



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

3rd Mar 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 3

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk Registration is open from 15th January to 15th March 2024.

- Family Mass – OLOC 3rd March, 11am
- Monday Movies – 11th March Gild Hall Activity Centre
- Songs of Praise – OLOC 16th March 1-4pm by ticket only
- 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.



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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 2 nd Mar	6.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion	Catherine Lindsey
Sunday 3 rd Mar	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion – Family Mass	Gerry Callaghan
Tuesday 5 th Mar	09.15am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Bete Smyth
Wednesday 6 th Mar	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Linda Murray	
Thursday 7 th Mar	10.00am	Requiem Mass – David Wright	
Saturday 9 th Mar	6.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion	Mary Scannell
Sunday 10 th Mar	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Joan Flynn

Forthcoming Funerals: None.

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

Weekly Collection: £1,022.01 Thank you!

CAFOD Collection: £1,798.88 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 26th Feb –Elizabeth (Betty) Kane, Teresa Campbell, Elizabeth & Peter Kowalski, Tom & Collette Williams, Barbara Doyle, Maeve M.

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

David Jackson, Dr Hin Ching LIU, Fr Joe Whelan MHM, Patricia Starkey, Margaret Klymec, Linda Murray, David Wright, Philip Whiteside, Mary Scannell 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 and Barbara Doyle.

Parish Notices

■ Songs of Praise – cancellation of 6pm Vigil Mass on Sat 16th March

Due to the recording of Songs of Praise on Saturday 16th March from 1pm – 4pm and the clearance of technical equipment thereafter, we regret that in these exceptional circumstances, we will have to cancel the 6pm Vigil Mass. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

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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.

■ Services of Reconciliation Lent 2024

There will be a number of Services of Reconciliation for Lent across our Deanery on the following days:

- Tues Mar 12th, St John Stone Church Ainsdale at 7pm
- Tues Mar 19th at Our Lady's Church Formby at 7pm
- Thur Mar 21st at Holy Family Church Southport at 7pm

Please note that these celebrations will comprise of a short service and individual confessions. The priests of the Deanery will be present at all services to hear confessions.

■ The Chatterly

This **Wednesday, March 6th**, there will be a BRING AND BUY table in the lounges of the Gild Hall. Guests are invited to bring ONE item for the sale. There will also be the usual chat and catch up over tea and coffee as well as the weekly raffle with the entrance ticket of £1.50. There have been a number of new faces over recent weeks... always a pleasure to welcome everyone between 2pm and 3.30pm in the lounges of the Gild Hall.

■ CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk.

■ Big Lent Walk for CAFOD – 3rd March

All are welcome to join our **Big Lent Walk for CAFOD**. Leaving Our Lady's Church at the end of the 11am Family Mass on 3rd March, we will walk to the Gild Hall Activities Centre where Sunday Brunch is being held. At the Activities centre, we will continue to clock up our steps by walking around the small field outside. Do as little or as much as you would like to do, all the steps count! All are welcome to participate. Children, please ensure you have an adult with you! If you'd like to sponsor the walkers this is the link... Thank you!

<https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/our-lady-of-compassion-parish-formby-cafod-bi>

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **JANUARY** draw was number **61**. 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). Good luck!

■ Songs of Praise Open Rehearsal 6th March 7-8:15pm

The Church choir is deep in rehearsal for BBC Songs of Praise recording on 16th March. The selected hymns are being included at our Sunday Mass, while this ensures familiarity with the hymns, the arrangements now agreed with BBC will be slightly different. We are inviting those who have tickets to the recording on 16th March to attend an open rehearsal with the choir on Wednesday 6th March at Our Lady of Compassion Church, from 7-8:15 pm. This will enable all to be familiar with the hymns and the musical arrangements and support a confident recording

on the actual day. No need to book places for the rehearsal. We will be starting promptly at 7:00pm and look forward to seeing you there. Karina & John Beesley.

■ OLOC Fell Walkers

Our Lady's Fell Walkers have two circular walks planned on **Saturday 9th March 2024**. The walks start and end in the quaint market town of Kirby Lonsdale in Cumbria. The A walk is 9.8 miles with a height gain of 1640 ft and the B walk is 8 miles over rolling countryside with very little in the way of climb. The A walk is usually higher and faster and the B, a slower, lower walk. 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.

■ Youth Ministry Leader in the Lake District

Would you like to be a Youth Ministry Leader in the Lake District? Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

■ Formby Gild Acoustic Club – Wednesday 13th March

Every 2nd Wednesday of each month, the Formby Gild Acoustic Club is held at the Gild Hall. It's an evening of live acoustic music entertainment hosted by the Country Folk, and featuring local bands and singers, and a good raffle. The next evening is Wednesday 13th March. Doors open at 7.30pm and it's £3 on the door for a whole evening's entertainment.

■ Justice and Peace Group - Prisoners of Conscience

Each year the organisation **Action by Christians Against Torture** provides us with details of people currently being held in prison for political reasons. They have done nothing criminal (previously for example people such as Nazneen Zigari Radcliff and Alexei Navalny have been on the list).

Next week you will be offered a slip with the details, photo and address of **one** of today's prisoners. **What to do**

1. Please would you write a **non-religious message** of hope on a small card or postcard.
2. Address it.
3. Stamp it and post it (likely to cost £2.20).

We know it gives prisoners great comfort to realise that they are not forgotten. Sometimes their treatment improves when the prison authorities understand that their names are known in other countries.

■ UCM News

U.C.M. GRAND SPRING BINGO at the Gild Hall on **Wednesday, 20th March**. Please note this is an afternoon event and the doors will open at 1.15pm ready to start at 2.00pm. There are some super prizes, hampers and cash prizes together with a Raffle. Refreshments are available in the interval and the Bar is also open. Everyone welcome.

■ Final Warm and Cosy in St Jerome's

Monday 4th March will be the last warm and cosy at St Jerome's Hall. It will be from 9-11.00 am. All welcome.