



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

8th Oct 2023 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 3

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

Monday Morning Movies – 30th Oct

Christmas Fayre – 25th Nov.



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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 7 th Oct	6.00pm	St Jerome	Geoffrey Peacock
Sunday 8 th Oct	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	John & Maria Williams
Tuesday 10 th Oct	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Robert (Bobby) Jenkins	
Wednesday 11 th Oct	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion – Attended by UCM	John Cooper
Thursday 12 th Oct	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Jack Marray
	11.00am	Funeral Service – Thomas Williams	
Saturday 14 th Oct	6.00pm	St Jerome	May Patten
Sunday 15 th Oct	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	William & Susan Hickey

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 Friday 09.00am – 10.00am.

Weekly Collection £1,160.26 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 2nd Oct – Francis Youell

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Lorraine Hosking, Hilary Balfour, Runhilde McDougall, Elizabeth Rimmer, John Chatterley, Howard Hind, James Youell, Maureen Crick, Robert (Bobby) Jenkins, Thomas Williams, Teresa Campbell, Patricia Wynne, David Robinson 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, Alan Wright, Tim Chrimes and Kathleen O'Gorman.

Parish Notices

Schools Update

Feast of Saint Jerome - The school celebrated Saint Jerome in a service on Friday 29th September. Father John led our worship along with the pupils of Class Three. Our parents and the rest of the school enjoyed the retelling of the story of Jerome and the Lion.

Green Flag Award - St. Jerome's School is delighted to have been awarded the International Eco-School Green Flag in recognition of our work to create a more sustainable planet. The Eco-Council worked hard alongside governors, staff and parents to promote our plastic bottle top recycling scheme, our energy saving drive including LED lighting installation, Beach litter pick-ups, walk once a week scheme, pre-loved uniform sales and paper, card and plastic recycling.

Open Day - We will be opening the school to visitors and prospective parents on **Tuesday 10th October 9.30am-11.30am** and **1pm - 2.30pm** - please come along if you are interested in seeing the school in full swing!

St Jerome's School Foundation Governor

Are you interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at St Jerome's School?

They are looking for someone with an HR or legal background preferably but welcome all expressions of interest and someone who is a practising Catholic. If you feel this is something you would be interested in, please contact the school office for more information: admin@stjeromes.net or 01704 833 211.

The Chatterry

This **Wednesday 11th October**, we welcome to The Chatterry, VICTORIA GRIMES as our guest speaker. Victoria is the daughter of parishioners Michael and Maureen Grimes and many of you will know her as a journalist, reporter and a presenter of ITV's nightly local news programme "Granada Reports". Victoria will relate the story of her broadcasting career during what promises to be a most interesting and informative afternoon. 2pm to 3.30 pm in the lounges of the Gild Hall. All welcome!

The following **Wednesday October 18th**, there will be a Bring and Buy Sale. Visitors that afternoon are invited to bring ONE item for the sale table. All proceeds as always will be donated to parish funds.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

Thank you to all those who have now signed up or shown interest in our parish pilgrimage for October next year, 30 people in total so far. Our allocation of single rooms has now been reached but people can go on a waiting list if they wish to be considered. Double/ twin/ triple accommodation is still available. We are intending to hold a short meeting during the coming weeks after the 11am Mass one Sunday so that parishioners can ask questions and find out about the proposed itinerary. Please watch the Newsletter for details of this. Booking forms will be distributed at this meeting and deposits collected thereafter.

To sign up for the pilgrimage, please see the list on the table at the back of Our Lady's Church by the main doors or telephone Mike Halford on 879508.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it is needed most, fast - so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. This is just one example of how your donations help. We will be collecting the CAFOD envelopes in at all of our Masses this weekend and a contactless device will also be available at the 9am & 11am Masses. Alternatively, you can donate online at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for your prayers and kind donations, your support is much appreciated.

