



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

7th May 2023 – Easter Week 5

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 1

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Served by the Churches of Our Lady of Compassion and
St. Jerome

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Upcoming Events

Coronation Weekend – 6th, 7th & 8th May – see
www.formbyevents.co.uk for more information.

Fr John's Ruby Jubilee of Ordination – 10th July



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Newsletter



Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 6 th May	6.00pm	St Jerome	Martin Jackson
Sunday 7 th May	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	John Doyle
Tuesday 9 th May	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Tricia Formby	
Wednesday 10 th May	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion – attended by the UCM	Nancy Doyle
Thursday 11 th May	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Joe Mangan
	11.00am	Funeral Service – Margaret Baxter	
FEAST (for Cathedral a Solemnity) DEDICATION OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING			
Saturday 13 th May	10.00am	First Communions – St Jerome	
	6.00pm	St Jerome	Ellie Beaton
Sunday 14 th May	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Vera Ried

The Church of St Jerome is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 09.00am to 11.00am for Quiet Prayer. Tea/coffee is available in St Jerome's Parish Centre on Monday and Thursday 09.00am – 10.00am.

Prayer Rota - In our weekly prayers for the other Christian communities of Formby, we pray for Our Lady of Compassion, Formby.

Weekly Collection £1,040.47 Thank you!

Baptisms – we welcome into our Church – Annabelle Mae Delaney, Henrietta Lillian McNamara & Taylor Davies

Mass Intentions Received w/c 1st May

Sammy Kilpatrick, Olga O'Connor, Ada Edwards, Eileen Dunphy, Peter Lovelady, Philip Carey & Family, Anne, Albert & Colin Faulkner, Jim Simpson & Family, Diane Flett & Family, Ray Leony and Frederick Wilson.

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Tor Gillespie, Peter Dunne, Annette Hancock, Cathy Doyle, Theresa Hanlon, Pat Formby, Peter Lovelady, Edward Billington, Margaret Baxter and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Teresa Campbell, Eddy Connolly, Stephanie Harrison, Ellen l'Anson, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Mary Pinkman, Terry Otty and Anita Sattar.

Parish Notices

Schools Update

Fr John had his bi-monthly meeting with the 2 heads of our primary schools last week. St Jerome's School Reconciliation Service will take place on Wed 10th May at 2pm in St Jerome's church. St Jerome's First Holy Communion will take place in St Jerome's Church on Sat 13th May at 10am.

Our Lady's School First Communion will take place in Our Lady's on Sat 20th May at 10am.

The installation of the new Church heating system at Our Lady's

After a long wait, work to replace the heating system at Our Lady's will commence this Tuesday. The work will take about 6 weeks to complete. The good news is that the contactors and surveyors do not require the closure of the church. Sunday Masses will continue as normal and we will be able to celebrate most weekday Masses at Our Lady's in that period of time. **The only exception will be the week beginning Monday 15th May when Fr John will be leading the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes. There will be no services week.** I am very grateful to all those involved for enabling the worship life of our parish to continue unaffected. There may be some disruption to the side benches in the church as the work progresses. However, all will be done to ensure that the church remains a safe place to enter. Outside mass times, the church will remain locked to enable the work to continue. The full costs of the work will not be known until it is all complete. We look forward to putting cold winters behind us!

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Please remember to return your Petition envelopes by next **Sunday 14th May**, so that we can take the intentions of you the parishioners on our pilgrimage and present them in the special box in the Grotto.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

Preparation Meetings - there will be two preparation meetings this year on **Wednesday May 10th & 17th** at 7.00pm at St John Stone Church, Birkdale.

There will also be a meeting for all those being confirmed with Fr John after **11am Mass on Sunday 21st May**.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes, which has been a year in the planning, will take place from Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May. It is the custom for pilgrims going to Lourdes, to take with them prayer intentions from their parish community. To encourage this custom in our parish, there will be specially printed envelopes marked "Petitions for Lourdes" at the back of the church this weekend. Please insert the names of those you would like the pilgrims to present to Our Lady in Lourdes during our pilgrimage. Please make sure that the envelopes are all returned by the end of 11am Mass on Sunday 14th May.

Mass Intentions

The people of our Catholic Community are very generous in asking for Masses to be offered for various intentions and especially for their loved ones who have died. Recently we have had a backlog of almost 60 Mass intentions waiting to be celebrated. Since Fr John may only offer 1 Mass intention per day and given that there is a maximum of 5 that he may celebrate in any given week, the backlog always lengthens quickly. Parish priests are requested to retain only those Masses that can be celebrated in a reasonable period of time. Therefore, here in our parish, the

number of Mass intentions handed in are too many for Fr John to celebrate. It has been our custom to send Mass intentions to priests who receive none. We have been sending most to the priests at Mill Hill who for many years have supported our Catholic Community in the provision of Masses. They have expressed their deep gratitude for this generous gift. We are aware that this is a sensitive area and that people would like the Masses to be celebrated in their Parish Church. Nevertheless, we hope you will understand that this is not always possible.

Going forward, we shall now print in the newsletter, an acknowledgement of receipt for each Mass intention we receive. This will reassure the donor that we have received the intention and the accompanying offering. However, this provides no guarantee that the Mass will be celebrated in the parish.

