



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

'We need at this time to search for the green shoots brought forth by Christ's Resurrection, and to help people to fall in love with Jesus Christ'
(Archbishop John's Homily at his Installation Mass)

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 Oct 2025 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter week 3
School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- Family Mass – 5th Oct, 11am
- Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 – 18th – 22nd May
(booking forms available from the end of Aug)



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Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 4 th Oct	10.00am	Holy Mass	Tony Garner
Sunday 5 th Oct	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Griffin
Tuesday 7 th Oct	10.00am	Holy Mass	Terry O'Connor
Wednesday 8 th Oct	10.00am	Requiem Mass Kathleen Cuffe	
Thursday 9 th Oct	No Mass or Service		
Saturday 11 th Oct	6.00pm	Holy Mass	John Stack
Sunday 12 th Oct	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Joan Evans

Weekly Collections: £1,174.71 Thank you!

Forthcoming Funerals: Kathleen Cuffe 8th Oct at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 29th Sept – Private Intention, Kieran Deasey x2, Anne Viss, Pauline Boardman x2.

Please pray for the lately Dead including; John Hall, Anthony Garner, Mary Patricia Davies, Michael Ford, Ann Valerie Keating, Irene Price, Kieran Deasey, Kathleen Cuffe, James Rolfe and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including; Dominic Tomlinson, Beryl Prescott, Margaret Nuttall, Edward Schofield, Chris Monckton, Mary Turner, Nell Piggott, Nora Kilbane.

Parish Notices

Parish Buildings Update

Last weekend, Fr John informed the members of the Parish that the Archdiocese has surveyed the St Jerome's estate and the Gild Hall. After considering a number of options, the Diocese is now looking at seeking tenants to rent the properties. You are invited to write to the surveyors dept of the Archdiocese to offer suggestions about the use of the buildings. **Please send your email to Mark Jones at m.jones@rcaol.org.uk**

The newly named Parish Centre

Parishioners may have seen the new sign that has appeared on the front of the Activity Centre. The building has had this name for many years now. With the closure of the Gild Hall, the Activity Centre has been renamed as **The Parish Centre**. In all future notices this is now it will be referred to.



■ CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

This weekend's second collection will be for CAFOD. Please donate to their Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. You can donate via this weekend's second collection (with or without a CAFOD envelope), online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**. You can also **text CAFOD to 70560** to donate £10. Thank you for your prayers and support.

■ Family Mass – 5th October

The next Family Mass will be held on 5th October at 11am followed by Sunday brunch and kids craft corner at The Parish Centre. If you would like your child to read at this Family Mass, please message Andrea on 07342 692957. All welcome.

■ Shoebox Express – 11th October 2025

Please join us on Saturday 11th October for the fun of the Shoebox Express® Grand Charity Bazaar, packing Christmas shoebox parcels of you and practical assistance for displaced children in Ukraine. Bring your family and friends, it's a fun and rewarding event for all ages. It's not compulsory to make a Christmas shoebox, you can just come for the buzz, the free refreshments and bacon rolls! If you decide to fill a Christmas shoebox, we will give you a Christmassy box and our tables of stationery, toiletries, hats & gloves, toys & games and sweets will give you an impressive choice of suitable gifts for your box. We know there's a cost-of-living crisis, so we ask a suggested donation of £8 towards the cost of all items you pack and the overseas shipping. If you wish to donate more or less, please know that's okay with us. We even accept credit & debit cards. The Trustees pay all the running costs of the charity and everyone donates their time for free, so you can be confident your donation is used where it counts. Your Christmas shoebox will help relieve poverty and promote the happiness of a child living in extremely difficult circumstances. Thank you.

■ Parish Christmas Fayre and Raffle

The Christmas and Spring Fayre and associated activities are the Parish's main fundraising events. Profits from these events go directly towards improving Parish facilities for all our community, including recent improvements to the Parish Centre and streaming facilities in the Church. The closure of the Gild Hall has prompted a need to change our established Parish Christmas activities. As an opportunity to reflect and evolve, we've taken the time to consider other events taking place in our Parish and across Formby to ensure we provide an event that adds something different, rather than competing with other similar events.

Christmas Festive Fun Day at the Parish Centre. Saturday 29th November 2025

This year's Christmas Fayre will instead be focused on the children of the Parish and community. It will be held at the Parish Centre and solely provide a day of traditional games and fun craft activities for the children. This will include a Christmas photo booth and opportunity to make personalised decorations and gifts.

