



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

Part of a Family of Parishes with
Our Lady of Victories Hightown, Holy Family Ince Blundell,
St John Stone and Sacred Heart Ainsdale & Woodvale

8th Mar 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent

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

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- Family Masses - Sun 5th Apr, 11am
- Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 – 18th – 22nd May



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Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 7 th Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Ann Long
Sunday 8 th Mar	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Des Herlihy
Tuesday 10 th Mar	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Anthony Daley	
Wednesday 11 th Mar	10.00am	Holy Mass – attended by UCM	Teresa Campbell
Thursday 12 th Mar	09.15am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Ken Campbell

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 14 th Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Sean Donnelly
Sunday 15 th Mar	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Fr Noel Mullin

Weekly Collections: £1,176.36 Thank you!

CAFOD Collection: £2,432.86 Thank you!

Forthcoming Funerals: Anthony Daley 10th March at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 3RD Mar – A special Intention, Francis Dunne, Leslie Burns.

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 – 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 16th & 23rd March and Monday 20th & 27th 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 5th and Wednesday May 13th, 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.* In Holy Week Stations will be on Good Friday Morning at 10am.

■ The Chatterery

The Chatterery will be open as usual on **Wednesday afternoon, March 11th**, from 2pm to 3.30pm. This week there will be a BOOK EXCHANGE AND A BRING & BUY SALE. TEA/ coffee/biscuits and the usual weekly raffle will take place £2. per person. All welcome in the parish centre! **Group 4 Helpers or their substitutes are on the rota this week.**

The following week, **Wednesday 18th**, we will be holding our usual St. Patrick's celebrations. Further details in next week's newsletter. 🍀🍀🍀

■ Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

There is an important meeting for all those travelling on our parish pilgrimage next May, in the Parish Centre at the rear of the Gild Hall car park, on **MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 9th, AT 7pm.** If you are unable, to attend please contact Mike Halford on 879508.

■ CAFOD Family Fast Day – Thank You

Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day – your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at cafod.org.uk/thankyou. PS **It's not too late to donate** – pick up a CAFOD envelope in church or visit cafod.org.uk/envelope.

■ 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 barm 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.

■ UCM News

The UCM monthly Mass will be held on **Wednesday 11th March** at Our Lady's Church at 10.00am and afterwards in the Parish Centre for refreshments and a quiz.

Everyone is welcome and it will be an opportunity to put forward and discuss ideas for events for the coming year.



■ The Parish Centre - online

We have a new online presence for the Parish Centre. It contains new photographs and how to contact Karen if you wish to hire it. Please give it a like and follow. If any existing groups wish join, it would be a great communion tool.

Facebook and Instagram - OLOC Formby Parish Centre. Thank you, Karen.

■ 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, 4th 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 Chatterry. 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 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.

■ Second Collection for Nugent Care

Next **Sunday, March 15th**, there will be a second collection taken at all Masses after Holy Communion for the work of NUGENT CARE, The Catholic social services of the Archdiocese.

