



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 Birkdale

4th Aug 2024 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 2

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714



Information & Events

- **Family Mass** – Sun 6th Oct, 11am
- **Parish Family Lunch** – Sun 13th Oct, 12.30pm at the Gild Hall

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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 3 rd Aug	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Ukraine
Sunday 4 th Aug	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Pinkman
Tuesday 6 th Aug	No Mass		
Wednesday 7 th Aug	No Mass		
Thursday 8 th Aug	10.00am	Service of the Word & Communion	
Friday 9 th Aug	12 Noon	Marriage – John Shannon and Marion Kerwin	
Saturday 10 th Aug	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Patrick Ward
Sunday 11 th Aug	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Josie Beet

Weekly Collection: £1,009.90 Thank you!

Baptisms: None.

Forthcoming Funerals: Carol Williams, 16th Aug at 10am, Brenda Kelly 20th Aug at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 22nd July – William & Susan Hickey, Edward Lewis, Eamonn McAteer, Maureen McCarthy, Carol Williams, Bobby Jenkins, Dee Kelly, Ruth Jenkins, Alan Wright.

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

Jean Hersey, Mary Pinkman, Donald Gillett, Thomas Middleton, Anne Mawdsley, Jack Dickinson, Carol Williams, Brenda Kelly, Barbara Doyle, and all their families.

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

Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Beryl Prescott, Kathleen O’Gorman, John Holland, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones, Ruth Purcell, Claire Charlton, Dominic Tomlinson, Joe Bryan, Tim Grimes, Eileen Byrne.

Parish Notices

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hold in our thoughts and prayers all those involved in the Major Incident in Southport today.

For those who have been injured, for those who are parents, family, and friends of the injured, and for all involved in the emergency services, we pray for God's blessing, God's peace, and God's presence today.

Let us commend all to the loving intercession of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted as we pray for peace, healing, and justice.

My prayers are with you tonight.

+Malcolm OP
Archbishop of Liverpool



■ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Church opening

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be suspended as usual for the summer holidays and will resume in late September. **Therefore, the Church will open for morning Mass at 9.30am.**

■ Parish Family Lunch

On **Sunday 13th October at 12.30pm** we will be holding a Parish Family lunch at the Gild Hall.

■ The Chatterry

Due to the great support and generosity of parishioners and the weekly efforts of the organisers and helpers, a sum of £835 has been presented to Monsignor John for use within the parish. This sum represents the period from after Easter until the beginning of July, which is a tremendous amount in such a short period of time from tea/coffee and

small fund-raising efforts. This is the largest amount given to date and part of a magnificent £4,500 in only 2 years! Well done and many thanks to one and all! See you all again in September.

■ 160th Anniversary of our Our Lady's Church

The 14th August 2024 marks the 160th anniversary of the opening of Our Lady's Church in Formby. To mark this occasion, the area behind the meeting room has been landscaped and worked on by a small group of volunteers to make a quiet garden.

Next year, the new Archbishop will be invited to celebrate Mass and dedicate the garden to Our Lady. To complete the garden, we are looking to find a stone or metal statue of Our Lady, to be placed in the grotto area that has been constructed in the garden, if anyone is able to assist with this, please let Fr John know.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **June** draw was number **11**. 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!

■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers have two walks on **Saturday 10th August 2024**, both circular, from Hurst Green, near Clitheroe. The A walk is approximately 10 miles from Hurst Green to Longridge Fell, via the Tolkien Trail with a total ascent of 409 m. The B walk is 7 miles easy walking past Stoneyhurst College and along part of the Ribble Way. 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 Patrick's Missionary Society – Thank you

St Patrick's Missionary Society send their heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of Our Lady's, for the amount of £1,260 which was raised by Janet Basu's grandson Gabriel's piano recital. This will go far in the support of the missionary work of Father Blessed in Sudan.

Sefton North Coast Deanery Families of Parishes

A report on two Public Consultation Meetings (27th June and 4th July 2024) held at St Marie's and St John Stone's.

Forty-four people attended the first and thirty-seven people the second of these meetings, which were held to consult parishioners in the north and the south of the Deanery about ways to collaborate by sharing resources and talents in order to serve the mission of the Church in our area. The meetings were framed in prayer, scripture, silence and hymns. We were being asked to help each other to discern God's will for how our parishes could work together by strengthening our communication, building relationships, widening participation and enhancing our provision of faith formation, outreach and service to the people in our area. The Chairperson of the Deanery Synodal Council (DSC), Ben Miller, outlined the role of the DSC, introduced the members and explained what progress had been made so far in identifying and addressing some initial priorities (these included adult faith formation, youth and outreach to those in need). He explained the way the Deanery had been sub-divided into two Families of Parishes: one from the north of the Deanery (covering Holy Family, St Marie's and St Patrick's in Southport, together with Birkdale parishes, St Teresa's, St Joseph's and Our Lady of Lourdes); one from the south of the Deanery (including Sacred Heart & St John Stone in Ainsdale and Woodvale, Our Lady of Compassion in Formby, and Our Lady of Victories in Hightown along with Holy Family in Ince Blundell). He also shared three suggestions from the DSC about possible projects for collaboration. These related to (i) holding a Deanery or Families of Parishes musical event to bring church musicians together, (ii) planning a pilgrimage for either the Deanery or a Family of Parishes, and (iii) a task group to strengthen the partnership between home, parish and local Catholic secondary schools. Participants were invited to respond to these suggestions and to add their own, preferably by also offering assistance in bringing them to fruition. A helpful map of the Deanery, indicating the location of all parishes, was provided, as was a poster with details of three autumn Deanery events in support of adult faith formation. An explanation was given of how to conduct the small group conversations in a manner that facilitates the nature and purpose of synodality and people were asked to respond to two questions: What practical steps can we take to establish and help develop our Family of Parishes? What opportunities can be created?

Very many suggestions for developing cooperation between parishes were put forward: too many to summarise in a brief report. A separate complete list of all points raised in the group conversations and plenary session has been sent to each parish in the Deanery. We will need a follow-up meeting in the autumn to consult further and to build on the steps taken so far. It will be important, if the suggestions are to be put into action, that people step up to offer help in leading or supporting the various initiatives or areas for development. The Deanery Synodal Council give thanks to everyone who took part in the meetings, in any capacity, those behind the scenes setting out tables or providing refreshments or sorting out equipment – and for all the responses and suggestions put forward.

John Sullivan, on behalf of the Deanery Synodal Council, 10th July 2024.