



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

7th Sept – **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

14th Sept – **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

21st Sept – **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter weeks 3, 4 & 1

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Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 – 18th – 22nd May**
(booking forms available from the end of Aug)



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Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 6 th Sept	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Carol Williams
Sunday 7 th Sept Aug	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Edward Ratnasingham
Tuesday 9 th Sept	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Anthony Garner	
Wednesday 10 th Sept	10.00am	Holy Mass – attended by UCM	Ted Lewis
Thursday 11 th Sept	10.00am	Holy Mass	Theresa Lester
Saturday 13 th Sept	FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS		
	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Mary Johnson & Family
Sunday 14 th Sept	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	John Hall
Tuesday 16 th Sept	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Michael Ford	
Wednesday 17 th Sept	10.00am	Holy Mass	June Jones
Thursday 18 th Sept	10.00am	Holy Mass	Jim & Aggie Deeny
Saturday 20 th Sept	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pat Hawkins
Sunday 21 st Sept	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Bobby Jenkins
Tuesday 23 rd Sept	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Mary Patricia Davies	
Wednesday 24 th Sept	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM		
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Kevin Gallagher
Thursday 25 th Sept	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Saturday 27 th Sept	10.00am	Holy Mass	Theresa Lester
Sunday 28 th Sept	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Jon Godfrey

Weekly Collection: £1,040.62 Thank you!

The Spiritans Collection: £779.12 Thank you!

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church, Cienna Sweetman



Forthcoming Funerals: Anthony Garner 9th Sept at 10am, Michael Ford 16th Sept 10am, Mary Patricia Davies 23rd Sept at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 1st Sept – Joan Evans.

Please pray for the lately Dead including; Joan Gettins, Pat Hawkins, Lesley Murphy, Patrick Francis Naughton, John Hall, Anthony Garner, Mary Patricia Davies, Michael Ford, Ann Valerie Keating and all their families.

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

Parish Notices

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEACON

Congratulations to Deacon Andy Dell, who was ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop John Sherrington on Saturday afternoon at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Deacon Andy will join Deacon John in serving our Parish. Our prayers and best wishes to Deacon Andy, Andrea and the family.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed from Thurs 4th Sept until Tues 23rd Sept, therefore this Newsletter covers the next 3 weeks.

■ The Chatterery

The Chatterery looks forward to welcoming back parishioners and friends old and new from next **Wednesday, September 10th**, for a “Catch up “ and chat after the Summer break, in the Activity Centre at the rear of the Gild Hall - 2pm to 3.30pm Tea/coffee/biscuits/raffle £2.

On **September 17th** we welcome ex policeman Charles Southern whose talk is entitled “A Bobbie’s Job.”

On **September 24th** we take part in partnership with the U.C.M. and join forces to hold a joint Macmillan Coffee Afternoon to raise awareness and funds for that most worthwhile of causes. All Welcome!

■ Terminally Ill Adults Bill in the House of Lords

Ahead of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill having its second reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September, Archbishop John Sherrington is calling for Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action. Catholics can write to a Peer ahead of the reading to make their opposition known. More details about how to contact, how to address them and suggested points to include in your letter can be found in the news section of the Archdiocese of Liverpool website (<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/how-to-make-your-voice-heard-in-opposing-the-assisted-suicide-bill>)

We’re also asking people to join together in prayer:

Father, as we consider this deeply sensitive and sad issue may we hold Your grace and truth close to our hearts. We pray for vulnerable people facing the prospect of pain and fear of death and dying. May everyone in need receive comfort and support through the gift of medical skill and the ministry of those who care. We are a people of hope and we pray to the Holy Spirit for help. In Jesus’ Name. Amen. Credit: [Seven ways to pray about assisted suicide | CARE](#)

■ UCM News

The UCM monthly Mass will be held on **Wednesday 10th September** at Our Lady’s Church at 10.00am This will be our first meeting after the Summer break and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible in the Activity Centre afterwards for refreshments.



■ OLOC Fell Walkers

Our Lady's Fell Walkers have two circular walks from Chirk on **Saturday 13.9.25**. The A Walk is 11.5 miles with 360m ascent and the B Walk is 7.8 miles with 250 of ascent. Chirk is a town in Wales on the Wales/Shropshire Border known for its Castle, a NT property, the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and the Chirk Railway. 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. 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."

■ Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

Lists are open from this weekend for parishioners to express an interest in taking part on the parish pilgrimage next Spring. Basic details at the moment are:

- Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May 2026 with Northern Star Travel.
- Flying from Manchester (*arrival airport yet to be arranged according to best times*).
- Full board accommodation for 4 nights at 4* Hotel Eliseo (*5 mins on the flat from the Grotto*) £699.00 per person sharing, £130 single supplement .
- Single rooms are very limited on a first come first served basis.
- Triple rooms may be available.
- Daily pilgrimage programme with visit to Bartres and Lake of Lourdes included.

Please note that we are travelling as an individual parish group and do not have medical staff or helpers in attendance for assistance around the shrine. People signing the list by the main church doors will be contacted with more details and booking forms in the coming weeks. If you require any further details, please contact Mike Halford on 879508.

■ Parish Calendar 2026: Capturing our Faith Through our Children

We are inviting the children and young people in the Parish to submit a photograph or picture showing what God's love means to them, or their favourite Bible story or hymn. These will be used to provide the images for our Parish 2026 Calendar. We may also use some of the images to produce cards for sale, but all will be displayed in the church. As adults it is very easy to over think and get caught up in the complexities and routine of life, this is an opportunity to learn from the young people in our Parish and remember the simplicity of our faith.

Digital photographs (not photos of the drawings) can be emailed to steve.drury@web-aviso.com. To arrange collection of physical hard copy drawings (for scanning), please contact Toni Drury on 07814 614144 or Andrea Dell on 07342 692957. Please provide name and age of the artist and a brief description of what the picture makes them think about. All pictures used will be annotated with name, age and description. By submitting an image, it will be taken as permission for this to be used. **Submissions should be made by 30th September 2025 and must be in landscape orientation.**

■ Celebration Mass - Mary's Meals 21st Sept

The Archbishop has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass for the work of Mary's Meals and the new milestone of reaching 3 Million children with daily school meals, on **Sunday 21st September at St Teresa's Church, College Road, Upholland WN8 OPY**. This Mass begins at 3pm and all are welcome. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

■ Thank You

Mike Halford, parish Sacristan, would like to express sincere thanks to parishioners for cards, masses, gifts, messages , prayers and good wishes over the Summer months following his recent surgery. They were all greatly appreciated and he now looks forward to a full return to parish duties.

■ Second Collections

These will be taken after Communion on
13th/14th September for CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE
20th/21st September EVANGELII GAUDIUM. The joy of the Gospel.

