



# Our Lady of Compassion Formby

5<sup>th</sup> Mar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 2

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Served by the Churches of Our Lady of Compassion and  
St. Jerome

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

## CONFIRMATION 2023

If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the  
sacrament of confirmation, please register at  
[Liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://Liverpoolcalled.co.uk)

Registration is open from 16<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup>  
March 2023.



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# Newsletter



## Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Phil Cunningham
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Ron Formby
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Gerard Coltan
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross – Our Lady of Compassion	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane – Attended by the UCM	Raymond Fitzpatrick
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Jeanette Howell
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Fredrick Wilson
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	09.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	George Thomas

The Church of St Jerome is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 09.00am to 11.00am for Quiet Prayer. Tea/coffee is available in St Jerome's Parish Centre on Monday and Thursday 09.00am – 10.00am.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Due to the cold weather and central heating issues in the Church, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **will not take place before** weekday masses until further notice. Therefore, the Church will be open at 09.30am for weekday masses.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Church, Penelope Wink-Read

**Weekly Collection £1,096.69. Thank you!**

### Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Bernard Mulcrome, Barry Parkinson, Dawn Johnson, Samantha Brownlee, Dawn Johnson, Teresa Routledge, Paul Byrne, David Lodley and all their families.

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

Isabelle Clegg, Teresa Campbell, Eddy Connolly, Stephanie Harrison, Ellen l'Anson, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, and Mary Pinkman.

### **Contact Father John**

If any parishioner needs Father John for any reason whatsoever, particularly if someone is **sick or dying** and needs the **Sacraments**, please call **01704 873230**. If the phone is not answered, please leave a **clear message** indicating your **name, the reason for your call** and a **contact number**.

If no message is left, Father John does not know that you have called. The answering machine is checked every day and you can also send an email to: [ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk)

## Parish Notices

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of The Cross will be celebrated each **Tuesday evening at 7.30pm** in Our Lady of Compassion Church, with exception of Holy Week, when they will take place at 10.00am on Good Friday morning.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS, ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH IN THE EVENING, WILL BE THROUGH THE MAIN DOOR ON SCHOOL LANE ONLY – The Church will be open from 7.15pm.**

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal**

This Lent, CAFOD continues to support families facing extreme poverty, conflict, climate change & inequality. This Lent Fast Day we have shared how, in Bangladesh, 14-year-old Dristy and her mum Rupali are building seed beds and planting palm trees to protect their crops from flooding and cyclones. Please keep CAFOD and our overseas brothers and sisters in your prayers. Give today to help families grow in strength to cope with these challenges. Use the envelope, the CAFOD contactless machine or give online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent). Thank you.

### **Parish Lent Walk – 4pm Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Starting at St Jerome's we will walk together. The route is approx 5km and is accessible for prams & wheelchairs users ending back at St Jerome's in time for 6pm Mass. We aim to walk 200km+ as a team. Please join us.

You can share our team link to gain sponsorship or collect a paper sponsor form from the parish noticeboards.

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/oloc-parish-walk>

### **The New Foodbank Deliver Rota**

The new rota is available on all church noticeboards. Copies to take away are on the notice board by the sacristy in Our Lady's. Very many thanks to all our donors and deliverers. Your support is amazing and your continued help is very much appreciated.

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage**

A reminder that there will be a meeting this **Wednesday 8th March at 7pm** in the Gild Hall lounges for all those travelling to Lourdes on the parish pilgrimage in May. Final balances are now due.

### **UCM Meeting**

The UCM monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th March**. Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Our Lady's Church and all UCM members are invited, along with anyone else interested in joining. Refreshments will be served in the Activity Centre afterwards.

## Monday Morning Movie

I am delighted to let you know that Monday Morning Movie is back!! After a 3-year hiatus, we now have a lovely new venue-the Gild Hall Activity Centre, (to the rear of the Gild Hall) which has been refurbished and fitted with everything we need to show our films. There is parking, accessible toilets and lots of room inside!!

Thank you to Father John and Deacon Joe who have been working so hard to help get Monday Morning Movie up and running again. Monday Morning Movie will take place once a month, starting at 11am and finishing around 1pm. It is open to all adults. There will be an interval during which tea, coffee and cake will be served. There is no charge to attend or for refreshments and you don't need to book, just turn up! You might like to bring a cushion with you if you find sitting for a prolonged period uncomfortable.

If anyone would like to help by bringing a cake on the day or giving us a hand with the washing up, that would be lovely. The dates of the screenings for 2023 are shown below (Why not take a photo so you can keep the dates in your phone?). Details of the films to be shown will be in the newsletter for 2 weeks prior to each screening. Watch this space for details of our first film!! Looking forward to seeing you there. You will get a very warm welcome.

