



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

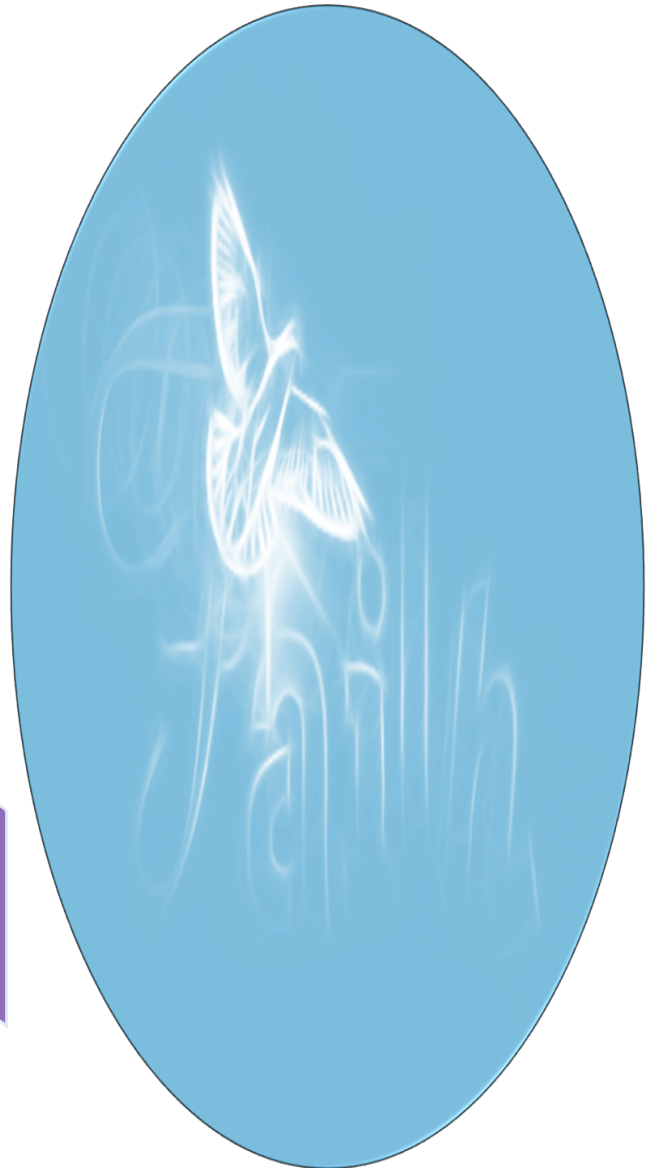
Our Lady of Victories Hightown, Holy Family Ince Blundell,
St John Stone and Sacred Heart Ainsdale & Woodvale

8th June – Solemnity of Pentecost
Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter week 2
School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Sacrament of Confirmation** - St John Stone Church, Ainsdale on:
 - Monday 23rd June 7pm
 - Wednesday 25th June 7pm



Come Holy Spirit!

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Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY		
Saturday 7th June	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Paddy Kerwin
Sunday 8th June	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Joe Moreland
Tuesday 10th June	10.00am	Holy Mass	Evelyn McKenna
Wednesday 11th June	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
	FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST		
Thursday 12th June	10.00am	Requiem Mass – David Owens	
	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY		
Saturday 14th June	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Tommy Bulger
Sunday 15th June	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Frederick Wilson

Weekly Collection: £1,104.33 Thank you!

Forthcoming Funerals: David John Owens, 12th June at 10am, Catherine Higgins, 17th June at 10am, Tony Greenan 25th June at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 2nd June –A Special Intention, Susannah Meehan, Sheila Whiteside.

Please pray for the lately Dead including; Paddy Kerwin, Ged Cunningham, Frank Greaney, Margaret Sharrock, Bill Evans, Kenneth Culshaw, Joan Godsall, David Owens, Catherine (Cathy) Higgins, Sheila Whiteside and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Margaret Nutall, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Beryl Prescott, Kathleen O’Gorman, Nell Piggott, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones, Claire Charlton, Dominic Tomlinson, Tim Chrimes, Joe Murphy, Eileen Bynoe, Ellen Hayes, James Rolfe, Pat Hawkins.



Parish Notices

■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Rawsthorne at St John Stone Church, Ainsdale on Monday 23rd June & Wednesday 25th June beginning at 7pm.

