



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

Holy Week

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 5th Apr, 11am
- Parish Spring Fayre – Family Fun Day – Early Bank Holiday Monday 4th May
- Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 – 18th – 22nd May

Sacred Triduum



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HOLY WEEK 2026

Day Time

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

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 31st Mar	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Anthony Collins
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WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

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

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

Friday 3rd 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 4th 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 5th Apr	09.00am	Holy Mass
	11.00am	Holy Mass – Family Mass



Weekly Collections: £1,072.00 Thank you!

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church, Penelope Mannion, Naimh McTernan

Forthcoming Funerals: Anthony Collins 31st Mar @ 10am, Molly West 16th Apr @ 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 23rd Mar – Christine Pennington, Philomena Byrne, Fr Colum Kelly.

Please pray for the lately Dead including: Eugene Gallagher, Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Michael Hall, Denis Kelly, Molly West, Hilda Philips-Alexander, Peter Sullivan, Anthony Daley, Anthony Collins, Vera Norris, Winifred (Winnie) Coyne 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 Forsheew, Bernard Philip, Ellen Hayes, Eileen Boyne, Joyce Blackledge.

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.**

DISTRUBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

DUE TO THE LARGE CONGREGATIONS EXPECED DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER, HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FROM THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH ONLY FOR ALL SERVICES DURING THIS PERIOD.

IF ANY PARISHIONERS HAVE MOBILITY ISSUES, THE BLUE CHAIRS AT THE REAR OF CHURCH ARE RESERVED FOR THEM AND HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM THERE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

■ Churches Together

Churches Together Formby Village walk of witness and passion play, bringing the Easter story to life. Good Friday 3rd April. Meet outside boots in Chapel Lane at 11am. For walk of Witness. Passion play 11.15am at Formby Pool Gardens with address by Deacon Andy Dell. Everyone is welcome.

■ The Chatterry

The Chatterry will be closed for both Holy Week and Easter Week. **It will re-open on Wednesday 15th April.** Please watch the Newsletter for further details.

■ Good Friday Collection – for the upkeep of The Holy Places

Ahead of the traditional Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land, Cardinal Claudio Gugerotti is encouraging all Catholics to offer what they can, to help restore hope to the people who reside in the places where Jesus lived. The collection is taken throughout the world and funds raised are sent to the Custody of the Holy Land, which runs and oversees the Church's work around the Holy Places.



■ Winnie Coyne Funeral

Winnie Coyne has sadly passed away. The service will be held at St Peter & Paul Church, 161 Liverpool Road, Crosby on **Tuesday 14th April at 12.00pm followed by a burial at 1.15pm**. Our condolences are with the Coyne family.

■ 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.**

■ Parish Spring Fayre: Family Fun Day – Early Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Plans are well underway to make this year's event a great success and a fun day for all the families and the local community.

Volunteers Wanted - 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. Even if you could help for a few hours, it will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all who have already agreed to help, if you would like to be involved please Steve or Toni Drury know by emailing contact@formbyevents.co.uk or call/text Toni on 07814614144.

Donations - We are collecting donations to the following:

- **Tombola's** : After Easter a box will be placed at the back of Church for donations towards the chocolate and bottle tombola's.
- **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.
- **Hanging Baskets**: 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 pass on to be replanted.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to a wonderful fun day for our Parish and wider community.

■ 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.

■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers have two walks on **Saturday, 11th April 2026** from the Derbyshire Village of Tideswell in the Peak District. The A walk is 10 miles with a total ascent of 1800 ft and the B walk is 7 miles with little climbing. The A walk is faster and higher, the B walk, lower and slower. Both walks are scenic through limestone valleys surrounded by sheer cliffs along roads, forest trails and paths with some stiles.

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.

