



# 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Aug – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2, Psalter Week 2**

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

*Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714*



## Information & Events

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## MASS TIMES

| Day                           | Time    | Intention                                   |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug  | 1.00pm  | Wedding – Michael Morley & Vanessa Gainford |                     |
|                               | 6.00pm  | Holy Mass                                   | Frances Youell      |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug    | 09.00am | Holy Mass                                   | Parish Community    |
|                               | 11.00am | Holy Mass                                   | Sean McGarry        |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug    | 12 Noon | REQUIEM MASS – Jane Munn                    |                     |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug   | 10.00am | Holy Mass                                   | Tony Barnes         |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug | 10.00am | REQUIEM MASS – Catherine Fell               |                     |
|                               |         | FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD    |                     |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | 10.00am | Holy Mass                                   | Special Intention   |
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | 6.00pm  | Holy Mass                                   | Someone who is Sick |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug    | 09.00am | Holy Mass                                   | Parish Community    |
|                               | 11.00am | Holy Mass                                   | Sheila Glover       |

**Weekly Collection: £1,117.52 Thank you!**

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 27<sup>th</sup> July** – Special Intention, Jane Munn x3, Paddy Kerwin, Maureen & Michael Higgins.

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Jane Munn, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug at 12 noon, Catherine Fell, 5<sup>th</sup> August at 10am, John Gillespie, 11<sup>th</sup> August at 10.45am.

**Please pray for the lately Dead including:** Patricia Hughes, Irene Delaney, Nora Kilbane, Philip Riozzie, Ronnie Mulcahy, Hilary Formby, Freda Anning, John Gillespie, Tony Barnes, Jane Munn, Joseph (Joe) Murphy, Catherine Fell, John Gerald Horn, Sean P Brady 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, Rachel Jones, Rod Maguire, Irene Forsheew, Bernard Philip, Ellen Hayes, Eileen Boyne, Patricia (Pat) Williamson, Margaret Foley.



# Parish Notices

## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR AUGUST

### For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

### ■ Parish Development Strategy Consultation

The next online meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 3.30pm – 4.30pm**. Please see page 4 of the newsletter for further information and the meeting link.

### ■ Rota Duties within the Church

Over the past few weeks at a number of different weekend Masses, there have been several occasions when we have been left without Ministers of the Word (Readers), Eucharist Ministers and Offertory collectors. Now that we are at the height of the holiday season, those parishioners who undertake these important roles throughout the year are respectfully asked to check their rota's and arrange supply cover if they are going to be absent from duties at any time. Thank You for your assistance and co-operation.

### ■ Second Collection

There will be a second collection taken at all Masses this weekend after Communion, for the work and projects associated with the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### ■ Global Debt Crisis

A huge thankyou to everyone who signed the petition either physically or on-line using the QR code. Over the course of the weekend we collected 253 physical signatures, plus those who signed on-line, a really good tally. The forms are now with CAFOD, we have also sent a message to Bill Esterson our MP informing him of the support in our parish and asking him to write to the PM asking him to take action on the Global Debt Crisis.

### ■ Venezuelan Earthquakes

Many thanks to all those who have donated to the emergency appeal to provide support to our neighbours in Venezuela following the devastating earthquakes. CAFOD have provided us with this update: "Two weeks after devastating earthquakes struck northern Venezuela, the emergency is far from over. Thousands of families remain without safe shelter, communities are still coping with missing family members, the loss of loved ones and little to no livelihoods, and the long road to recovery is only just beginning. While the immediate search and rescue phase is ending, Caritas continues to provide emergency assistance and accompany communities as they begin rebuilding their lives." If you are able, please continue to support this appeal by scanning the QR code on the Noticeboard to donate. For further information on how our support is making a difference, go to [cafod.org/news/emergencies-news](https://cafod.org/news/emergencies-news)

### ■ Missio Red Boxes

The amount raised during 2025 was £1,048.00. Thank you for your generosity.

### ■ OLOC Fell Walkers

Our Lady's Fell Walkers have two walks on Saturday **8th August 2026** from the village of Coniston in the Lake District National Park. The A Walk is 7.5 miles with an ascent of 2600 ft and the B walk is 6.36 miles with an ascent of 436 ft. Both walks have some parts which are quite steep and rocky. The A walk is higher and faster and the B walk, lower and slower.

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 are likely quite necessary on these walks and please remember to bring adequate fluids if the weather is very sunny, together with sunscreen.



## PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION : Securing Our Future Together

The Archbishop is consulting us on the future of our Archdiocese and what that will mean for the future of our Parish. This future is not far away

- Within 7 years the number of priests in the diocese will have halved.
- Within 12 years all of the priests in our Deanery will be retired.
- Within 14 years, without change, the diocese will run out of money to function.

We are asked how to restructure our Parishes, and deploy our resources, priests and lay roles to :

- develop our parish as part of a wider sustainable, community?
- to look after the sick, the hospitalised, and the dying?
- maintain baptisms, communions, confirmations, weddings, and funerals with fewer priests?
- nurture faith within our local schools, deepen our community outreach, and encourage new shoots of faith to grow?

### How to share your views:

**Dedicated Webpage :** [www.olocreview.co.uk](http://www.olocreview.co.uk) (Online form / leaflet downloads/FAQ's)

**Written comments:** Collection box at the back of Church.

**Online Team Meetings:** These are opportunities to have open discussion about the proposals, potential implications to Parish functioning and share ideas to secure and develop our Catholic community.

#### Thursday, 9 July 2026 19:30 - 20:30 (GMT)

Meeting link: [OLOC PARISH REVIEW | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

Or <https://teams.live.com/join/9346996436083?p=vW8yljkm05ukZYT5PA>

#### Wednesday, 5 August 2026 15:30 - 16:30 (GMT)

Meeting link: [OLOC PARISH REVIEW | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

Or <https://teams.live.com/join/9349428651563?p=mC8yzeoVppOeLMZjll>

#### Wednesday, 19 August 2026 19:30 - 20:30 (GMT)

Meeting link: [OLOC PARISH REVIEW | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

Or <https://teams.live.com/join/9321879864017?p=PuTUnytdHelOKCn4wy>

#### Thursday, 10 September 2026 19:30 - 20:30 (GMT)

Meeting link: [OLOC PARISH REVIEW | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

Or <https://teams.live.com/join/9360067416641?p=FOfCtCnzTDVzxQZtLA>

Please join via the hyperlink or email [toni@icloud.com](mailto:toni@icloud.com) to request an electronic invite.

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