



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

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 Sept 2024 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 3

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- Family Mass – Sun 6th Oct, 11am
- Parish Family Lunch – Sun 13th Oct,
12.30pm at the Gild Hall
- Bereavement Mass – Sun 17th Nov, 11am
- Christmas Fayre – Sat 30th Nov, 11am –
4pm



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Newsletter



Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 7 th Sept	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Eamonn McAteer
Sunday 8 th Sept	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Ruth Jenkins
Tuesday 10 th Sept	No Mass or Service		
Wednesday 11 th Sept	10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion – Attended by UCM	
Thursday 12 th Sept	No Mass or Service		
Saturday 14 th Sept	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Carol Williams
Sunday 15 th Sept	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Brenda Kelly

Weekly Collection: £1,222.62 Thank you!

Forthcoming Funerals: Michael Seddon 16th Sept at 10.30am, Peter Galbraith 24th Sept at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 2nd Sept – None

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

Anne Mawdsley, Jack Dickinson, Carol Williams, Brenda Kelly, Barbara Doyle, Barbara Shaw, Olive Taylor, Joe Bryan, Peter Galbraith, Michael Seddon and all their families.

■ **And let us pray for those who are sick including;**

Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Beryl Prescott, Kathleen O’Gorman, John Holland, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones, Ruth Purcell, Claire Charlton, Dominic Tomlinson, Tim Chrimes.

Parish Notices

■ Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers who visit the sick either at home or in care homes during the week, are asked to arrange their visits on a **WEDNESDAY MORNING**, whilst Fr John is away on holiday. The Blessed Sacrament can be Received during the 10am Service of the Word with Communion each Wednesday. The Church will be closed on all other weekdays. Thank you for your ministry and co-operation.

■ The Chatterry

The Chatterry re-opens this **Wednesday, September 11th**, from 2pm to 3.30pm. Tea/coffee/biscuits, £1.50p and a catch up with parishioners and friends after the Summer break. **Please remember that the gathering will be in the new regular venue of the Activity Centre, at the rear of the Gild Hall car park.**

■ Parish Family Lunch

On **Sunday 13th October at 12.30pm** we will be holding a Parish Family lunch at the Gild Hall.

■ UCM News

The UCM monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th September**. There will be a Eucharistic Service in Our Lady's Church at 10.00am and members are invited to meet afterwards in the Activity Centre for refreshments. This is our first meeting after the Summer break and a good opportunity for a catch up. All are welcome.

■ Special Bereavement Mass – 17th Nov at 11am

A special Bereavement Mass will be held at Our Lady's on Sunday 17th November at 11am, to pray for members of the community who died in the last 12 months. All are welcome.

■ The Ministries Mass – Tuesday 17th Sept at 7pm

The Ministries Mass for the Archdiocese will be held at SS Peter and Paul, Crosby at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17th September. Andy Dell from our parish, will be receiving the ministry of Acolyte at this Mass as part of his formation for the Permanent Diaconate. All are welcome.

■ St Jerome's Primary School

As part of our school Mission Week, St Jerome's Catholic primary school would like to welcome any parishioners into the school to help with some events next week. For the budding gardeners amongst you, we would be very grateful if any of you could help our children to develop the peace garden and garden areas in school on **Tuesday 10th September at 1.30pm**.

We are also delighted to welcome you to an afternoon tea and board-game session with one of our classes - ideal for a cuppa, chat and some good company! This is on **Thursday 12th September 2-3pm**. If you are interested, please book a place with the school office on 01704 833 211.

■ Adult Faith Formation Events

You are warmly invited by the members of Sefton North Coast Deanery Synodal Council to the following three events in support of adult faith formation:

Why Real Friends are Good for the Soul Saturday 28th September from 2.00 – 3.30pm at Our Lady of Compassion's Activity Centre – a talk by John Sullivan, followed by discussion

An exploration of the connections between friendship, spiritual learning and synodality

Christians and Contemporary Culture - Saturday 19th October from 2.00 – 3.30pm at St John Stone hall, Sandbrook Way, Woodvale, Southport, PR8 3RN –led by John Sullivan

- How should Christians relate to the culture of our time and place?
- How have they done so in the past?
- The challenges and opportunities of either fitting in or being different

Deanery Question Time - Saturday 23rd November from 2.00 – 3.30pm at St John Stone hall

A panel of four chaired by the Dean, Mgr John Walsh – will face questions on topics and issues related to Christian faith and life in the Church.

■ SVP – Thank you

SVP would like to thank all parishioners for their generous collection last month. The amount collected was: £621.65.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **July** draw was number **86**. 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

OLOC Fell Walkers have two linear walks on **Saturday 14th September 2024**, from Windermere to Ambleside in the Lake District. The A walk is 9.5 miles with 2400 ft of ascent and the B walk is 7 miles with a total climb of 1200 ft. Both walks have beautiful views over the surrounding countryside. The coach will stop to let walkers off at Windermere by the station and will collect from Ambleside. Buses to Ambleside are frequent, so it should prove a good day out whether or not you choose to walk.

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.

■ OLOC Fell Walkers September Social

"Our Lady's Fell Walkers are holding their September Social, which is taking place on **Saturday 28.9.24 at Formby Cricket Club**, Cricket Path, Formby, off Green Lane, L37 7DP. There is a large car park which can be accessed by driving to the end of Cricket Path, turning left and passing the Clubhouse.

All members, past and present, are invited with a plus one at 19.30 for 20.00 hrs and as usual, there will be a buffet and quiz and the bar will be open. Prospective members who would like to find out more about the club are also welcome - just come along on the night."

■ Brownie Notice

St. Jerome Brownie Pack is currently run by the Formby District Commissioner, who stepped in 4 years ago when the then Pack Leader retired and no new qualified leader could be found. A volunteer (who is retiring at the end of this term) and a young leader (who is going off to university in September) also make up the Team.

Due to personal circumstances, the District Commissioner is no longer able to continue with this additional role and, as no other qualified leader is available to take on this role, it has been decided to merge St. Jerome and Our Lady of Compassion Brownie Packs, with effect from September 2024. The merged Pack will meet on Wednesdays at 6.00pm - 7.30pm in The Activity Centre behind the Gild Hall and will be known as the 20th OLOC Formby Brownie Pack. Going forward, this arrangement aligns with the new one Parish vision and ensures the continuation of Girl Guiding within our Parish community.

If you have any queries regarding joining Brownies, volunteering as a helper or becoming a qualified leader, then please contact:- olocbrownies@gmail.com

■ 160th Anniversary of Our Lady's Church

Thank you to everyone who has come forward offering a statue and general support for the new anniversary garden. The response has been quite overwhelming. It is essential that the selected statue is suitable for an outside setting and is properly erected for stability, so we are working with an appropriate memorial mason to ensure that the statue and garden will be suitable and safe.

There are further plans to install a small bench for parishioners' private contemplation and prayer before and after Mass. This and the current landscaping, including the borders along the alleyway with Waitrose, have been undertaken by volunteers at no cost to the Parish. The comments received show that this work is appreciated. If you wish to support the endeavours and ambitions of this small group, donations can be handed into the sacristy or office, please put in an envelope addressed 'Anniversary Garden'. Thank you.