



# Our Lady of Compassion Formby

## Parish Directory

**Our Lady of Compassion**  
School Lane, Formby, Liverpool, L37 3LW

Archdiocesan of Liverpool In. Reg Charity No: 1199714

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| <b>Our Lady of Compassion Formby</b> | School Lane, Formby, Liverpool, L37 3LW  |
| <b>Parish Priest:</b>                | Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh   |
| <b>Deacon:</b>                       | Rev J A McCarthy   |
| <b>Parish Administrator:</b>         | Mrs S Bedford – 01704 873230   |
| <b>Parish Email:</b>                 | <a href="mailto:ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk">ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk</a> |
| <b>Parish Website:</b>               | <a href="http://ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk">ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk</a>             |
| <b>Gild Hall Manager:</b>            | Eileen Sheridan – 01704 872279 / 07970 720967  |

### Primary Schools

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| <b>Our Lady of Compassion</b> | Bull Cop, Formby, L37 8BZ<br>Tel No: 01704 877281<br>Email: <a href="mailto:admin@olocprimary.co.uk">admin@olocprimary.co.uk</a><br>Web: <a href="http://www.olocprimary.co.uk">www.olocprimary.co.uk</a> |
| <b>St Jerome's</b>            | Greenloons Drive, Formby, L37 2LX<br>Tel No: 01704 833211<br>Email: <a href="mailto:admin@stjeromes.net">admin@stjeromes.net</a><br>Web: <a href="http://www.st-jeromes.co.uk">www.st-jeromes.co.uk</a>   |

### Mass Times

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| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>6.00pm</b>  | Our Lady of Compassion              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>09.00am</b> | Our Lady of Compassion              |
|                  | <b>11.00am</b> | Our Lady of Compassion              |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>09.15am</b> | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
|                  | <b>10.00am</b> | Our Lady of Compassion              |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>09.15am</b> | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
|                  | <b>10.00am</b> | Our Lady of Compassion              |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>09.15am</b> | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
|                  | <b>10.00am</b> | Our Lady of Compassion              |

**Watch our services on YouTube:** search 'Formby Catholic Community' on YouTube or go to:  
[www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=formby+catholic+community](http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=formby+catholic+community)

### To Contact Father John

If any parishioner needs Father John for any reason whatsoever, particularly if someone is sick or dying and needs Sacraments, please call 01704 873230. If the phone is not answered, please leave a clear message, including your name, the reason for your call and a contact number. If no message is left, Father John does not know that you have called. The answering machine is checked every day and you can also send an email to [ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk)

## Weekday Ministers of the Word

Anyone wishing to offer their services to read at Mass on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning at 10.00am, is asked to contact Mike Halford on 879508 for further details, training and inclusion on the rota.

## Eucharistic Ministers for Sunday Masses

A rota is in operation for assisting the Priest and Deacon at both the 9am and 11am Masses each week.

The rota is updated twice yearly in January and July. Ministers who are cleared and covered by Safeguarding under the supervision and control of the Archdiocese and Parish, may contact Mike Halford, 879508 for inclusion and further details.

## Mass Cards

These can be purchased from the piety stall, which is located at the back of Church. Cards are priced and there is an honesty box.

## All Other Church Related Enquiries

For all other church related enquiries, please contact the Parish Administrator. Tel: 01704 873230  
Email: [ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk)

## Items for the Parish Newsletter

Please send any items for inclusion in the weekly newsletter to the parish email address: [ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk) by **10am on a Thursday morning**; this allows time for proofreading, printing and uploading to the website and Facebook.

## OLOC Facebook

[facebook.com/ourladyofcompassionformby](https://facebook.com/ourladyofcompassionformby)

**Administered by:** Siobhan Farnell

**WhatsApp:** 07988 810564

**Email:** [siobhanfranell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:siobhanfranell@yahoo.co.uk)

# Parish Groups

## Justice and Peace Group

*"Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God."* (Micah 6:8)

The group is part of the national Justice and Peace network and is concerned with a wide range of issues in this country and overseas. Its members support a wide variety of opportunities for action against injustice in this country and overseas, also information sharing, friendship and mutual support.

The J and P works with groups and individuals of all faiths and none, who share its values. To learn more about the work and interests of the group, please contact Eileen McManus on 01704 808658, Tricia Connor on 01704 382349 or any group member.

