



## Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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St. Jerome Chapel of Ease

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**20th March 2022 - Third Sunday of Lent**

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 3

Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh.

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

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Day	Time	<u>Mass Times</u>		Intentions
		Location		
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive		<b>Francis Youell</b>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane		<b>Parish Community</b>
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane		<b>Sarah Ferguson</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	09:15am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>		OLOC
	09:30am	Morning Prayer		
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane.		<b>Marie Curriston</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	09:15am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>		OLOC
	09:30am	Morning Prayer		
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane		<b>Peter Cushing</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	09:15am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>		OLOC
	09:30am	Morning Prayer		
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane		<b>Sonia Porter</b>
	7:30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>		OLOC
<b>Mass Times – Second Sunday of Lent</b>				
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive		<b>K W Duddy</b>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane		<b>Patrick Piggott</b>
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane		<b>Parish Community</b>

**The Archdiocese strongly recommends that face masks are worn -  
Please respect your fellow parishioners and allow space.**

During the Season of Lent, **St. Jerome's Church** 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.

**Please pray for the lately Dead**, including Veronica (Vera) HALLIGAN, Anne SHELLEY, Trisha PINKMAN and Michael BREEN and for all of their families. **And let us pray for those who are sick** including Peter WEBSTER, Charles MILLS, Teresa CAMPBELL, Mike THOMPSON, Maureen PRITCHARD, Eddy CONNOLLY, Alison BOTTERILL, Stephanie HARRISON, Ellen I'ANSON, Jim McAULEY, Ann LONG and Ged CUNNINGHAM

**Mill Hill Missionaries:-** With deep sadness the MHM have informed us of the death of a true servant **Anne Shelley** who was an 'Associate' of and working with the Mill Hill Missionaries.

**Thoughts of Pope Francis:-** A faith that imitates God's way of doing things, **quietly** relieves the suffering of our world, and waters the soil of history with salvation.

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

**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](mailto:siobhanfarnell@yahoo.co.uk)

**Biscuit Sale:-** All butter homemade shortbread biscuits will be on sale after both masses on Sunday 27th March, in the meeting room, at £1 per pack of 2. This is in aid of the St. Patrick's Missionary Society and the starving people that they care for in drought-stricken Sudan. It is hoped that at least 500 will be made, thereby raising at least £250.

**Churches Together:-** '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 the event events is limited by numbers maybe around 30. St Joseph's paths are firm and even. Booking will be by phone to June McGibbon 871244 or Bruni Jones 876038.

**Living Christ Retreat:-** happening in Ainsdale on evening 25<sup>th</sup> Friday/ daytime Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March. We begin with a cheese & wine welcome on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7-9pm continuing Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Justice & Peace:- Grand Easter Monday Raffle for Ukraine:-**

Thank you so much for giving us the hampers, baskets and gift bags for the Easter Raffle to go with the chocolates, bottles and smellies you also gave us! Because of Covid, we can't hold big events with a Raffle Table, so we're hoping this might work.

1. We have printed special Raffle Envelopes for you to have this week and next week. If you would like to take part, fill in your name and phone number on the envelope. There is no charge and you can have as many envelopes as you like, to give to family and friends.

2. Please return completed envelopes to the special baskets in the church porches as soon as possible, with a donation (cash preferred) for Ukraine.

3. The Raffle will be drawn on Easter Monday and all winners will be contacted by phone and names published in the Newsletter.

Of course, the raffle is only a small thing, but the situation in Ukraine is appalling and we all want to do something.

Thank you very much for your support and generosity.

**Justice & Peace:- Easter Cards for Christian Churches in Palestine**

Our diocese has been sending Easter cards to the parishes in the Holy Land for some years now. The churches there are having a tough time, so last year, the Justice and Peace group sent cards with a message of support and encouragement from our parish to more than 30 Holy Land parishes. We are told that these cards were received with great joy by the people there, who sometimes feel forgotten and abandoned. We asked Janet Basu to create special Easter cards with a message in English and Arabic for this year. They're lovely and if you would like to join in sending one of these cards from your family, we will have them available with all details, next week. There will be no individual postage to pay as they all go in a bag together, to the Bishop, who will get them to the parishes in time for Easter Sunday. Alleluia!