



## 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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**8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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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<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mass Times Location</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	<b>Liz &amp; Gerard Dolan</b>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Beatrice Gibb</b>
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Parish Community</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	09:30am	Morning Prayer	<b>Joe &amp; Pat Rigby</b>
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	09:30am	Morning Prayer	<b>Patrick Piggott</b> OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Requiem Service – Stephen Nolan</b>	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	09:30am	Morning Prayer	<b>Patricia Magee</b> OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Requiem Service – Francis Mercer</b>	
<b><u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u></b>			
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	<b>Pat Magee</b>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Dominique Davies</b>
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Parish Community</b>

**Please respect your fellow parishioners and allow space.**

**Please pray for the lately Dead**, including John CRANK, Freddie Wilson, Francis MERCER, Patricia HEYWORTH and Stephen NOLAN and for all of their families.

**And let us pray for those who are sick** including Peter WEBSTER, Catherine LAMB, Charles MILLS, Teresa CAMPBELL, Mike THOMPSON, Eddy CONNOLLY, Alison BOTTERILL, Stephanie HARRISON, Ellen I'ANSON, Jim McAULEY, Ann LONG and Ged CUNNINGHAM

**Thoughts of Pope Francis:-** To keep the faith is to refuse to yield to the logic of hatred and vengeance, but to keep our gaze fixed on the God of love, who calls us to be brothers and sisters to one another.

**Summer Sacramental Celebrations:** The Archbishop will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the young people of our Deanery who are in **Year 9** and above. The Mass will take place at St John Stone Church on **Wednesday, 20th July at 7.30pm.**

**First Holy Communion** celebrations will take place as follows;  
**St. Jerome's School** on Saturday, **14th May at 10.00am** in St. Jerome's church.

**Congratulations** to all our children from Our Lady's school who made their First Holy Communion yesterday, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, at Our Lady of Compassion church.

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

**June Parish Celebrations:-** Next month will see two celebrations for the parish. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be marked by a four-day Public Holiday from Thursday, June 2nd to Sunday, June 5th. It is obviously an important historical occasion for our Nation, but it also provides a perfect opportunity for us to get together as a parish when so many others are doing the same thing. So, on **Sunday, June 5th** there will be a **Parish Lunch** beginning at **1.00pm in the Gild Hall**. The Lunch is being provided by the parish and will be a buffet. The bar will be open for drinks, but you will have to pay for those! All are welcome!

On **Saturday, June 18th** we will celebrate Father Higham's 60th anniversary of Priestly Ordination. We will also celebrate the 40th anniversary of Father Bradley's Ordination which occurred last year, but which we were unable to celebrate because of COVID restrictions.

There will be a **Jubilee Mass at 12 Noon**, celebrated by Bishop Tom Williams who will have celebrated his Golden Jubilee a couple of weeks earlier. This will be followed by a reception in the Rectory garden. More details nearer the time.

**UCM Meeting:-** The UCM monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. Mass will be celebrated by Fr John at **10am** in our Lady's Church and all UCM members are invited and new members are welcome. Afternoon tea has been arranged for 12noon, directly after Mass at **Dobbie Garden Centre** and if anyone requires a lift please ring Gill (870718)

**Ministers of the Eucharist:-** It has been both pleasing and encouraging over recent weeks, and especially over Easter, to see how numbers attending the 9 and 11 a.m. masses have greatly increased as we have eased out of Covid restrictions. It has been taking a while for Communion to be distributed and the time has now come for the need to have one extra person to assist the priest and deacon at each of those masses. Any Eucharistic Minister who currently holds a valid safeguarding certificate and would be willing to assist, is asked to contact Mike Halford ( in person, or phone 879508 or by email to [mjhalford3@talktalk.net](mailto:mjhalford3@talktalk.net)) and let him know which Mass would be suitable for yourself together with a contact number. A rota will be drawn up which will commence at the end of May/ beginning of June. **Please contact Mike by Sunday 22nd May. Thank You!**

**Our Lady of Compassion baby group:** with Ruth, Anamchara Doula. The group is free and will run **1.00-2.30pm on Thursdays** during term time at **The Gild Hall** in Formby. Suitable for newborns to pre-crawling babies. Come and have a cuppa and a chat with other local parents. No need to book, just turn up!

**The Irenaeus Project Centre:-** Prayer and reflection for Mental Health Awareness Week. **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm – 8pm**, beginning with a light supper (Donations welcome). To book email. [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or tel. 0151 949 1199

**St. Joseph's Prayer Centre:-** Housekeeping post – 'Bank work' . St Joseph's Prayer Centre is a 15-bedroom retreat centre situated in Freshfield, Formby. We are looking for a self-motivated person to join our small team of cleaning staff. The role is for bank work as a Housekeeper, which may include occasional weekend work. The hours will be flexible but will be based around check-in check-out days. Also, the hours will fluctuate throughout the season due to usage. Please email Sr. Patricia at [theprayercentre.stj@psmgs.org.uk](mailto:theprayercentre.stj@psmgs.org.uk) for a job description and application form.

**Our Lady's Fell Walkers:-** Our destination this month is the North Yorkshire market town of Settle and as usual, we have a faster, higher A walk and a slower, lower B walk, both of which are circular. The B walk is approximately **8 miles** long and reaches about 310 metres at its highest point. The first half of the walk is a riverside walk along the Ribble Way, including 5 well renovated, solid, flat stepped, stiles, from Settle to Stainforth Force (waterfall). We then cross river Ribble and start a climb to and through Stainforth, this continues to pass Catrigg Force. We continue across country to Upper Winskill, where we turn to follow a bridle path to a road leading to a footpath across country and downhill back to Settle. There are some fantastic views on the second half of the walk over the limestone landscape. The A walk is approximately **10.5 miles** with an ascent of 335 metres. Leaving Settle we follow the river to Stainforth Force where we head west along the Dales High Way up to Feizor. Here we complete an additional loop around Feizor woods and Wharfe woods before returning back along the Pennine Bridleway to Feizor Thwaite. Then South to Giggleswick Scar and Buck How, past Nevison's Nick caves and back down to Settle. There are only a couple of steep climbs but many, many stiles! Post walk, there are lots of friendly independent shops to browse in the town and also plenty of places for refreshment. We are a friendly group, and everyone is welcome, including non-walking partners who would like to visit our destination whilst their other half enjoys the walk. The coach leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road, Formby, at 8 a.m. and you can book your place by ringing 01704 878548. There is always a stop for coffee/tea/bacon barmes etc., on the way out and time after the walk to visit local cafes, shops and pubs. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and boots and bring a packed lunch. Sticks are also handy if you have them.