## Food Bank

Donations for the Southport Foodbank can be left in the box under the table at the back of the Church and are collected each weekend. For details, contact Bruni Jones on 01704 876038.

## St Vincent de Paul

SVP Conference D-100908 – Parish of Formby.

Turning concern into action by helping the homeless, the lonely and those suffering from poverty.

**President:** Joe Bryan

**Secretary:** Mike Redmond

**Treasurer:** John Bambery

**Email:** [svpformby@gmail.com](mailto:svpformby@gmail.com)

**Mobile:** 07546 365096

## CAFOD Group

Our role is to support the work of CAFOD at a Parish level. Anyone interested in joining us are most welcome. For more information contact Siobhan Farnell on 07988 810564.

## UCM (OLOC)

The UCM is one of the oldest sodalities in the Catholic Church in Formby. The recently merged Foundations of Our Lady of Compassion and St Jerome's have over one hundred years of service to Parish and family life. It has a large membership of women who are dedicated to prayer, charity, supporting families and each other and fostering Catholic education and vocations.

We meet in the Gild Hall every second Wednesday of the month after the 10am Mass. We engage in many activities; outings, meals out, speakers, retreats, fundraising, etc. We would love new members to join us in our mission, especially in these ever-changing times. For more information, please contact either:

**Our President:** Win Collins: 01704 871407. **Our Secretary:** Gill Coghlan: 01704 870718

## Churches Together in Formby, Altcar & Hightown

Churches Together in Formby, Altcar and Hightown are a group of Christian churches that seek to promote Christian Unity and represent all the main churches in the area, with a core group who meet regularly for planning, praying, sharing ideas and sharing vision. We are the group behind the Easter Walk of Witness, Passion Play, Family Fun Day and the Christmas Nativity Play, which are held in Formby village.

For more details visit: **Our website:** [cte.org.uk](http://cte.org.uk) or **Facebook:** [facebook.com/Churches-Together-in-Formby-Altcar-and-Hightown-101034387921743/](https://facebook.com/Churches-Together-in-Formby-Altcar-and-Hightown-101034387921743/)

# Parish Clubs & Social Groups

## Formby Pantry Shop & Warm Space

Thursdays 11am – 1pm. Gild Hall Activity Centre. A warm welcome, drink and light meal, open to everyone, all brought to you in partnership between Churches Together and Compassion Acts.

For Pantry Members, a weekly low-cost grocery shop to help with the cost of living and a school uniform hub, welfare and debt advice and support. To join as a member or volunteer, drop in on a Thursday, text you name to 07526 897384 or visit us at [compassionacts.uk](http://compassionacts.uk)

## 20<sup>th</sup> OLOC Formby Brownie Pack

For girls ages 7-10. Make new friends, play games, sports, exercises, creativity, making things, environmental activities. Also, day trips and weekends away! Meet every Wednesday during school term times at the Activity Centre (behind the Gild Hall) at 6:00pm – 7:30pm. For more information contact, Yvonne Ferguson on 07801 068166 or email: [olocbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:olocbrownies@gmail.com)

## Sunday Brunch Club

Held on Sundays (following the 11am Family Mass) at 12:00 noon at the Gild Hall Activity Centre, all welcome. **Organisers:** Andrea and Andy Dell. Tel: 07342 692957

## OLOC 200 Club

Please support our 200 Club. For only £2 per month, you could win up to **£200** in our monthly draw. You can pay by cash, cheque or standing order. Please fill in an application form, which you can find on the noticeboard and return it to Our Lady's Church, School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW. You will be notified of your allocated number as soon as possible. For more details please contact Beryl Prescott: [berylprescott@hotmail.com](mailto:berylprescott@hotmail.com)

## Piety Stall

Open after Mass at the back of Our Lady's Church. For further details contact Beryl Prescott [berylprescott@hotmail.com](mailto:berylprescott@hotmail.com)

## OLOC Baby Group

The group is suitable for new-borns to pre-crawling babies and runs on Thursdays 1pm – 2.30pm at the Gild Hall, Formby. The group is free and there's no need to book.

## The Chatterbox

The Chatterbox is an initiative to give parishioners from all former three Parishes in Formby and Freshfield, an opportunity to meet and form friendships and bonds within the new Parish community of Our Lady of Compassion. It is open each Wednesday afternoon in The Activity Centre (behind the Gild Hall) from 2pm – 3.30pm.

