



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

5th May 2024 – Easter Week 6

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

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Parish Family Fun Day** – 6th May 12 noon – 4pm at the Gild Hall Activity Centre
- **Our Lady's First Holy Communion** – 11th May at 10am
- **St Jerome's First Holy Communion** – 18th May at 10am.
- **Confirmation Mass (Group A)** – Thurs 23rd May, St John Stone, celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.
- **Confirmation Mass (Group B)** – Thurs 13th June, St John Stone, celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.



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Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 4 th May	6.00pm	Holy Mass	John Otty
Sunday 5 th May	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Bernard Dean
Tuesday 7 th May	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Matthew & Sarah Halford
Wednesday 8 th May	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Harry Kelly	
Thursday 9 th May	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD		
	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Marie Slowey
Saturday 11 th May	10.00am	First Holy Communion – Our Lady's	
	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Maria Leonard
Sunday 12 th May	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Linda Murray

Weekly Collection: £902.70 Thank you!

CAFOD Sudan Collection: £1,657.14 Thank you!

Forthcoming Funerals: Patricia Russell 21st May at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 29th April – Saints Martin, Philomena & Our Lady, Ray Leong, Mary Scannell, David Thorpe, Special Intention, Deceased Relative, Mary Frances, Albert Nuttall.

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

Teresa Keelan, Dorothy Robinson (of Altcar), Francis Dunne, Joan Phillips, William Kershaw, Harry Kelly, Patricia Ann Brereton, John Simmons, Patricia Russell 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, Barbara Doyle, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones and Ruth Purcell.

Parish Notices

Schools Notice

- Kathy Monahan is retiring as Headteacher of St Jerome's after 14 years' service. We wish Kathy every success for the future. Gemma Veevers has been appointed as the new Headteacher from September and we welcome Gemma and wish her every success.
- St Jerome's First Holy Communions will take place at 10am on 18th May.

■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

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 session.**

Due to increased numbers this year, there will be 2 groups and 2 Confirmation Celebration dates as below. Candidates will be assigned to Group A or Group B and will be able to change group, if necessary, they just need to let us know when they attend the preparation meetings.

CONFIRMATION GROUP A

Confirmation Celebration Mass – May 23rd at 7.00pm in St. John Stone Church, Ainsdale celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.

Remaining Confirmation Preparation Meetings- All sessions to take place in St. John Stone Church April 18th at 6.00pm - **May 16th at 6.00pm.**

CONFIRMATION GROUP B

Confirmation Celebration Mass – June 13th at 7.00pm in St. John Stone Church, Ainsdale celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.

Remaining Confirmation Preparation Meeting at St. John Stone Church April 18th at 7.30pm. *Final Practice Session – to be confirmed.*

■ The Chatterly

THE CHATTERLY for this week only, **will be held in the Gild Hall Activity centre (at the rear of the Gild Hall)** and welcomes Fr. Bernard Higham, who will give a talk entitled: "The Life and Times of The English Martyrs." We are sure that this will prove to be a most interesting and informative account about a period in Catholic history which features prominently in our own area of Lancashire. **Come along on Wednesday 8th May from 2pm to 3.30pm.** Tea/ coffee / biscuits £ 1.50. All welcome!

■ Gift Aid Boxes

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we have worked through the Gift Aid lists provided by the Archdiocese. If you had queried why you may not have been allocated a box this year, please see the notice on the table outside the Sacristy. **The boxes will remain outside the Sacristy for collection for another week, after which time please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection.**

■ Thank You!

The family of Mary and Albert Williams would like to thank the parishioners who so kindly looked after their mum, when she fell ill during the Requiem Mass last week. Mary is recovering and feeling better.

■ Red Boxes

In 2023, Our Lady of Compassion raised £498.97 through our red boxes. Thank you so much! Our Lady of Compassion is part of a world-wide network supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Father Ignatius MHM working in a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit Missio.org.uk to find out more. Thank you again, Paddy Kerwin.

■ UCM News

Please note **there will not be a UCM Mass on Wednesday 8th May** as a funeral is taking place. The members will still be gathering in the Activity Centre on the same day at 10.30am for a meeting, refreshments, quiz and brain teasers.

A reminder also to ladies who have kindly offered to make cakes for the parish Fun Day refreshment stall on Monday 6th May to bring their cakes along to the Activity Centre on the day of the event at 10.30am.

■ Justice and Peace

Could the owner of a Mother's Day card from a parishioner who donated a pink gift bag to the recent raffle (*Inside, the card says, "To Mum. Hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day. All our love, Ste, Julie, Matty and Ethan)* please contact Bruni on (876038) or any of the Justice and Peace members.

ALSO PLEASE CHECK THE RAFFLE WINNERS' LIST IN THE PORCH.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **March** 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 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 circular walks on the 11th May 2024 from the Derbyshire Village of Eyam in the Peak District. The A walk is 10.6 miles and 2060 ft of ascent. We walk past a number of the village landmarks and out onto the moors, good views from Sir William Hill, through Abney Clough to Abney, returning via Bretton and Foolow. The B walk is 7.3 miles and 1060 ft. mostly on good tracks, walking through Eyam to Coombe Dale and returning via Stoney Middleton. Eyam is known as the "Plague Village" where the villagers isolated themselves for a year to try to contain an outbreak of bubonic plague. The A walk is 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.

■ Fast for Gaza – Thank you

A huge "thank you" to all who contributed so generously to the fundraiser, to support the wonderful work of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Gaza. They have written to thank you all for the £435 received (the letter is on the Church Notice Board for you to read). May the Lord bless you all for your kindness and compassion. Janet.

■ CAFOD – Save the Date & A Year of Encounter

Come and join CAFOD to hear Tom Delamere share his experience of working in South Sudan and explore the power of leaving a gift in your Will to make a lasting impact in the world. We will have lunch together, and weather permitting, enjoy some reflection time in the beautiful grounds. St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, L37 1PH on Thurs 6 June, 10.30am to 2pm. To find out more and to book your place please go to www.cafod.org.uk/legacyevent

A Year of Encounter - *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online session on Saturday 4th May to learn more.