



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

15th Mar 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2, Psalter week 4
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 14th Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Sean Donnelly
Sunday 15th Mar	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Fr Noel Mullin
Tuesday 17th Mar	FEAST OF ST PATRICK		
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pat Lond
Wednesday 18th Mar	10.00am	Holy Mass	Michael Griffin
Thursday 19th Mar	SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
	09.15am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Tony Daley
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 21st Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Frances Robertson
Sunday 22nd Mar	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Francis Dunne

Weekly Collections: £1,044.96 Thank you!

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Forthcoming Funerals: None.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 10th Mar – Peter Alcock, Matta, Joan Marssen x2, Danny Rathbone x2, Joe Nolan x2, Helena Kolassa x2, Sean Crosson, Rosaleen & Anne Boggan, Dympna Walker.

Please pray for the lately Dead including; Sr Marie Clune, Derek Sudlow, Eugene Gallagher, Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Michael Hall, Denis Kelly, Mary West, 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 Chatterry

The Chatterry this **Wednesday afternoon, 18th March**, will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. 🍀🍀🍀 There will be special entertainment with the welcome return of "THE YOOKS, UKELELE BAND." As usual it all commences at 2pm in the Parish Centre. £2 for tea/coffee/biscuits/weekly raffle. Come along, wear something green if possible and sing along to some good old Irish songs! **Group 1 Helpers on rota duty.**

■ Second Collection

There will be a second collection at each Mass this weekend, taken after Communion, for the work of NUGENT CARE, Catholic Social Services.

■ Gift Aid Boxes 2026/7

The Gift Aid Boxes for 2026/7 tax year, are now available for collection from outside the Sacristy. **Please note, your box number may have changed for this new tax.**

■ 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.

■ **Justice & Peace Group**

Prisoners of Conscience – Each year *Christians against Torture* provide the J&P with details of people currently being held in prison for political reasons. They have done nothing criminal. This weekend you will be offered a photo of a prisoner and some details of how to help. We know it gives prisoners great comfort to realise that they are not forgotten. Sometimes their treatment can even improve when the prison authorities understand that their names are known in other countries. Receiving a card gives great hope to someone locked up, tortured and deprived of family and friends. Please help if you can.

The Foodbank – Do you remember, just before Christmas, at the end of Mass, Fr John told us that he had received a message that the Foodbank urgently needed tins of potatoes? Lots of our parishioners went straight to the supermarkets, cleared the shelves and bought the lot! We hear that stocks are running low at the moment and with the Easter holidays not far away, that's a worry. Thank you to all the people who help so regularly. The Foodbank staff want you to know they are really grateful and how much they rely on our trolleys coming every week.

The Free Easter Raffle - Apologies from the Justice and Peace Group. We ran out of Yellow Letters last weekend, which explained all about Hospice Africa, our charity for this Easter. We will have more letters this week. Thank you to the people who have already donated prizes for the Free Easter Raffle. We're very grateful for bottles, chocolate and fancy toiletries. Also, anything interesting, unusual or beautiful! The golden rule is, if you would be happy to win it, we'll raffle it! It's a lot of fun and a very good cause. Thank you so much for taking part.

