



# Our Lady of Compassion Formby

7<sup>th</sup> Apr 2024 – Easter Week 2

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

*Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714*



## Information & Events

- **Monday Movies** – 29<sup>th</sup> April, 11am at the Gild Hall Activity Centre.
- **Parish Family Fun Day** – 6<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon – 4pm at the Gild Hall Activity Centre
- **Confirmation Mass** – Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May, St John Stone, celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon.

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**Deacons:** Rev. J P Moreland and Rev. J A McCarthy

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## Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>EASTER OCTAVE</b>		
	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Tom Whawell
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>EASTER OCTAVE</b>		
	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Bernadette O'Toole
	3.00pm	<b>Divine Mercy Service (No Mass included)</b>	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	No Mass or Service		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	Service of the Word and Communion – <b>attended by UCM</b>	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	<b>Requiem Mass – Teresa Keelan</b>	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Richie Maitland
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11am	Holy Mass	M & R Parker Rimmer

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Fr John would like to thank you for your generous gifts over Easter.**

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Church, Georgie Dunn, Clarke Connolly, Alexander Robinson.

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Francis Dunne 15<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon, Dorothy Robinson 17<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, Joan Phillips 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, William (Paul) Kershaw 1<sup>st</sup> May 10am.

**Prayer Rota:** - In our weekly prayers for the other Christian communities of Formby, we pray for St Michael's, Altcar.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 1<sup>st</sup> April** –Roy Beatty, Christine Steele x 2.

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

David Wright, Philip Whiteside, Mary Scannell, Frances Cushing, Teresa Keelan, Dorothy Robinson (of Altcar), Francis Dunne, Joan Phillips, William Kershaw 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

### ■ Gift Aid Envelopes for collection

For those parishioners who give their offertory through Gift Aid, your envelopes for the coming financial year are ready for collection, from the table outside the Sacristy. If your box number is different from previous years, this is due to an update and the box number you have now been allocated, will remain going forward.

### ■ 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 - April 18<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**A Confirmation Mass on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May** will be celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon at St John Stone Church, Ainsdale.

### ■ The Chatterry

Thanks to the generosity and support of parishioners attending the Chatterry each week, £450 was presented to Fr John at Easter for use in connection with Parish projects. **The Chatterry re-opens on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.**

### ■ UCM News

**The UCM monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April.** A Eucharistic Service will be held in Our Lady's Church at 10.00am and arrangements have been made for bacon bams to be served afterwards in the Bay Horse.

**The UCM Spring Bingo** was a great success raising the amount of £650 which will be shared among the three nominated charities – Our Lady’s parish projects, the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage and the Formby Befriending Scheme. We cannot thank enough all those who helped in organising, attending and donating prizes for this event, your support was and always will be very much appreciated.

### ■ Family Fun Day – Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Two Updates

#### 1. Planning meeting: This Sunday - 7<sup>th</sup> April Gild Hall Activity Centre, 12 noon following 11:00am Mass

There will planning meeting this Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> April) for all those who have offered to assist in helping make this another successful Parish event, and/or interested in helping to set-up or run a stall. Teas and coffees will be provided. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in helping, please contact Steve or Toni Drury via the contact details shown below – and we will ensure you are kept updated and involved.

#### 2. Donations: Chocolates, Cakes and Plants

- **Chocolates** - The Justice and Peace Group will be running their ever-popular Chocolate Tombola at the Fun Day – so donations of chocolate are welcomed. There will be a box at the back of church for donations.
- **Cakes and Plants** - There will both a cake stall and plant stall at the Fun Day too. Donations to these stalls are welcomed and can be dropped off at the Activity centre on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May or on the morning of the Fun day itself Bank Holiday Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing the fun day with you. Steve & Toni Drury  
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### ■ 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Congratulations

Warmest Congratulations and all good wishes to parishioner Winnie Coyne who this Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! We wish her many happy returns on this very special day and assure her of many blessings and prayers from Fr. John and all those in our parish community.

### ■ Pilot Marriage Preparation Programme

Joint Sefton Deaneries will be hosting a Pilot marriage preparation programme, based on the resources created by Arundel and Brighton Diocese. On 13<sup>th</sup> April, an event for existing Catechists participating in this pilot to attend a training day with the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator from Arundel and Brighton, as well as Stefan and Ella Kaminsky from the Christian Heritage Centre. This will provide an opportunity to explore these resources as well as to revisit the theology of the sacrament of marriage.

Date – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am-2.00pm(ish)

St Monica's Parish Centre, Stewart Road, Bootle L20. Hot and cold drinks available throughout the day. Please bring a packed lunch.

### ■ Justice and Peace Free Raffle for Mary's Meals

The Justice and Peace Grand Easter Raffle in aid of Mary's Meals made a whopping £1540! Wonderful! Do you remember how all through Lent you gave us chocolate and bottles and lots of other wonderful prizes? Then you gave us gift bags and baskets to put everything in? Well, the Raffle has been drawn and all the Prize Winners' names are on the notice boards in both the Church porches. Do look and see if you are one of them.

#### How to collect your prize:

All the prizes are at 28 Bushbys Lane and may be collected on either: **Saturday 13th April, any time between 2-4pm, or Sunday 21st April also between 2.00-4.00pm.** Because you gave us everything, there are no deductions for expenses, so the whole £1540 goes straight to Mary's Meals. It costs them £19.15 to feed a child every day, for a whole school year. Now, with our contribution, they can feed 80 more!!! Thank you so much and God bless you for your encouragement and generous support for this Raffle and for all our parish charity events.

### ■ April's Family Mass

April's family Mass will take place on **Sunday 14th at 11am**, as the first Sunday is in the middle of the Easter holidays. **The brunch will also be moved to 14th April.** If your child or grandchild would like to be involved in the family Mass, please contact Andrea on 07342692957.

### ■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **February** 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!

### ■ OLOC Fell Walkers

Our Lady's Fell Walkers have two circular walks planned on **Saturday 13th April 2024** from the Lakeland village of Coniston. The A walk is fast and steep with a distance of 8.5 miles and an ascent of 2000 ft. The B walk is slower and lower with a few short climbs and one difficult stile covering 6.36 miles and an elevation gain of 576 ft. The views, however, are outstanding on both walks.

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.

### ■ Retreats in North Wales

The Vincentian Divine Retreat Centre, Pantasaph, North Wales, have retreats for the duration of 2024, please see the notice board for details.