



# Our Lady of Compassion Formby

6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 4

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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St. Jerome

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## Forthcoming Events

- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Nov, OLOC 6pm – Formby Choral Society
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1pm – 4pm St Jerome's Hall – Christmas Fayre
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, OLOC 6.30pm – Sung Evening Prayer, Liverpool Bach Collective

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# Newsletter

## Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Pious List
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Pious List
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	09.15am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Pious List
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	09.15am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Pious List
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	09.15am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Pious List
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11.30am	Polish Remembrance Service	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Pious List
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	09.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Pious List

The Church of St Jerome is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 09.00am to 11.00am for Quiet Prayer

Weekly Collection £1,259.01. Thank you!

### Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Ernest Finnesey, Margaret Watson, Euan McNamara, Alison Botterill 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, Mary Pinkman, and Jenny Gaskin.

### Contact Father John

If any parishioner needs Father John for any reason whatsoever, particularly if someone is **sick or dying** and needs **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

### Consultation of the Parish

Over the past two years, since the three former parishes were merged into one new parish, there have been a number of consultation meetings to listen, discuss and discern the way forward. Beginning with the consultation of the former St Anne's parish, the Mission Group, the General Parish meeting and most recently the Visioning Group, there have been many wide-ranging discussions, listening exercises and ideas shared.

After the Parish meeting in the summer, the Visioning Group was formed to take the matters discussed at that meeting forward. Membership of the Group was opened to the whole parish, and 24 parishioners indicated an interest. Our meetings have welcomed between 12 and 18 members of the Parish of a wide range of ages and experience. Although our initial focus was on the use of buildings, the conversations quickly moved on to deeper issues. What is our Parish for? What is our place in the wider community? The conversations were wide ranging. People listened respectfully and there was honest debate.

The Visioning Group met for the final time on Tuesday evening. We began with the clear realisation that the Eucharist is the centre, the summit and the source of everything we do. The entire life of the Parish flows from the Eucharist, and the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is the one key event that unites the whole Parish and draws everyone together. That celebration sends us out to live the Gospel. We then drew together all the themes we had returned to often in our discussions; the care of the young, accompaniment of those preparing for the Sacraments, Prayer and Liturgy, Evangelisation, the Mission of the Church and care for the sick and dying. All of these areas are part of the everyday life of the Parish, but the Group wanted to discuss new ideas and approaches.

We were all aware of the situation we now find ourselves in. Life has changed and the way in which people interact with one another and the institutions around them has changed. The Church is no different. So, we decided that the best way ahead is to choose two areas that we can work with and focus on over the next twelve months. In this way, we will not overburden ourselves with expectations that cannot be met, but at the same time work together as one parish to move forward. The Group decided that work with, and accompaniment of families and the young should be the first priority. Alongside this priority, I wanted to place the care of the sick and dying, and work with the bereaved.

In sharing with the Parish this record of the long process of consultation we have undertaken, and in particular the work of the Visioning Group, I want to thank all those who have been part of these consultations, for the meetings attended, for the listening, for the sharing of views and for the efforts made to bring together those of different views. In particular, I want to thank Fr. Phil Inch, the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Development, who has attended our meetings and guided our conversations over these past couple of years since our merger. He is now preparing to visit other Parishes to help them to enter into a similar process to the one we have been through. His experience of what is happening across the whole diocese has been essential in giving a helpful context to all our discussions.

In the coming weeks, I shall be letting you know how we will move forward in the care of families and the young, and the care of the sick, dying and bereaved. In the meantime, let us ask the Lord in our Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist, to draw us closer to him and to one another, so that his love may be clearly seen by all.

God bless you,  
**Father John**

## November Pious List

November is the traditional month of prayer for our loved ones who have died. During the month of November, all the Masses celebrated in our churches are offered for those named on the Pious List. The names will rest before the altar. Please take a Pious List envelope from the back of the church, insert the name of your loved one, along with a Mass offering and hand it in as soon as possible.

## Sunday Brunch News

There will be no Sunday brunch together this week 6th November. We will be back on 13th November. From this December the Sunday brunch will become a monthly event taking place on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you to everyone who supports and volunteers for this parish event.

## Weekday Ministers of the Word & Sunday Ministers of the Eucharist

In the next few weeks, new rotas for the above two groups will be compiled to cover the period January to June 2023. Those already on the list will automatically be included, unless people indicate that they wish to be removed or make a change to their appointed day or Mass. If you wish to make changes to your existing duties, please let Mike know on: 879508 by **Sunday 20th November**.

## UCM Meeting

The UCM monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th November**. Mass will be celebrated by Fr John at 10am in our Lady's Church and all UCM members are invited along with anyone else interested in joining. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in the Gild Hall. Payment for our Christmas meal on Tuesday 6th December at Dolce Vita in Ainsdale is now due and it would be appreciated if the amount of £23.95 could be paid at the meeting. Cheques are to be made payable to 'Our Lady's UCM'

## Churches Together

**Formby Pantry shop** has now opened in the Activity Centre behind the Gild Hall on Church Road on Thursdays 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Calling all budding artists and crafts people. The popular **Formby Christmas Windows** return again this year with over 35 businesses in the village centre taking part in telling the Christmas story. Would you or a parish group would like to design a window display? If so, contact your Churches together representative or text Dymrna on 07722 014530.

**Formby Village Nativity** will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 11 a.m. at Formby Pool Gardens. The nativity will also be performed in most of our primary schools this year bring the Christmas story to many more children. *Further information and flyers to follow.*

## Christmas Fayre 2022 – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to support the running of the Christmas Fayre, we will be in contact soon with the arrangements. More volunteers, particularly to help during the event – and of course donations – are still needed. As a reminder, there is a large, Christmas paper wrapped box within each church foyer and primary school reception. As well as for donations, please use these in which to deposit your raffle-ticket stubs and monies (in envelopes please). Also, could any cake donations be either bought to St Jerome's Hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November or the morning of 26<sup>th</sup> prior to the event. Any questions do please get in touch with us (see Christmas Flyer for contact details). Steve & Toni Drury

## Our Lady's Fell Walkers

Our walks on **Saturday 12th November 2022** are from the village of Arneside in Cumbria. **Walk A** starts and finishes in Arneside and takes in Arneside Knott where we stop to admire the views. We walk on and pass by Arneside Tower, Eaves Wood and Hazelslack Tower and return to Arneside through Storth and a path along the estuary. Most paths are good, though leaves underfoot can be slippery, and we may cross some fields with young cattle. A total of ten miles and 1200 ft of climb. **Walk B** follows a *similar route to the A party, though we ignore* the actual trig point of the Knot (a climb of 450ft). Then we descend through the woods and across the valley to Arneside Tower. Skirting the woods and following the paths around to Elmslack (lunch stop), from here it is on to Waterslack, Challan Hall and around the edge of the nature reserve, following paths back into Arneside. Generally, the paths are good, with little mud and a few stiles, total ascent 850ft, of this 450ft is Arneside Knott and a distance of seven miles. There are cafes and pubs aplenty especially along the historic promenade together with small independent shops to browse, all with stunning views across the Bay for you to enjoy post walk, so book your place early.