



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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30th January 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 4

Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh.

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

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Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 29th Jan	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Joseph Cooper
Sunday 30th Jan	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	John Uprichard
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
Tuesday 1st Feb	09:30am	Morning Prayer	OLOC
	10:00am	Requiem Mass - Ed Byrne	
		Feast - The Presentation of the Lord	
Wednesday 2nd Feb	09:30am	Morning Prayer	OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	James Nimmo
	11:00am	Requiem Service - Anthony Gouldbourne	OLOC
Thursday 3rd Feb	09:00am	Parish Morning Mass - OLOC	Angela & Mike Thompson
		<u>Mass Times - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
Saturday 5th Feb	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Pam Drummond
Sunday 6th Feb	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Ann Long
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
		Face masks are mandatory -	
		Please respect this and respect your fellow parishioners and allow space.	
		PLEASE DO NOT KNEEL DOWN AND UP AGAINST PEOPLE WHO REMAIN SEATED	

Please pray for the lately Dead, including Florence HIGGENBOTTOM, Ed BYRNE and Anthony GOULDBOURNE and for all of their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including Teresa CAMPBELL, Mike THOMPSON, Maureen PRITCHARD, Eddy CONNOLLY, Alison BOTTERILL, Stephanie HARRISON, Ellen I'ANSON, Jim McAULEY, Ann LONG and Ged CUNNINGHAM

Thoughts of Pope Francis:- Like Saul before his encounter with Christ, we need to change course, to invert the route of our habits and our ways, in order to find the path that the Lord points out to us: the path of humility, fraternity and adoration.

Jesus sees the possibility of a resurrection even in those who have made so many wrong choices.

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

20th OLOC Brownie Pack Open Day:- Are you 7 – 10 year old girl? Do you like playing games? Do you like to make things? Do you enjoy challenges and adventures - weekends away and day trips? Are you interested in the environment, making new friends, belonging to an all girl organisation? If the answer is yes to any of the above questions, then why not join our brownie pack. There are a number of places available right now. We are having an 'open day' on **Wednesday, 2nd February 2022 at 6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. at the Methodist Hall, Elbow Lane, Formby.** Come along and join in the fun – you never know, you may find you are a brownie in all but name! For further information or to book onto the open night please contact. olocbrownies@gmail.com

LGBTQ+ Catholics: - The next LGBTQ+ Catholic Mass, with a social afterwards, is on Sunday 20th February 2022 t 2:00pm at St. Richards, Mayfield Street, Atherton, M46 0AQ. For information and to RSVP, please contact Fr. Maloney on 0151 287 8787 or email. frsmaloney@aol.com

CAFOD Fun Run:- Our fellow parishioner Lambert Felix was due to participate in the CAFOD Fun Run on 27th Dec but unfortunately covid struck and he needed to isolate. Now feeling much better Lambert will be doing the run on 30th Jan. If you would like to support Lambert and the work of CAFOD you can sponsor him via this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lamfel-oloc> Thank you to everyone who has already sponsored Lambert.

OLOC Fellwalkers - are walking on Saturday 12.2.222 with two circular walks from Llangollen on the River Dee, part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, in Denbighshire, Wales.

The A walk is 10 miles with a steep climb reaching a height of 1050 ft and takes a route from Llangollen Wharf upto Castell Dinas Bran. The walk then continues east along Offa's Dyke and the Panorama Walk towards Trevor, returning via Ponte Cysyllte Aqueduct back along the canal towpath. The walk is mainly flat apart from the first 1.2 mile steep ascent, but is a faster, higher walk.

The B walk which is slower and lower, is approximately 7 miles with a total climb of 800 ft. The walk takes a route from the car park in Llangollen and visits Crucis Abbey, The Pillar of Eliseg, Eglwyseg Church, Offas Dyke path and Castell Dinas Bran before returning to Llangollen, and uses tow paths, roads, tracks and footpaths.

There promises to be some outstanding views, weather permitting, and Llangollen has a wealth of pubs, shops and cafes to refresh the weary walker, so book your place, bring your mask and come along. The coach leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road at 8 a.m. and you can book your place by ringing 01704 878548. You are asked to take a Rapid Flow Test the previous evening and masks are worn on the coach. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and boots.

Centering Prayer:- Starting next Saturday 5th February, new starters or experienced prayers are welcome to join learning and practice sessions with the simple, silent method of prayer made popular by Fr Thomas Keating and his Contemplative Outreach movement. Calming, prayerful focus to allow God's grace to draw us into closeness and stillness is the way, with instruction and teaching, and space for questions as we go along. Come for what you can, any or all of the sessions: 11 – 1.30pm; 2 - 3.30pm; talking together 11am and 4pm; contemplative mass at 3.30pm. Sacred Heart Hall, Liverpool Rd, PR8 3BP. No charge – donations welcome. More information Fr Tony Slingo on 01704 577722

New Accompaniment Teams - The Sacraments of the Church are the celebrations where people meet Jesus in a beautiful and powerful way, above all in the Eucharist. Parents are still seeking Baptism for their children. Over 40 children have been baptised in the last 7 months alone. The children in our schools are asking for their first communion. 130 children received the Eucharist for the first time last summer, and a further 70 will ask for their first communion this summer. Confirmation is now being offered to all those aged 14 and over. The next celebration will take place later this year. Couples are asking for Marriage. A number will be married this summer. Over 100 members of our community have passed since March 2020. Their families have needed care and support.

I want to thank Deacon Joe for all his work with the bereaved of our community over the past couple of years, and Deacon John for his work with parents bringing children for Baptism. But, now that we are moving out of the worst part of the pandemic, it is time for members of our community to come forward and work with all those seeking the Sacraments.

Last year, I called together a Mission Team to listen, to reflect and to pray about the future. We are asking ourselves how we prepare for a future that looks very different after two years of a pandemic. Thank you to all those who responded to our recent outreach about the mission and work of our Parish. The new Pastoral Plan has been our guide. It invites us to accompany those seeking Christ in the Church. So, I would like to establish Accompaniment Teams in the Parish, to accompany and prepare those who are seeking Christ in the Sacraments and those who have lost their loved ones. There are four areas that require a Team; Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation and Bereavement.

These Teams will take time to set up and grow. At this point, I am wanting to see what kind of interest there might be in the Parish for these Teams and who might be interested. All are invited to consider this proposal. No special qualifications are needed, just a willingness to offer your time, be open about learning more and above all a desire to deepen your relationship with the Lord and help others to do the same.

If this is something of interest to you, please let us know. Please indicate which area you feel drawn to work in, or whether you are happy to be placed in any of the Teams. I am hoping that the Teams will be up and running by Easter, so there is no immediate rush. You may feel that you need time to think about it. In the meantime, I ask us all to pray for this new venture and for all our people who are continually seeking the Lord in the Sacraments. God Bless, Father John