Consultation Meeting on Adult Faith Formation – 21st October

A strong theme emerging from our diocesan synod and from the wider synodal dialogues and consultations, was the desire for more ongoing adult faith formation. Therefore, a consultation meeting will take place on **Saturday 21st October 2pm – 3pm at St John Stone Church Hall, Woodvale, PR8 3RN** for parishioners from Churchtown, Southport, Birkdale, Ainsdale, Formby, Hightown & Ince Blundell on behalf of the Deanery of Sefton Coast North, facilitated by John Sullivan and Rosanne Mason. A brief background paper and further information will be available at the back of our Churches, on noticeboards and on our website.

Catholic Youth Ministry Internships

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre), is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Internship Programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Christmas Fayre 2023 – First Planning Meeting

We have now begun our preparations for this year's Christmas Fayre (on Saturday 25th November). Our first planning meeting will be following 11am mass in the OLOC meeting room, this Sunday, 8th October. We would like to invite anyone interested in helping us with either running a stall, setting up prior, or tidying up after the event, to attend. We look forward to seeing you after Mass. Steve & Toni Drury.

UCM News

The UCM Monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th October**. Mass will be held in Our Lady's Church at 10.00am and refreshments will be served in the Activity Centre afterwards. Arrangements are being made for the Christmas Meal in December at Dolce Vita and those members wishing to attend are requested to bring their cheque books to this meeting as deposits are being taken to secure a place.

Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Liverpool, LIPA and John Moores University

The Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Liverpool, LIPA and John Moores University exists to support members of the university communities - both students and staff - on their journey of faith. It is based at St Philip Neri Church, L8. There are regular weekly Masses and events during term time. Please see our website for details: www.cathchap.org.uk or contact the chaplain (Fr Neil Ritchie) on 07927 346 219. A group for staff and doctoral students meets fortnightly for prayer, discussion and sharing; please contact Dr Antal Berkes on 07515 821079 for further details.

Cathedral Readers required – Come and Share the Liturgy of the Word!

Would you like to join the group of readers at the many masses at the Cathedral? The Cathedral are looking for new readers to join their team in this important role for all Masses. No experience is required, all you need is a clear voice! For more information, please contact Danielle Myerscough at dmyerscough@gmail.com or 07919894918

OLOC Fell Walkers

Our Ladies Fell Walkers will be travelling to Pateley Bridge in Upper Nidderdale for two walks in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the Yorkshire Dales on **Saturday 14th October 2023**. The A walk is 8.9 miles with an elevation of 950 ft, a height gain of 600 ft and the B walk is 6.9 miles with an elevation of 975 ft, a height gain of 625 ft. Pateley Bridge has pubs and cafes for refreshment and independent local shops to browse after our walks, not to mention the Oldest Sweet Shop in the World selling retro sweets of a bygone age. The A walk is a higher, faster walk and the B is a lower, slower walk. There is always a stop for coffee/tea/bacon barns on the way out and time after the walk to visit local cafes, shops and pubs. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch. Sticks can also be helpful. 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.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2023

Would you be able to give a filled shoebox to a child in poverty in Ukraine this Christmas? There are different ways to do this. Either, as a family project, filling it yourself by buying small items at the Shoebox Bazaar at the Methodist Church on Saturday 14th October. Or, if you prefer, the Justice and Peace Group can do it for you: £8 will fill and send a box. Here's what to do. In an envelope, put cash or a cheque (made out to 'Our Lady of Compassion Justice and Peace Group'). Leave the envelope in the Church porch or post it to Anne Devine, 58 Wicks Crescent, Formby.

If you are willing to Gift Aid your donation, please write your name and address on the envelope so that we can get a Gift Aid form to you. **All boxes need to be in Church by Sunday 22nd October.** Thank you.

The Foodbank

The Foodbank have informed us that they are running low on the following items.

Soup, Beans, Jam, Coffee, Biscuits, Custard, Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Tinned veg, inc tomatoes, Tinned hot & cold meat, UHT juice/cordial. Thank you.

OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **August** draw was number **19**. 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!