If you need any further information, please ring Jen Foster on 01704 834712.

MMM Dates 2023				
27th Mar	24th Apr	22nd May	26th June	24th Jul
21st Aug tbc	25th Sept	30th Oct	20th Nov	11th Dec

## OLOC Fell Walkers

Our walks on 11.3.23 are both circular and are in the Peak District in Derbyshire. Walk A is 9 miles with ascent of 394 metres starting from Hay Wood just north of Froggat and follows a route crossing Burbage Brook and footpaths towards Hathersage. The walk then ascends to the natural plateau that is Carl Wark, an iron age hill fort and a further climb takes a footpath up to Higger Tor with amazing views over the surrounding area. The walk then descends taking a path north called Fiddlers Elbow, crossing Burbage Brook and then following the rim of Burbage Rocks. The walk now goes over Burbage Moor and eventually reaches the rocky moorland Longshaw Estate back to our starting point.

Walk B is 7.5 miles with an ascent of 270 metres and also starts from Hay Wood, across the moor to Curbar and Baslow Edges with spectacular views of the granite escarpments over the moors. The route then takes us past Wellingtons Monument to Froggatt Village and along the River Derwent returning to our starting point. These are both wonderful walks but in an isolated locality and post walk we will all be gathering in The Grouse Inn to relax, the only place for liquid refreshment in the area.

We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome, including non-walking partners who would like to visit our destination whilst their other half enjoys the walk. The coach leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road, Formby, at 8am on the second Saturday of each month and you can book your place by ringing 01704 878548. Walk A is a higher, faster walk and the B a lower, slower walk. There is always a stop for coffee/ tea/ bacon barmes etc., on the way out and time after the walk to visit local cafes, shops and pubs. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and boots and bring a packed lunch. Sticks are also handy if you have them."

## The Chatterry

This Wednesday at The Chatterry we welcome Chris Dunn, who will give a Power Point presentation on the five years that he spent in the French Foreign Legion. All welcome, 2pm to 3.30pm.

## CTIFAH

Please see the Church noticeboard for Lent activities led by the Formby churches over the next few weeks. These churches extend a warm welcome to all Formby Christians to attend any of the activities.

### CTiFAH – Quiet Morning

Churches Together Quiet Morning will be at Ince Benet, the new Retreat Centre at Ince Blundell on Saturday 25th March 10.00am-12.00. Stay on for shared lunch (bring your own sandwiches, tea and coffee provided). The Quiet Morning will be led by Father John McCluskey. Places are limited to 20, on a first come first served basis. To book a place, don't delay, please ring Bruni Jones 01704 876038 as soon as possible. See details and pictures of the new Retreat Centre on their website [www.incebenet.co.uk](http://www.incebenet.co.uk)

### OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the January draw was number 12. 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 notice boards at Our Lady's and St. Jerome's. (N.B. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to - OLOC 200 Club). Good luck!

### Prisoners of Conscience

Prisoners of Conscience Each year Christians against Torture provides us with details of people currently being held in prison for political reasons. They have done nothing criminal. Next week you will be offered a photo with details and address of your prisoner. What to do: **1.** Please would you write a non-religious message of hope on a non-religious post card or greetings card. **2.** Address it. **3.** Stamp it and post it (postage will be no more than £1.80). We know it gives prisoners great comfort to realise that they are not forgotten. Sometimes their treatment improves greatly when the prison authorities understand that their names are known in other countries.

### Coronation Weekend Planning Update

To support the planning of the Parish's Coronation Weekend celebrations we have launched a new OLOC Parish Formby Events website, (*this is in addition to the OLOC Parish Church website*) but is specifically to host information about social events and activities within the Parish. Please visit the new website <https://www.formbyevents.co.uk> and do sign up for email subscriber updates on the arrangements for the Coronation events. We held our second planning meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February and the notes can now be downloaded from the website. One current action point from our last meeting, to assist our planning and keep costs down, is that we are looking for gazebos that we could borrow to optimistically provide shade to stall holders, or some cover from the elements. If you have or have access to something suitable and are able to commit to lending it for the 8<sup>th</sup> May do please contact [steve@formbyevents.co.uk](mailto:steve@formbyevents.co.uk). We will be renting some tables to artisan craft stalls too, so if you are interested in having a table, please contact [steve@formbyevents.co.uk](mailto:steve@formbyevents.co.uk). As we begin to settle on arrangements we will be asking for more volunteers to help over the weekend to make it a success. Ultimately, we are hoping to make this Coronation weekend a memorable and unique set of events for the parish - and look forward to sharing our plans and working together. So if you would like to be involved do please join us for our next meeting or sign up for email updates on the new website. <https://www.formbyevents.co.uk/> Steve & Toni Drury