Tea/Coffee/refreshments are served with a nominal charge, which includes a weekly raffle prize. As well as meeting friends and parishioners for a "Catch Up", a proportion of the time also includes short talks by invited guests, special afternoon teas, bring & buy sales, book exchanges, quizzes and other activities. For further information or to share ideas for future events, please contact: **Pam Dunne** on 01704 871381 or **Mike Halford** on 01704 879508.

## Our Lady's Fell Walkers

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 8:00am on the second Saturday of each month. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and boots and bring a packed lunch. Sticks are also handy if you have them. To book a place telephone 01704 878548.

## Other Local Clubs & Groups

### Formby Befriending Scheme

Friendship and visits for anyone who is isolated or housebound. To volunteer or request a visit, contact 07437 479417 or visit [formbybefriendingscheme.org.uk](http://formbybefriendingscheme.org.uk)

### Formby Flower Club

Meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at St Jerome's Parish Hall (except August and December). Floral demonstrations or workshops by qualified NAFAS. Arrangements are raffled on the night. Visitors most welcome, £6 per demonstration. For more information contact Jacqui Hoard 01704 872912.

### Make Noise and Make Noise 2 Choirs

Make Noise are fully inclusive choirs that sing a huge variety of modern songs in rich harmony. Our adult choir, Make Noise, is for those aged 18 and above and our youth choir, Make Noise 2, is for children aged 8 – 18. There are no auditions and no need to read music. We sing for the SHEER JOY of it and we always welcome new 'Make Noisers' with open arms. For further details please contact Email: [info@makenoisechoir.co.uk](mailto:info@makenoisechoir.co.uk) or discover more at: [makenoisechoir.co.uk](http://makenoisechoir.co.uk) or [facebook.com/makenoisechoir](https://facebook.com/makenoisechoir)

### Formby Junior Sports club

Formby Junior Sports Club is a FA Charter Standard Development Club. The Club has an illustrious history and is the oldest junior football club in Formby. Web: [formbyjuniorsportsclub.co.uk](http://formbyjuniorsportsclub.co.uk)

### Unite Martial Arts Formby

Martial arts for all ages. Classes for 3–7 year-olds to build confidence, instil discipline, improve fitness and co-ordination, stranger danger. Classes for older children and parents. Also, Adult Only classes. Contact Jim Scott, Tel: 07590 921530 or Email: [uniteformby@gmail.com](mailto:uniteformby@gmail.com) Web: [unitemartialarts.com](http://unitemartialarts.com)

### Formby U3A

We have around 130 activity groups, plus you can also enjoy a monthly talk at the Holy Trinity Church Hall, when a guest speaker is invited. The U3A exists to help you make friends, learn something new, expand your interests and above all, to enjoy yourself. Web: [formbyu3a.org.uk](http://formbyu3a.org.uk)

### The Formby Guide Dog Fundraising Group

The Formby Fundraising Group is part of Guide Dogs for the blind, which offers support to all visually impaired individuals. More details contact Tracey Digby. Tel: 07881 269563 or Email: [tracey.digby@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:tracey.digby@guidedogs.org.uk)

### Formby Web & Social Media

#### Absolute Formby – Social Media & Podcast

A digital what's on in Formby: [instagram.com/absoluteformby](https://www.instagram.com/absoluteformby) and [facebook.com/absoluteformbyL37](https://www.facebook.com/absoluteformbyL37). Plus, a dedicated podcast on nature, history and music in Formby. Contact Siobhan Mulrooney. Mobile: 07870 542 091

### Formby Bubble

Web: [formbybubble.com](http://formbybubble.com) (same name on Facebook and twitter)  
Email: [info@formbybubble.com](mailto:info@formbybubble.com)

## Useful Websites

**Our Lady of Compassion Formby**  
[ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk](http://ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk)

**The Irenaeus Project**  
[irenaeus.co.uk](http://irenaeus.co.uk)

**Archdiocese of Liverpool**  
[liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

**Universal Synod 2023**  
[ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/The-Vatican-Synod.pdf](http://ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/The-Vatican-Synod.pdf)

**Vatican**  
[vatican.va](http://vatican.va)

**CAFOD**  
[cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**St Vincent de Paul (SVP)**  
[svp.org.uk](http://svp.org.uk)

**Nugent**  
[wearenugent.org](http://wearenugent.org)