



SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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

5th April – Easter Sunday

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

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714



Information & Events

- Family Masses - Sun 5th Apr, 11am
- Parish Spring Fayre – Family Fun Day – Early Bank Holiday Monday 4th May
- Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 – 18th – 22nd May

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MASS TIMES

Day	Time	Intention	
THE EASTER VIGIL			
Saturday 4th Apr	8.00pm	The blessing of the Fire and preparation of the Candle The Liturgy of the Word Renewal of Baptismal Promises Sprinkling with Newly Blessed Water First Mass of Easter	
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD			
Sunday 5th Apr	09.00am	Holy Mass	
	11.00am	Holy Mass – Family Mass	
Tuesday 7th Apr	10.00am	Holy Mass	Bill Cusiel
Wednesday 8th Apr	10.00am	Holy Mass	Paul Kershaw
Thursday 9th Apr	10.00am	Holy Mass	Maureen Cross
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY			
Saturday 11th Apr	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Joan Marssen
Sunday 12th Apr	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Rosaleen & Anne Boggan

Weekly Collection: £1,043.87 Thank you!

Forthcoming Funerals: Molly West 16th Apr @ 10am,

Mass Intentions Received w/c 30th Mar – None.

Mass Intentions sent to Mill Hill to be said during April – Frances Robertson, Nell Connolly, Kathleen & Finan Bracken, Maeve Maxey, Frances McCumiskey, John Stafford, Rose Richards, Maureen Cross, Tony Delany, A Special Intention, Leslie Burns, Peter Alcock x2, Matta, Danny Rathbone, Joe Nolan, Helena Kolassa, Sean Crosson, Dympna Walker, Margaret Ball, Vera Norris, Pauline Rice, Philomena Byrne, Fr Colum Kelly.

Please pray for the lately Dead including: Eugene Gallagher, Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Michael Hall, Denis Kelly, Molly West, Hilda Philips-Alexander, Peter Sullivan, Anthony Daley, Anthony Collins, Vera Norris, Winifred Coyne 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, Nora Kilbane, Rachel Jones, Rod Maguire, Irene Forshew, Bernard Philip, Ellen Hayes, Eileen Boyne, Joyce Blackledge, Patricia (Pat) Williams.



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 – 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 20th & 27th 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 5th and Wednesday May 13th, both at 7.00pm.**

DISTRUBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

DUE TO THE LARGE CONGREGATIONS EXPECED DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER, HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FROM THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH ONLY FOR ALL SERVICES DURING THIS PERIOD.

IF ANY PARISHIONERS HAVE MOBILITY ISSUES, THE BLUE CHAIRS AT THE REAR OF CHURCH ARE RESERVED FOR THEM AND HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM THERE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

■ The Chatterry

The Chatterry organisers were delighted to be able to give Monsignor John £925 for parish use, which had been raised over recent weeks since Christmas. Sincere thanks for this continued great generosity to all those helpers and supporters who make this weekly gathering the great success it is. Numbers over recent months have continued to increase and it has been most encouraging to welcome new parishioners and friends to all the events arranged and enjoyed.

The Chatterry will re-open on **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 15th, at 2pm** with a post Easter 🍷 catch-up in the parish centre.

■ Winnie Coyne Funeral

Winnie Coyne has sadly passed away. The service will be held at St Peter & Paul Church, 161 Liverpool Road, Crosby on **Tuesday 14th April at 12.00pm followed by a burial at 1.15pm.** Our condolences are with the Coyne family.

■ Parish Spring Fayre: Family Fun Day – Early Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Plans are well underway to make this year's event a great success and a fun day for all the families and the local community.

Volunteers Wanted - We are looking for volunteers to run games and activities during the day, loan of gazebos for shade rather than rain protection, and help setting and clearing up. Even if you could help for a few hours, it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who have already agreed to help, if you would like to be involved please Steve or Toni Drury know by emailing contact@formbyevents.co.uk or call/text Toni on 07814614144.

Donations - We are collecting donations to the following:

- **Tombolas** : After Easter a box will be placed at the back of church for donations towards the chocolate and bottle tombolas.
- **Plant Stall** : This was extremely popular last year. As the gardening season starts in earnest, and you start to divide and sow plants for the garden please pot a few up for the plant stall. They will be able to be dropped off at the Parish Centre before the Fayre or on the day - more details to follow. We hope to have a wide range of plants to see your garden in bloom from early May through to later summer.



- **Hanging Baskets:** Following last year's success, we aim to sell hanging baskets again by recycling old hanging pots and filling them with beautiful blooms. If you have old pots and baskets from last year, please let Toni know on 07814614144 to arrange how to pass on to be replanted.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to a wonderful fun day for our Parish and wider community.

■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers have two walks on **Saturday, 11th April 2026** from the Derbyshire Village of Tideswell in the Peak District. The A walk is 10 miles with a total ascent of 1800 ft and the B walk is 7 miles with little climbing. The A walk is faster and higher, the B walk, lower and slower. Both walks are scenic through limestone valleys surrounded by sheer cliffs along roads, forest trails and paths with some stiles.

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.

■ St John Stone – Live Music Event

Advance notice: You are warmly invited to another (free) live music event at St John Stone parish club, 7 Sandbrook Way, Woodvale, Southport, PR8 3RN on **Friday 29th May from 2pm - 4pm**. Come along, relax, enjoy the music (from across the decades) and join in on the choruses that are familiar to you."

■ Vocations Weekend for Women

For Women (20s and 30s) - Discerning God's Call in your life **15th - 17th May, Liverpool**. The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). **Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.** If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to live alongside the religious community and to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. **For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org To register: <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>**

