



# Our Lady of Compassion Formby

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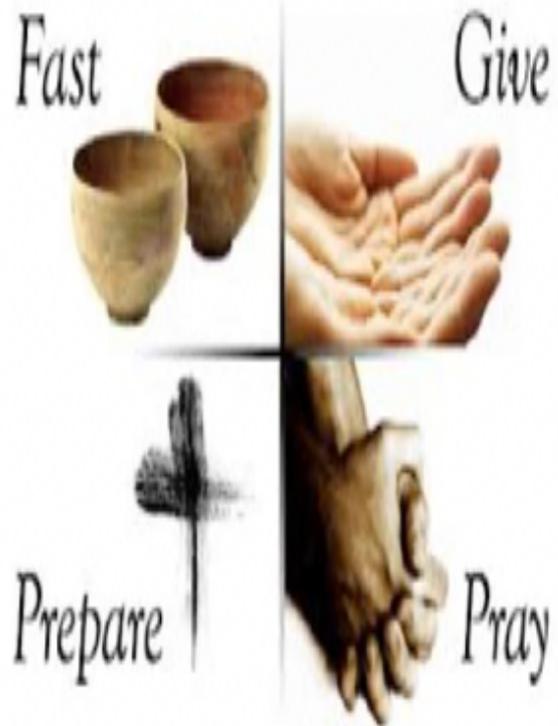
1<sup>st</sup> Mar 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2, Psalter week 2  
School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

## Information & Events

- Family Masses - Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March, 11am, Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Apr, 11am
- Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 – 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May



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## Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pat Lond
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Family Mass	Philip Molyneux
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	09.15am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion	
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>			
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Ann Long
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Des Herlihy

**Weekly Collections: £951.02 Thank you!**

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Church, Gabriel Spruin, Darla O’Kane, Dominic Lawler.

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Anthony Daley 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 23<sup>RD</sup> Feb** – Frances McCumiskey, John Stafford, Rose Richards, Maureen Cross x2, Tony Delany, Maeve Maxey.

**Please pray for the lately Dead including:** Sr Marie Clune, Derek Sudlow, Eugene Gallagher, Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Michael Hall, Denis Kelly, Hilda Philips-Alexander, Peter Sullivan, Anthony Daley and all their families.

**And let us pray for those who are sick including:** Dominic Tomlinson, Beryl Prescott, Margaret Nuttall, Edward Schofield, Mary Turner, Nell Piggott, Nora Kilbane, Rachel Jones, Rod Maguire, Irene Forshew, Bernard Philip, Ellen Hayes, Eileen Boyne.



# Parish Notices

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026

The Confirmation sessions for young people in Year 8 and above are about to start. Please do not worry if you missed the deadline for applying with the Archdiocese. If you would still like to apply, please send an email to [southportandformbyconfirmation@gmail.com](mailto:southportandformbyconfirmation@gmail.com) – or phone and leave a message for Fr Paul on 01704-577722 – and you will be added to the list. The Confirmation preparation programme will take place on the following dates, in St. John Stone Church, Sandbrook Way, Southport, PR8 3RN **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April. The sessions will run from 7pm to 8pm and attendance is essential.** We look forward to seeing you there.

The Confirmation Celebrations themselves will take place in St. John Stone Church on **Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, both at 7.00pm.**

## ■ Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be conducted each Thursday morning at 9.15 am prior to the 10am parish Mass, *unless there is a funeral on that day*. Therefore, the first Stations will be on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. **In Holy Week Stations will be on Good Friday Morning at 10am.**

## ■ The Chatterery

The Chatterery this week extends a warm welcome to Fr. John Bradley, former Parish Priest of St. Anne's Freshfield. Fr John has given an interesting and intriguing insight into his talk, which he has entitled "PEAKY BLINDERS REVISITED". To discover the truth behind the title...come along to the Parish Centre on **Wednesday afternoon, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm**, for tea/coffee/ biscuits/ weekly raffle £2. All welcome! **GROUP 3 HELPERS OR SUBSTITUTES ON DUTY THIS WEEK.**

## ■ Lourdes Pilgrimage Meeting

A reminder for all those travelling on the parish pilgrimage next May, that there is a meeting in the Parish Centre at the rear of the Gild Hall, Church Road, on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, at 7pm.**

## ■ SVP

SVP would like to thank all parishioners for their generous offerings. A total of £852.21 was collected of which, £180 was gift aided, so we should be able to claim a further £45 from HMRC. Very many thanks.

## ■ 200 Club

The winning number for the January draw was number **27**. Have you joined yet? For just £2 per month, a number will be allocated to you and if your number is drawn out in the monthly draw, you could win up to £200. Application forms can be found on the noticeboard at Our Lady's. (N.B. if paying by cheque please make your cheque payable to: OLOC 200 Club). Good luck.