To make the day a success we will be looking for :

- Volunteers to help on the day
- Toys, games and books suitable for prizes (NEW ONLY please) .
- Craft materials

Parish Christmas Raffle

With our thanks to the incredible generosity of parishioners, as well as local and national businesses, we've been able to previously offer amazing prizes from hotel stays to restaurant vouchers and tickets to family attractions. We want to continue this tradition of offering 'memory-making' prizes. We'd be grateful for any help in securing these types of prizes, whether you have a connection to a local or large business or would like to make a donation. Monetary donations are especially helpful for purchasing larger, more significant prizes. We'll be collecting other traditional raffle prizes soon and will share more details shortly. To discuss further or assist with the above, you can contact either Toni or Steve Drury on Mobile / WhatsApp : 07767 343152.

■ UCM News

Please note there will not be a UCM Mass on Wednesday, 8th October as a funeral is taking place. Members are invited to meet in the Parish Centre at 10.45am for refreshments.

Future Dates - Arrangements have been made for a coach trip to **Bents Garden Centre on Wednesday 12th November**. The cost is £10.00 per person and to guarantee a place members are requested to pay at the meeting.



The UCM Christmas Lunch this year is at The Office Restaurant in Southport on 3rd December.

The Costs is £30 per person for a 3-course meal. Places are limited and it would be much appreciated if payment could be made at the meeting on 8th October to secure a place.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **August** draw was number **21**. 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!

■ Our Lady's Fell Walkers

Our Lady's Fell Walkers have two walks on **Saturday 11th October 2025** from Coniston Village, sitting at the northern end of Coniston Water in the Lake District. The A walk is 9 miles with an ascent of 460 metres and the B walk is 6.6 miles with an ascent of 210 metres. 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. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch together with something waterproof to sit on. Sticks can also be helpful.

■ The Chatterry

This **Wednesday, October 8th**, in the Parish Centre we welcome the return of an old favourite activity ...A Quiz Afternoon! 2pm to 3.30 pm. Tea / coffee/ biscuits/ raffle £2. As well as time for a chat, test your quiz knowledge and enjoy a friendly gathering with fellow parishioners and friends. All welcome! **Group 1 helpers on Rota this week.**

Thank you - The recent joint coffee and cake afternoon organised by the U.C.M. & The Chatterry raised a wonderful £600 for the Macmillan Cancer Support. 80 parishioners attended the very successful afternoon which was greatly enjoyed by one and all. Special thanks to all those who gave their support by attending, baking and donating cakes, generously giving raffle prizes, to stall holders who gave their takings to the fund, for private cash donations and to all who made it happen on the day. Thanks again to everyone for their unending support!

■ Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

Places in twin or triple rooms are still available on our parish pilgrimage next year, 18th to 22nd May. A list is available at the back of church for interested people to sign up. Mike Halford will then send you further information together with a booking form. **For those already signed up, booking forms and deposits are due in by SUNDAY OCTOBER 5 as per the instructions in the recent letter.** Anyone requiring further information can contact Mike on 879508.

■ Warm Coat Appeal

Do you have a warm coat in your wardrobe you haven't worn for years? Please consider donating it to our WARM COAT RAIL this will help to keep a vulnerable person warm this winter. Ask your family and friends as they might be able to help us. Please drop them off at the Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD, your help and support is so valuable and much appreciated.

■ Irenaeus – Day of Renewal

Day of Renewal at the Irenaeus Centre on 11th October from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. It is being led by Abhy Thomas. Abhy has been involved with Catholic Charismatic Renewal for over 20 years through the international Catholic movement, Jesus Youth. Please also see Church Noticeboard for upcoming events.

■ The Newman Association

Tony Hickey, International Retreat Director on Scripture and Divine Will, will give a Talk about MEDJUGORJE on **Thursday, 16th October, 7 pm for 7.30 pm** at St. Helen's Church Parish Centre, 112, Alexandra Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 7TQ (Tel. No. 0151 924 3417). *Not to be missed!* Everyone very welcome. Refreshments beforehand.

■ Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage

Applications for the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage with Sefton Coach 7 are LIVE now at liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk Young people aged from Year 10-age of 22 are invited to be part of Coach 7 this year (22nd-31st July 2026). The cost of the pilgrimage is £720 but fundraising will reduce this cost. For more information email coach7@rcaol.org.uk