There are **2 remaining preparation sessions that candidates are required to attend**, which will be held at **St John Stone Church from 7pm – 8pm:-**

- Monday 2nd June – completed.
- Monday 9th June
- Monday 16th June

■ The Chatterry

This week on **Wednesday 11th June**, we welcome MARY KILCOYNE to the Activity Centre. Mary is an Associate of the Mill Hill Missionary Society and will share her experiences of working in Kenya and Chile. Open as usual from 2pm to 3.30pm. Tea/coffee/juice/weekly raffle £2. Do come and hear what promises to be another interesting afternoon talk from our guest speaker.

■ The Justice and Peace Group

There seems to be no end to the wars in Gaza and Ukraine. Night after night we watch, horrified at the endless killing and maiming of innocent civilians, young and old and even babies! Our Justice and Peace Group met this week. We talked about the situation and wondered if there is something we could do together as a parish, to help in any way. So, we would like to invite you to come to our fundraising afternoon, Tea and Chat in the Garden. We will serve the tea and home-made cake, on beautiful china in a lovely garden, and you could bring the chat! There will be no entrance charge but all donations will be gratefully received and divided between Gaza and Ukraine.

A date for your diary, ***Tea and Chat in the Garden***, on **Tuesday 24th June** at 17 Brows Lane, Formby, from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Many thanks to Helena and Ged Corcoran for opening their beautiful garden for us.

■ Parish Newsletters/Hymn Sheets

We would like to let you know that we are now recycling any leftover Newsletters and Hymn sheets. They are being shredded and set to Freshfield Animal centre to be used for bedding.

■ UCM News

The UCM meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th June. Unfortunately, there will not be a Mass this month but arrangements have been made for members to meet in the Activity Centre at 10.30am for strawberries and scones. All members are very welcome and it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible for our monthly get together.



Parish Development Review

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part of the Deanery of Sefton North

This attachment will appear regularly on the Parish Newsletter, to fully inform members of the Parish of the Parish Development Review Process and the ongoing status of the buildings, that form the Parish Estate.

Our Lady's Presbytery (Formerly the Convent)

Our Lady's Presbytery, formerly the Convent, has had a long history. Built in 1688, it was originally intended to be the first Church for the Catholic community of Formby. The collapse of the reign of the Catholic King, James II and the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688 put an end to that dream. The building was used for various purposes in the years that followed, including use as stables. With the passing of the Catholic Relief Act 150 years ago, the building was finally used as a church and became the place of worship for Catholics until the building of our present church in 1864.

After that, the building was taken out of commission as a church and eventually became a Convent in 1930 until the departure of the nuns in 1999. Fr Bernard took over the house as his Presbytery until his retirement in 2020. Fr. John continued to live at St Jerome's after his appointment as Parish Priest of Our Lady's. Our Lady's Presbytery was surveyed by the Archdiocese and it became clear that the cost of the renovation would be prohibitive. Fr. John was given the use of a diocesan house in Rosemary Lane as a temporary solution.

At the end of 2022, the Trustees of the Archdiocese decided that the number of vacant buildings across the Catholic estate after the merger of the three parishes was too high. The decision was taken to sell St. Anne's estate, and when the time was right, to sell Our Lady's Presbytery. St. Anne's estate has been sold and now Our Lady's Presbytery has been put on the market.

St Jerome's estate still remains empty and it remains on the Trustees' agenda. The Archdiocese is now looking urgently at all empty properties because of the increasing cost of maintaining unused buildings, particularly the extremely high punitive rates that Councils are charging for them. Last weekend, Fr John wrote a long message to the Parish about the new Parish review that is being launched in the three Sefton deaneries and the future shape of our parishes and buildings. What we are seeing in our own Parish is now beginning to take place elsewhere. As the review gets underway, we will hear more about the process.

St Anne's Presbytery Church and Hall

The St Anne's Estate has now been sold. The land was given on a legal reverter clause by the donors of the land, the Weld Blundell Family in 1928. Once the church ceased to exist, the land was to revert to the original donors. They have now received the full proceeds of the sale of the land. The Parish has not benefited financially. We are not aware of how the new owners will develop the land, that will become clear over time.

St Jerome's Presbytery Church & Hall

The Trustees of the Archdiocese are aware of the Parish Estate at St Jerome's. There are certain challenges relating to the proximity of the school. As of now no decisions have been made and it is unlikely that any decision will be reached in the near future.