Pray in May with Mary's Meals

In this month dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the work of Mary's Meals, a mission carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some of the world's poorest communities. This meal brings children into the classroom where they can get an education, offering hope of a better future. Our work began with prayer, and prayer has sustained our rapid growth - from feeding 200 children in 2002 to feeding over 2.4 million children today.

Please join us in praying for:

- all the children who receive Mary's Meals
- all those who have grown up eating Mary's Meals and gone out into the world as adults
- all the children still waiting for Mary's meals, that we will be able to reach them soon.

A prayer for hope

Thank you for the hope that life-changing meals bring to the communities that Mary's Meals serve. May the work of Mary's Meals help to bring hope and strength to the world and may those children whose lives have been transformed by receiving Mary's Meals use their education and voices to change their communities for the better. Amen

Justice and Peace Raffle for Sister Orla in South Sudan

Thank you to everyone who donated in any way to the Raffle. Our final total of £1,325 has already been sent securely to Sister Orla, by bank transfer through the Loreto bank account in Dublin. As you know, times are very bad in Sudan and trouble can spread so quickly. Please ask the Lord to keep them safe.

The Chatterry

The Chatterry will be open as usual this coming **Wednesday 10th May**, in the lounges of the Gild Hall from 2pm to 3.30pm. This week we shall be continuing the Coronation theme with a "Royal Quiz". Test your historical and present-day knowledge of The Royal Family and their ancestors. ***For one week only, we will be meeting in the Activity Centre at the end of the car park.***

The following week, **May 17th**, there will be a Book Exchange afternoon. All welcome!

OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers will be walking from the ancient village of Hayfield in the Peak District on Saturday 13th May 2023. The A walk is 9.5 miles and 1950ft and follows some of the route taken by the 1932 mass trespass walkers to the Kinder plateau - an important step in the creation of the Peak District National Park and future rights to roam. Our walk starts from Hollingsworth Head and crosses Burnt Hill to the Pennine Way and onto Kinder Plateau. We walk along the edge past Kinder Downfall and Kinder Low. There are good views across the Goyt Valley and over to Chinley and Manchester. We return to Hayfield past Kinderlow end and Edale Cross. There are generally good paths and few stiles, though the walk across Kinder Plateau is quite rough, with plenty of rocks and boulders to negotiate. Walking poles would be useful.

The B walk is 7.5 miles and 1400 ft. The first part of the walk follows the Sett Valley Trail to Lantern Pike. This was the track bed of a railway that until 1970 linked Hayfield with New Mills and Manchester and is now a pleasant tree lined haven for wildlife. We walk past Lantern Pike and then along quiet country lanes. Crossing the busy Glossop road we climb to Middle Moor with good views over to Kinder and then return to Hayfield along the Snake Path. Paths are generally good, though there are some rough sections where care is needed, mud and a small ford to cross towards the end of the walk. Hayfield has a couple of good pubs at the end of the walks, The George and The

Packhorse and tea shop Rosie Lee is open till 4.00. The village will be in festive mode as it's the annual May Queen Festival this weekend, so there's likely to be a lot of bunting about! We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. The coach leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road, Formby, at 8 a.m on the day and you can book your place by ringing 01704 878548.

CTIFAH WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Monday 22nd May Lighthouse Church (formerly Elm) 93 Church Road, L37 3NB

Tuesday 24th May St Peter's Church, Green Lane, L37 7DL

Wednesday 24th May Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane, L37 3LW

Thursday 25th May St Michael's Church, Altcar, L37 5AA

Friday 26th May St Stephen's Church, Hightown, L38 0BL

Saturday 27th May Formby Methodist Church, Elbow Lane, L37 4AF

Sunday 28th May St Luke's Church, Church Road, L37 2DF – Christian Unity Service @ 4pm)

Celebration of Pentecost, 28th May 2023, 3pm in Liverpool

Join us at 3 pm on Sunday 28 May 2023, as we mark Pentecost. The Pentecost event will start at Liverpool Cathedral, and we will then walk-up Hope Street to the Metropolitan Cathedral. Weather permitting there will be a service on the plaza outside the Metropolitan Cathedral and a party on the steps. The theme of the service is Many Nations, and Bishop John Perumbalath, the new Bishop of Liverpool, will be preaching. Please visit ctmr.org.uk for further details.

SVP Collection

The SVP would like to remind parishioners that there will be a retiring collection at all Masses during the weekend of 13th and 14th May. We thank you for your continued support.

OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the March draw was number 10. 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 and St. Jerome's. (N.B. if paying by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: OLOC 200 Club). Good luck!

Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Tom Williams

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' 20 years' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on **Wednesday 17 May 2023** at 7.00pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Everyone is invited to the Mass and the Drinks Reception which will follow.

UCM News

The UCM Committee would like to say a big thank you to people who supported the SPRING BINGO at the Gild Hall on 26th April. £500 was raised and will be donated to the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre.

The UCM monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th May**. Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Our Lady's Church and all UCM members are invited to attend along with anyone else interested in joining. Refreshments will be served in the Activity Centre afterwards.