## ■ CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Please place your donation in the second collection at this weekend's Masses. If you have a CAFOD envelope please also place this in the second collection (please Gift Aid if you can). We will also have the contactless machine at the back of church, alternatively you can online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope), call **0303 303 3030** or Text **CAFODLENT to 70085** to donate £10. Thank you for blessing others with your support.

## ■ Irenaus

On **7<sup>th</sup> March**, we welcome Ronan and Joanne Johnston to lead our 'Come & See' day at the Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road L22 1RD. Faith has been a constant inspiration in Rónán's life, leading him to co-found the Emmaus Christian music band and community. The band has released 15 albums of worship and contemporary Christian music, and Rónán has become an international conference speaker and teacher on praise and worship.



## ■ Red Box Collection

This weekend there are brown Missio envelopes available at the back of church. If you have a Missio red box, or just wish to make a donation, please take an envelope home, fill in your details and empty the contents of your red box into it. Return the envelope to Church by 8th March and your donation will be passed to Missio. Many thanks

## ■ The World Day of Prayer 2026

The World Day of Prayer 2026 service will be held on Friday 6th March at St Stephen's Church, Hightown at 2pm. This year the service has been written by Christians in Nigeria and is entitled 'I will give you rest, come!' All are welcome to join this thoughtful and uplifting service followed by refreshments. Anyone who would like to help with World Day of Prayer now, or in the future, please contact [Debby.rigby@icloud.com](mailto:Debby.rigby@icloud.com) 2027 marks the 100th anniversary for World Day of Prayer and there will be local and national celebrations.

## ■ Our Lady's Fell Walkers

Our Lady's Fell Walkers have two walks on **Saturday 14th March 2026** from the West Yorkshire Village of Ilkley. Both are circular walks on the famous Ilkley Moor. The A walk is 10.5 miles with a total ascent of 402 metres and the B walk is 6.5 miles and is pretty flat. The A walk is higher and faster and the B walk is slower and lower. We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. The coach leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road, Formby, at 8am on the day and you can book your place by ringing 01704 878548. There is always an early stop for coffee/tea/bacon barmes and time after the walk to visit shops, cafes and pubs in the area. Please wear good walking boots or shoes, weather appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch, together with something waterproof to sit on. Sticks can also be helpful particularly at this time of year.

## ■ For Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: Live Stream GDPR Consent Update

Our Sunday livestreams have become a beautiful way to share our faith with the wider community, and we're thrilled to see our viewership rising. To ensure our church remains a safe, private space for all who worship with us, and comply with the Archdiocese of Liverpool and UK GDPR guideline, we're making a few simple updates to our consent process. Under GDPR data protection law, footage of individuals in a church is considered "Special Category Data" because it identifies religious affiliation. So now to remain compliant, we are required to move to an active 'Opt-In' approach now. **Consent can no longer be assumed – and a signature is now required for anyone appearing on camera.** Consent forms with signage, have been placed on both lobby and front entrance tables. Do please sign and hand them back to Steve Drury or hand into the Sacristy so that they can be processed. This consent will be considered valid for 3 years and can be withdrawn by your request at any time.

**Note :** If you have already signed a main consent form through your involvement with another ministry you do not need to sign two forms - but should sign (or initial) any new rota. Thank you for your understanding.

## ■ Parish Spring Fayre: Family Fun Day, 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday

Plans are well underway to make this year's event a great success and a fun day for all our families and the local community. We will have the usual range of games and activities aimed at making this a fun and affordable day for all. We are looking for volunteers to run games and activities during the day, loan of gazebos for shade rather than rain protection and help setting and clearing up and donations to the following:

**Tombola Donations** - After Easter, a box will be placed at the back of Church for donations towards the chocolate and bottle tombolas.

**Plant Stall** - This was extremely popular last year. As the gardening season starts in earnest and you start to divide and sow plants for the garden, please pot a few up for the plant stall. They will be able to be dropped off at the Parish Centre before the Fayre or on the day - more details to follow. We hope to have a wide range of plants to see your garden in bloom from early May through to later summer. Following last year's success, we aim to sell hanging baskets again by recycling old hanging pots and filling them with beautiful blooms. If you have old pots and baskets from last year, please let Toni know on 07814614144 to arrange how to be passed on to be replanted.

A planning meeting will be held at the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 11 March at 3:30pm** immediately after the Chatterly. Thank you to all who have already agreed to help, if you would like to be involved please come along to the meeting or let Steve or Toni Drury know by emailing [contact@formbyevents.co.uk](mailto:contact@formbyevents.co.uk) or calling Toni on 07814 614144. Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to a wonderful fun day for our Parish and community.

## ■ Piety Stall – Handmade Cards

The Piety stall at the back of the Church now has a range of Easter cards available to buy, including a selection of handmade cards by some of our parishioners. Please do take a look.

