957.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **February** 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!

■ Retreats in North Wales

The Vincentian Divine Retreat Centre, Pantasaph, North Wales, have retreats for the duration of 2024, please see the notice board for details.