



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

22nd Mar 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2, Psalter week 1
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 21st Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Frances Robertson
Sunday 22nd Mar	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Francis Dunne
Tuesday 24th Mar	10.00am	Holy Mass	Mrs K W Duddy
Wednesday 25th Mar	SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD		
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Paddy Kerwin
	7.00pm	Parish Reconciliation Service	
Thursday 26th Mar	09.15am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Lorett Lee

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday 28th Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass
Sunday 29th Mar	09.00am	Holy Mass
	11.00am	Holy Mass

Weekly Collections: £1,267.39 Thank you!

Nugent Care Collection: £555.60 Thank you! Lenten Alms Collection: £37.66 Thank you!

Forthcoming Funerals: Molly West 16th Apr @ 10am, Anthony Collins 29th Apr @ 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 16th Mar – Peter Alcock, Margaret Ball, Vera Norris, Margaret & Michael Cook, Pauline Rice.

Please pray for the lately Dead including: Sr Marie Clune, Derek Sudlow, Eugene Gallagher, Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Michael Hall, Denis Kelly, Molly West, Hilda Philips-Alexander, Peter Sullivan, Anthony Daley, Anthony Collins 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 Forshaw, Bernard Philip, Ellen Hayes, Eileen Boyne, Joyce Blackledge, Winifred Coyne.



Parish Notices

HOLY WEEK 2026

Day Time

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday 28 th Mar	6.00pm	Holy Mass
Sunday 29 th Mar	09.00am	Holy Mass
	11.00am	Holy Mass

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 31 st Mar	10.00am	Holy Mass
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WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Wednesday 1 st Apr	10.00am	Holy Mass
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THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 2 nd Apr	7.30pm	THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
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GOOD FRIDAY – THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Friday 3 rd Apr	10.00am	Station of the Cross
	11.00am	Walk of Witness – Formby Village
	3.00pm	The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

THE EASTER VIGIL

Saturday 4 th Apr	8.00pm	The blessing of the Fire and preparation of the Candle The Liturgy of the Word Renewal of Baptismal Promises Sprinkling with Newly Blessed Water First Mass of Easter
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday 5 th Apr	09.00am	Holy Mass
	11.00am	Holy Mass – Family Mass



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 Chatterbox

This week, **Wednesday afternoon 25th March**, we shall be celebrating Easter before it actually happens! We shall be having “AN EASTER BONNET PARADE “ with a prize for the best decorated hat. There will be a GRAND EASTER RAFFLE and with the usual tea/coffee refreshments £2, there will be HOT CROSS BUNS.

Team 2 helpers or substitutes are on duty for this last session in the Parish Centre before the Easter Spring break. The Chatterbox will be closed for Holy Week and Easter week. Please watch the Parish newsletter for the re-opening date. Thank you as always to all those who have given such great support to this parish initiative over recent months in such great numbers and to all those who work so hard to make it all happen.

■ 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.**

■ 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

Thank you so much to everyone who has already supported the Easter Raffle. We are very grateful for all your donations. We have been asked to provide extra brown envelopes for more families to join in. You will find them on the tables as you come into church (though any envelope will do). Just mark it, ‘Hospice Africa’ and put your name and phone number on it. Next weekend (28/29th March) is the last chance to bring your envelopes, and any items for raffling, to Church, but you can still call 876038 (leave a message) and we will happily collect. A list of prize winners will be on the Church noticeboards the weekend after Easter. Thank you so much for all your support and encouragement.

■ Missio Collection

Many thanks to those who handed in their Missio red box donations last weekend. There were 29 envelopes collected, which raised a total of £484.82 for Missio! Several unnamed empty boxes were handed in too; these will be at the back of church if you need to collect yours. If you would like a red box or need any further information about Missio, call Marion on 01704 792452 and leave a message. Thanks again.



■ SVP

As many of you will know John Bambery, our SVP President will be walking the Camino , along with 61 other SVP members from across the country. They are raising money for all SVP initiatives at both home and abroad. If you would like to sponsor John, he will be at the back of Church after all 3 Masses this coming Sunday with his sponsor sheet. Thank you.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the February draw was number **83**. Have you joined yet? For just £2 per month, you could win up £200. Application forms can be found on the notice board. Good luck.

■ Irenaeus Project

Here, at the Irenaeus Project, 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD, we're looking for volunteer drivers. Once a week, local supermarkets have excess food that they donate to us, but it needs someone to go and pick it up. A couple of our volunteers are doing it but we need more drivers. If you could help us, once a week, please let Jenny know, either email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 949 1199.

