



# 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2, Psalter Week 1**  
School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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



## Information & Events

- Parish Spring Fayre – Family Fun Day – Early Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May
- Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 – 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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## MASS TIMES

Day	Time	Intention	
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Private Intention
	10.00am	St Jerome's – First Communions	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass – Family Mass ( <i>no brunch</i> )	Maura Gibney
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Molly West
	7.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation – St John Stone	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00am	REQUIEM MASS – Patricia Hughes	
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Veronica Dunn
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Lynsey Hankin
	10.00am	Our Lady's – First Communions	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Martin Jackson

**Recent Parish Collections: £3,259.53 Thank you!**

**Holy Places Collection: £764.85**

**Priest's Training Fund Collection: £473.80**

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Patricia Hughes 6<sup>th</sup> May @ 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 29<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Molly West, Veronica Dunn, Lynsey Hankin, Martin Jackson x2.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Church, Francis Feeley, Henry Ellis, Alfie & Lillian Almulla, Parker & Sawyer Mills, Alfred Cooke, Giulio Jackson, Emmie Gerard,

**Please pray for the lately Dead including;** Molly West, Hilda Philips-Alexander, Peter Sullivan, Anthony Daley, Anthony Collins, Vera Norris, Winifred Coyne, Winifred Thompson, Patricia Hughes, Irene Delaney, Nora Kilbane and all their families.

**And let us pray for those who are sick including;** Dominic Tomlinson, Beryl Prescott, Margaret Nuttall, Edward Schofield, Mary Turner, Nell Piggott, , Rachel Jones, Rod Maguire, Irene Forshew, Bernard Philip, Ellen Hayes, Eileen Boyne, Joyce Blackledge, Patricia (Pat) Williamson, Freda Inning.



# Parish Notices

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026

The Confirmation sessions for young people in Year 8 and above are about to start. Please do not worry if you missed the deadline for applying with the Archdiocese. If you would still like to apply, please send an email to [southportandformbyconfirmation@gmail.com](mailto:southportandformbyconfirmation@gmail.com) – or phone and leave a message for Fr Paul on 01704-577722 – and you will be added to the list. The remaining Confirmation preparation dates will take place at St. John Stone Church, Sandbrook Way, Southport, PR8 3RN on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April. The sessions will run from 7pm to 8pm and attendance is essential.** We look forward to seeing you there. The Confirmation Celebrations themselves will take place in St. John Stone Church on **Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, both at 7.00pm.**

## ■ The Chatterly

The Chatterly this week welcomes Nick Dickson who will give a talk entitled “THE HISTORY OF FORMBY’S LIFEBOAT.” Doors open from 2pm to 3.30pm in the parish centre on Wednesday 6th May. All welcome. Tea/coffee/biscuits raffle £2. **Group 4 helpers or substitutes on duty this week please.**

THE CHATTERLY helpers are running a CAKE STALL at The Parish Spring Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th MAY. We are putting out a request to all bakers in the parish in the hope that they will donate items to this very popular stall. Cakes can be left at the parish centre on Sunday afternoon, 3rd May, from 2.30pm to 4pm or on Monday 4th May from 9am onwards. Thank You most sincerely if you are able to donate.

## ■ Lourdes Pilgrimage Petitions

Envelopes are available at the back of church for parishioners to take home and place any petitions in them that they may wish to have placed in the Grotto by those travelling to the shrine later this month from our parish under the leadership of Monsignor John.

Donations can also be given in the envelope towards a parish candle and to the shrine in general. Please return all envelopes by next Sunday, 10th May, if possible but no later than Sunday 17th May. Thank You.

## ■ Family Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 11am (no brunch)

Children from St Jerome’s making their First Holy Communion this Saturday are invited to attend the Family Mass in their outfits. Children from Our Lady of Compassion making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 9th May are invited to the 11am Mass on Sunday 10th May.

## ■ Mary’s Meals

This May, our parish is invited to join **Mary’s Meals UK** in their annual **Pray in May** campaign, praying for children worldwide who rely on a daily meal at school. Mary’s Meals UK has produced a range of **free prayer resources**, including bidding prayers, rosary reflections and a prayer calendar, suitable for use in Masses, services, parish groups, and personal prayer. These resources help us reflect on how prayer can lead to hope and practical action for those most in need: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-may-resources>

## ■ Our Lady’s Fell Walkers

Our Lady’s Fell Walkers have two walks on **Saturday 9th May 2026** from the market town of Settle in the Yorkshire Dales. Both walks involve a climb but with beautiful views. The A walk is 10 miles with a climb of 1600 ft and the B walk is 7.5 miles and reaches 310 metres at its highest point. The A walk is faster and higher, 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 good walking boots or shoes, weather appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch together with something waterproof to sit on. Sticks can also be helpful particularly at this time of year.



## ■ Second Collection - SVP

There will be a second collection taken at all Masses after Communion this weekend for the work of the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society and their current projects. For those who are able to Gift Aid their donation envelopes will be available to the back of church. Thank you for your support. It is much appreciated.

