



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

**Served by the church of Our Lady of Compassion and
St. Jerome Chapel of Ease**

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13th March 2022 - Second Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 2

Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh.

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

Gild Hall: Manager - Eileen Sheridan - 01704 872279, 07970 720967

Day	Time	<u>Mass Times</u> Location	Intentions
Saturday 12 th March	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Joseph Walton
Sunday 13 th March	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	John A
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
Tuesday 15 th March	09:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	OLOC
	09:30am	Morning Prayer	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane. Catherine & John Maguire	
Wednesday 16 th March	09:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	OLOC
	09:30am	Morning Prayer	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane Tony & Michael Myerscough	
Thursday 17 th March	09:30am	Morning Prayer	OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Marie Frodsham
	10:30am – 12 Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	OLOC
Mass Times – Second Sunday of Lent			
Saturday 19 th March	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Francis Youell
Sunday 20 th March	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Sarah Ferguson
<u>The Archdiocese strongly recommends that face masks are worn - Please respect your fellow parishioners and allow space.</u>			

Please pray for the lately Dead, including Trisha PINKMAN and for all of their families. **And let us pray for those who are sick** including Charles MILLS, 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:-

God forgives all, he is just waiting for you to get close to him. In turn we can change evil into good each day, for loving actions change history.

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

Opening Of The Churches of Our Lady of Compassion Formby during Lent:- During the Season of Lent, St. Jerome's Church will be opened on particular days for **private prayer**. Beginning on Monday, 7th March, St. Jerome's will be open throughout Lent on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's from 9.00am until 12 Noon. All are invited to drop in for a moment of quiet and prayer at these times. The opening of Our Lady of Compassion church is shown on the time table for our Masses, openings include **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** and **Stations of the Cross**.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal:- You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent and there will also be a contactless device available after all Masses this weekend to donate via debit or credit card. Thank you.

Our Parish Community Walk Against Hunger:- We're walking together on Saturday 26th March to raise money to help stamp out hunger, one step at a time, Will you join us? Meeting at St Jerome's Church at 3.30pm with the walk starting at 3.45pm we will follow a route that takes us via Our Lady's Church, through to Timms Lane passed St Anne's Church and back to St Jerome's in time for 6pm Mass. If you would like to sponsor our walkers please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/OLOCP-community-walk-against-hunger> Everyone is welcome. Children do need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian please For more info or to get involved please contact Siobhan Farnell on 07988810564 or siobhanfarnell@yahoo.co.uk

Biscuit Sale:- On Sunday 27th March 2022 there will be a sale of 'Homemade All Butter Shortbread Biscuits' in the meeting room of Our Lady of Compassion church after both morning Masses, cost £1 per pack of two. This is in aid of the St. Patrick's Missionary Society and the starving people that they care for in drought-stricken Sudan.

Churches Together:- 'Carry the Light for Ukraine', a Churches Together Mini-Pilgrimage for Lent with prayer, scripture and reflection at stopping places round St. Luke's churchyard, Formby this **Wednesday 16th March**. Starting at **11.00am in St. Luke's church** then going outside, stopping at different locations for prayer and reflection, we will especially remember the people of Ukraine in their time of need. The morning finishes in the Meeting Room with a light lunch. No charge. Please be aware that the paths round St. Luke's can be a bit uneven in places, also parking outside the church can be difficult-it's best to park in Bushbys Lane or Kirklake Road. All are welcome.

To book a place please call Bruni Jones on 01704 876038. ((Booking necessary because of the catering)

Also,

A Quiet Morning at **St. Joseph's, Tuesday 29th March starting at 9.30 am** with tea/coffee at the Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue. Led by Ted Woods, this will be a morning of Prayer and Reflection titled '**Holy Week through the Lens of Stage and Screen**', probably to include a thoughtful walk around outside, weather permitting.

Attendance at both events is limited by numbers maybe around 30 each. The Mini-Pilgrimage will take about an hour to go round outside, on somewhat uneven paths. St Joseph's paths are firm and even. Booking will be by phone to June McGibbon 871244 or Bruni Jones 876038.

