



## Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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**5th September 2021 - 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh.

Deacons: Rev. J P Moreland and Rev. J A McCarthy

Day	Mass Times		Intentions
	Time	Location	
Saturday 4th Sept	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	<b>Ellen l'anson</b>
Sunday 5th Sept	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Beatrice Gibb</b>
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Parish Community</b>
	12:00 noon	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Dcn Paul Collins</b>
Tuesday 7th Sept	12:00 noon	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Private Intention</b>
Wednesday 8th Sept	12:00 noon	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Louisa McQuillian</b>
Thursday 9th Sept	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
<b>Mass Times - Week of 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday 11th Sept	1:00pm	<b>Wedding Service</b> - Victoria Gilfoyle and Brian Hare - OLOC	
	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	<b>Michael Mitchell</b>
Sunday 12th Sept	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
	12:00 noon	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
Tuesday 14th Sept	12:00 noon	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
Wednesday 15th Sept	12:00 noon	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
Thursday 16th Sept	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS SAID THAT MASKS ARE MANDATORY INSIDE CHURCH - Please respect this and respect your fellow parishioners some of whom may have compromised immune systems, also if people want space please allow them space.**

**PLEASE DO NOT KNEEL DOWN AND UP AGAINST PEOPLE WHO REMAIN SEATED**

**Please pray for the lately Dead** and for all of their families.

**And let us pray for those who are sick** including Ellen l'ANSON, Jim McAULEY, Ann LONG and Ged CUNNINGHAM

**Baptisms:** Albie WEATHERHEAD became one with Christ and Christ one with him through baptism this week. We welcome him to our church and I ask that you pray for him and his family.

**Thoughts of Pope Francis:-** Saint Paul invites us too to reflect on how we live faith. Does the love of Christ, crucified and risen, remain at the centre of our life as the wellspring of salvation, or are we content with a few religious formalities to salve our consciences?

In the beginning there was God's Love. Everything that is alive, beautiful, good and true is from God who is love. Just as human life comes from the heart and womb of a mother, and Jesus came from the heart and the womb of a Mother, Love became flesh.

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**

## PARISH NOTICES

**Tea and Coffee:** Tea and coffee will resume after the 11am Mass on this Sunday 5th September. This will be an ideal opportunity for all of us in our new parish to come together.

**Foodbank:** The Return of the Foodbank! As Father John announced last week, the Foodbank collections are beginning again. The need is great as there really are local families who often go all day without even one nourishing meal. Please, would you be able to help by donating a basic store cupboard item each week? For example: tea, coffee, long-life milk, toiletries, tinned vegetables, tinned tuna, tinned meat. Donations can be left in both churches when you come to mass. Thank you for your generosity. The Justice and Peace group will collect the food and deliver it to the distribution centre in Southport. If anyone could help with this on a rota, that would be great-give Bruni Jones a call. (876038). Thank you.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** There will be a meeting of 'Eucharistic Ministers' and all who have indicated that they would like to take on this ministry on Wednesday 15th September at 7pm at our parish centre at St. Jerome's. This will be to discuss the way forward and to ensure completing and renewing of DBS checks. You are asked to bring means of identification, preferably passport, photographic driver's licence and one of birth certificate, current council tax bill, or the following, so long as they are less than 3 months old; bank or building society statement, utility bill

**Our Lady's Fell Walkers:** Our walks on 11th September 2021 are from the village of Castleton, at the western end of the Hope Valley in the Peak District National Park. Castleton boasts a medieval castle and four show caverns and plenty of pubs, cafes and shops for refreshment and browsing post walk. Full details can be found later in the newsletter or on the parish website and Facebook page.

**Season of Creation: Caring for our Common Home** During the Season of Creation, you might like to dip into Pope Francis' encyclical letter, Laudato Si'. The title is taken from the first line of the encyclical, "Laudato si', mi Signore" ("Praise be to you, my Lord"). These words come from the beautiful Canticle of the Creatures by St Francis of Assisi. The subtitle of the encyclical, 'On Care for our Common Home', explains what the letter is about. Pope Francis urgently appeals "for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affects us all" (14). He challenges us to consider the kind of world we want to leave to those who come after us. Quoting Pope Saint John Paul II, Pope Francis reminds us that, as Christians, we are called to be responsible custodians of creation: "Christians in their turn 'realise that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith' " (64). Although quite long, the encyclical is easy to read and can be downloaded from CAFOD's website which has lots of helpful resources exploring the encyclical: [www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical)

**NUGENT:** 15th Annual Phil Thompson Golf Classic on Thursday 16th September 2021. We are currently seeking any donations of suitable prizes that we can raffle/auction at this event. Any generous donations received will be supporting a great cause, and will be acknowledged on the night and on our event webpage. As we are sure you will be aware, Nugent is a distinctive Merseyside-based charity that has been caring for our region's most vulnerable for over 140 years. **For more information, please contact: Ainsley Briscoe, Fundraiser - Corporate Partnerships and Major Gifts at Nugent: E: [ainsley.briscoe@wearenugent.org](mailto:ainsley.briscoe@wearenugent.org) or M: 07833091852.**

**Our Lady's Fell Walkers** are a friendly group who enjoy walking together on the second Saturday of each month. The coach leaves at 8 a.m. from the corner of ChurchRoad/School Lane for destinations in the Lake District, Derbyshire, the Yorkshire Dales, the Peak District and North Wales. We have two levels of walk, an A walk which goes higher and faster with an approximate length around 9 miles, and a B walk which goes slower and slower with an approximate length of around 7 miles. If you are reasonably active, you should be able to cope and the thought of visiting a local pub at the end of a walk spurs on many when they are feeling weary! The walks are led by members of the group and are carefully planned with health and safety in mind. All walkers need to wear appropriate footwear and dress with the weather in mind.

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The A walk is 9.15 miles long and begins with some steep climbs up to the top of Mam Tor, elevation 517m (1696 ft). The walk passes points of interest such as Peveril Castle, Treak and Blue John caverns with views from the ridge over the Edale and Hope Valleys.

Most of the climb is before lunch and the route then descends down towards Castleton with the last part taking in the village of Hope and a walk through fields along the river.

The B Walk is approximately 7 miles long and 1000 ft of climb, though this may be modified on the day depending on the weather.

Starting from Castleton, we walk out across fields and after approx 1 mile, the walk starts to head upwards. Paths are firm but may be slippery if it is a wet day.

We continue walking through some fairly obscure paths up to the old road for a quick look and then on up to Hollins Cross. We walk along the ridge, visiting some of the three peaks along the way and then head down into Hope. From there along the river back to Castleton.

If you are interested in joining the Club for walks in some of the country's most scenic areas, please contact Teresa Mooney for more information and booking Tel: 01704 78548