



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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28th March 2021 - Palm Sunday

Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh.
Deacons: Rev. J P Moreland and Rev. J A McCarthy

Mass Times

(There are no public masses at this time)

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ONLY

Day	Time	Location
Sunday 28th March 2021	10:00am	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive
Wednesday 31st March 2021	12:00am	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive
Thursday 1st April 2021 Maundy Thursday - Evening Mass of the lord's Supper	5:00pm	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive
Good Friday 2nd April 2021 Stations of the Cross	10:00am	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive
Good Friday 2nd April 2021 Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death	3:00pm	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive

PUBLIC MASSES

Saturday 3rd April 2021 Easter Vigil	6:00pm	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive
Sunday 4th April 2021 Easter Sunday	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion
Sunday 4th April 2021 Easter Sunday	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion

Requiem Masses and Services:-

Monday 29th March 2021	10:00am	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive - Joan FLYNN
Friday 9th April 2021	11:00am	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive - Mary HEATH
Monday 12th April 2021	11:00am	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive - Liz PAGE

(Please remember COVID rules limit numbers at funeral services, please contact the families do not just turn up as you will not be allowed entry)

If any parishioner needs Father John for any reason whatsoever, particularly if someone is **sick or dying** and needs **Sacraments**, please call **07783354250**. If the phone is not answered, please leave a **clear message** indicating your **name, the reason** for your call and a **contact number**. If no message is left, then Father John does not know that you have called. You can also call the **parish office on 01704873230** again leaving name, contact number and reason for call. The answering machine is checked every day. Also, you can use the parish email:- **ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk**

Please pray for the lately Dead including; Liz PAGE, Joan FLYNN, and Mary (Tess) HEATH and pray for all of their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick

Thoughts of Pope Francis: How many times have we told the Lord: “Lord, I will come to you later... I can’t come today. Tomorrow I will begin to pray and do something for others”. In this life, we will always have things to do and excuses to offer, but right now is the time to return to God.

We are called to recognise that other living beings have a value of their own in God’s eyes: by their mere existence they bless him and give him glory, and indeed, the Lord rejoices in all his works

In all of this we need to remember that God is at our side in every affliction, in every fear; no evil, no sin will ever have the final word. God triumphs, but the palm of victory passes through the wood of the cross. For the palm and the cross are inseparable..

PARISH NOTICES

Our Lady of Compassion Prayer Group:- Did you know that our new parish has a prayer group that meets on Friday mornings online over ‘Zoom’. If you would like to join the group, please contact Andrea Dell on 07342692957

Foodbank:- Please remember the Foodbank, donations can be left at Alice Joyce’s home, 35 Freshfield Road, all donations need to be left by 2pm on Wednesday, 31st March and then back to normal the following week, Friday 9th April. Also kindly include Easter Eggs in donations for both adults and children.. Many, thanks for all your regular donations of food and money to the Foodbank every week.

The Easter Trail: The Easter trail, which is an aid to prayer this Easter, with reflections is now up in the grounds of St Jerome's and Our Lady's churches. There is also a copy of the trail in the village, starting at Cassidy's in Chapel lane and a children's trail in the playground at Formby Pool.

Formby Food Pantry Consultation:

A food pantry is a club run by members to reduce the cost of food shopping through subsidised groceries. Building on the work of food banks a food pantry club has members for a longer period, who contribute to the cost of the food and have choice of the food they receive.

Churches Together in Formby have been asked to consider whether there would be interest locally in having a food pantry in Formby. Please take one minute to give us your views- Please use the below link - Your responses are anonymous and confidential.

Thank you

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FQ9BBS9>

Divine Mercy Service 2021: Sunday 11th April 2021 is the Feast of the Divine Mercy and we are delighted that we are once again able to hold a Divine Mercy Service on this day at Our Lady of Compassion Church.

The service itself will start at 3pm and is expected to last just under an hour. It will also be live streamed. Numbers will be restricted, in line with Covid-safe practice and stewards will be on hand to direct you to a seat.

(N.B. Due to current circumstances, there will be no extra Mass said on this day (the usual Sunday Masses will be held and livestreamed) and reconciliation cannot be offered during the service. You can make arrangements to meet Father John for “al fresco” reconciliation within the Octave .)

The institution of this feast was requested by Jesus in 1931 via Sister Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who was canonised by Pope John Paul II on this feast day in the year 2000.

Jesus himself attached an extraordinary promise to this feast telling Saint Faustina,

“The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”

In effect, on Divine Mercy Sunday He is offering us the chance to wipe the slate clean and begin our spiritual lives afresh.

We would love to invite you to share in this amazing grace.

The Feast of Divine Mercy is preceded by a special Novena (beginning on Good Friday) in which you are invited to participate (at home) by picking up a prayer leaflet from the small plastic boxes outside St Jerome’s, Our Lady’s or St Anne’s Presbyteries on Palm Sunday. Please observe Covid-safe procedures when collecting your leaflet. Hand gel will be provided for you to sanitise your hands before and after touching the box. Alternatively, you can find the Divine Mercy Novena online.

If you would like to find out more about St Faustina and the Feast of Divine Mercy, why not read her diary which is entitled, “Divine Mercy in My Soul” by Blessed Sister M. Faustina Kowalska?

For further information, please contact Jen Foster

Fr. John's Letter:

Dear Friends,

'Accompaniment' is a word which Pope Francis uses often. He wants to see more accompaniment and more listening in our journey with our brothers and sisters, particularly those of little or no faith. It is a beautiful teaching and a necessary counterbalance in a culture that is drowning in words!

The days of Holy Week are upon us. How are we going to journey through them? Perhaps we can accompany Jesus. Watch, listen, enter into the events we know so well. We will be overwhelmed if we open our hearts. Such extreme suffering and sadness is too much for us to think about for long. We are staring into the face of pure love!

We may begin by accompanying Jesus. We will gradually find ourselves being accompanied by him. He has much he wants to teach us. Are we able to listen, to ponder, to be silent? There is no other way of entering into these days.

Let us listen carefully to the accounts of the Passion of Jesus in our live-streamed services. Allow our hearts to be opened a little more. There is no better preparation, surely, for the reopening of our churches and our celebration of the great Easter Feast next weekend.

May God bless you and your loved ones,

Father John