Our Lady of Compassion Formby 200 Club:- Please support Our Lady's 200 Club. For only £2 per month, you will be allocated a number and if your number is drawn, you could win up to £200 in our monthly draw. You can pay by cash/cheque/standing order. Application forms can be found on the notice boards at Our Lady's or St Jerome's. **GOOD LUCK! The winner of the January draw was number 11. ALSO, could Susan HYLAND make contact with Beryl Prescott regarding her membership of the 200 club, Thank you**

Living Christ Retreat:- happening in Ainsdale on evening 25th Friday/ daytime Saturday 26th March. We begin with a cheese & wine welcome on Friday 25th March, 7-9pm continuing Saturday 26th March 9.30-5pm in Sacred Heart Hall Liverpool Rd Ainsdale PR8 3BP. We do ask you to come for the whole of the retreat. Please book your place in advance, ASAP. To sign up, or for more information phone 01704 577722, or email: heartstone@rcaol.org.uk

Catholic Women: International Synod Survey:- Catholic Women Speak is an international forum for dialogue, theological discussion and awareness-raising around issues to do with women in the Catholic Church. They have produced a survey for the synod link below:

<https://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey/>

Silence in the Woods:- Opening to the presence of the Lord. An introduction to Contemplation through the gateway of Centering Prayer led by Fr. Richard Sloan. **Saturday 2nd April 2022, 10am – 4pm at St. Joseph’s Prayer Centre, Formby.** Registration <https://forms.gle/KSd8saSrTTP3HxAn9>. Suggested donation £12 (Please bring a packed lunch)

Centering prayer is a silent meditation method rooted in Christian contemplative tradition. It is accessible to all who want to open themselves, heart and mind, to the ‘Ultimate Mystery’. It is intentional practice founded on the gesture of surrender, a conscious letting go of thoughts, images and ideas in order to rest in a place of deeper spiritual attentiveness.

Lent and Eastertide

This month we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on the 25th March, so we’ve gathered together articles and resources about the role Lady plays in Scripture and in our faith.

godwhospeaks.uk/celebrating-our-lady

Fleur explores some less commonly known symbols in art and scripture related to Our Lady, and their wider meanings for our faith and spirituality:

godwhospeaks.uk/our-lady-and-the-thread-of-life

Share the key Bible verses about Mary with our free posters. godwhospeaks.uk/our-lady-in-scripture-posters

Sr Hyacinthe considers various ways in the Scriptures that Mary can be our hope today.

godwhospeaks.uk/how-is-mary-our-hope

Amégée Olongo shares a short reflection on a stained glass window designed by Evie Hone.

godwhospeaks.uk/the-feast-of-the-assumption-a-reflection

Fr Michael Hall considers why the vision of the Woman in Revelation is believed by Catholics to be a reference to Our Lady, Queen of Heaven. godwhospeaks.uk/sun-moon-and-stars-the-role-of-mary-in-the-book-of-revelation

Have you listened to the **Women in Scripture Podcast series** yet? Listen to Episode 5 on the Virgin Mary (birminghamdiocese.org.uk/women-in-scripture) and read the accompanying art reflection (godwhospeaks.uk/art-and-culture/women-in-scripture/mary/).

The second article in our super new series on the **Meaning of Life** by Bp David Evans explores **Generosity – giving and giving away.** godwhospeaks.uk/the-meaning-of-life-part-2-generosity

Bible Alive in Church poster - we’ve created an exciting poster to show how our worship in Church has its basis in Scripture – godwhospeaks.uk/the-bible-alive-in-church-poster

Don’t forget to explore and use all our **Lent and Easter resources** -

godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources/posters

And take a look at **CELEBRATE@Home** resources

- <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebrateathome>





SILENCE IN THE PINEWOODS

Opening to the presence of God

***An Introduction to Contemplation through the gateway of Centering Prayer
led by Fr Richard Sloan***

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It is a methodology par excellence for nurturing the heart, the place where we come into alignment with Divine Wisdom and live authentically out of our true selves.

"It's not about knowing more but about more of you knowing" (Cynthia Bourgeault).

Whether you are new to Centering Prayer or already familiar with it, the day will offer some insights into this transformative method of meditation through:

- understanding the background to Centering Prayer
- introducing you to the Centering Prayer method
- experiencing 2 sessions of Centering prayer
- being with a like-minded group of seekers
- exploring how Centering Prayer offers a path of transformation gathering new insights to weave into your life.

Saturday 2 April 2022
10am - 4pm

St Joseph's Prayer Centre
Blundell Avenue, Formby, L37 1PH

Registration
<https://forms.gle/KSd8saSrTTP3HxAn9>

Suggested donation
£12 (please bring a packed lunch)





ONLINE LENTEN RETREATS

[Lenten virtual Pilgrimage of Grace in the Holy Land](#): You can watch a teaser video [here](#). This is a free virtual pilgrimage, with daily 15 minutes videos with reflection from the Holy Land.

The Carmelite friars from Boar's Hill in Portsmouth diocese are offering a fantastic series of online and on-site retreats, for Lent, Easter and Pentecost. Check their retreats [here](#).

[Journey through Lent with Scott Hahn](#): faith-inspiring talks on Confession, prayer, the Eucharist, and knowing the Gospel. Free daily streaming.

Refresh your faith this Lent with '[Invited](#)', a series of 5 videos with downloadable reflections from the diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

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