



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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20th February 2022 - Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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

Day	Time	<u>Mass Times</u> Location	Intentions
Saturday 19th Feb	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Francis Youell
Sunday 20th Feb	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Philip Molyneux
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane Eamonn, Michael and Bridie Touhey	
Tuesday 22nd Feb	09:30am	Morning Prayer	OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
Wednesday 23rd Feb	09:30am	Morning Prayer	OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
Thursday 24th Feb	09:30am	Morning Prayer	OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
<u>Mass Times - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>			
Saturday 26th Feb	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	
Sunday 27th Feb	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	

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

Please pray for the lately Dead, including Sr. Margaret STACK, Rita LOFTHOUSE, Lawrence FORMBY, and Philip John CUNNINGHAM 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:-

In order to work marvellous deeds, the Lord has no need of grand means and our lofty abilities, but rather, of our humility, of our eyes open to him, and also open to others.

Let us not forget that the first act of charity we can do for our neighbours is to offer them a serene and smiling face.

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 Administrator:- Our Lady of Compassion Formby Parish, 15 hours per week, Salary £8,314.80 per annum. An opportunity is available for a highly skilled and experienced administrator to work in the parish office, working closely with the parish priest, Rev. Mgr John Walsh. This is a part time, permanent post to be worked over 4 or 5 days each week with a start time between 9.00am-9.30am. Applicants must have; experience of working in a similar role dealing with a broad range of administrative tasks, excellent IT skills, verbal and written communication skills, and an ability to work unsupervised. Closing Date:-
For further details and to apply, visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack

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. We are seeking 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.
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. We are hoping that the Teams will be up and running by Easter. You may feel that you need time to think about it. In the meantime, we ask us all to pray for this new venture and for all our people who are continually seeking the Lord in the Sacraments.

SVP:- Following on from the pulpit appeal made by Richard Ainsworth there will be a follow up meeting at the Gild Hall on **Wednesday the 23rd. February at 6.00 p.m.** for all those interested in finding out more information and for those interested in joining the SVP.

Churches Together:- A Mini-Pilgrimage for Lent, **Wednesday 16th March starting at 11.00 am at St Luke's.** This will involve meeting in church, walking round the church grounds in small groups, stopping at various stations for scripture, prayer and reflection, and ending up at the Meeting Room for a light lunch together. 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 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.

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

J & P Group:- Help for Afghanistan! We've all seen the pictures from Afghanistan. So many people hungry. So many children on the brink of starvation! What can we do? The Justice and Peace group would like to invite you, your family and friends to take part in a Grand Easter Monday Charity Raffle. Every penny we collect will go through Cafod directly to Afghanistan. We can all help! How will it work? We already have some gifts kindly donated to the J and P since Christmas-bottles of all varieties, boxes of chocolates and super smellies. We are happy to accept more of these, or anything else you think is raffleable. We want to make up beautiful hampers and baskets of delightful goodies as prizes, but there is a problem-so far, we only have two baskets! Could you perhaps ask around for any baskets, hampers, or gift carrier bags, (they don't have to be new)? We would be so happy to receive them. Just put them beside the Foodbank items in church. We promise not to mix them up! There will be more details about joining in with the Raffle in future Newsletters. Thank you so much everyone.

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, and you'll conquer your 200k target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to <http://www.cafod.org.uk/walk>
(Check out our notice boards for details of our community walk on 26th March too)

Nugent:- Sleep Out with Nugent: **On Friday 4 March 2022**, Nugent charity will be asking supporters to give up their bed for the night to experience just a fraction of the challenges of what it is like to be homeless. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult at a ratio of one adult to every two under 18's. For information, please visit Nugent's website at: <https://wearenugent.org/fundraising/sleep-out-with-nugent/> or contact: fundraising@wearenugent.org or 07833 091 852.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

