



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

**16th Aug – SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

23rd Aug – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2, Psalter Weeks 4/1

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2027** – Monday 17th
May to Friday 21st May



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MASS TIMES

Day	Time		Intention
	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
Saturday 15 th Aug	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Joe Murphy
Sunday 16 th Aug	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Jane Munn
Tuesday 18 th Aug	10.00am	Service of the Word and Communion	
Wednesday 19 th Aug	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Thursday 20 th Aug	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Saturday 22 nd Aug	6.00pm	Holy Mass	The sick, Jenny, Rose, Sheila, Ann
Sunday 23 rd Aug	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Jo Took
Tuesday 25 th Aug	10.00am	REQUIEM MASS – Ellen Hayes	
Wednesday 26 th Aug	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Thursday 27 th Aug	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Saturday 29 th Aug	6.00pm		James S Duddy
Sunday 30 th Aug	09.00am		Parish Community
	11.00am		Peggy Grundy

Weekly Collection: £842.40 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 10th Aug – Maureen Smith, Ann Fazackerly, Margaret & Robert Parker Rimmer, Pat & Joe Rigby, Chris & Paul Rimmer, Geraldine Heron, George Dennis, Mary Thorn x2.

Mass Intentions Sent to Mill Hill – Francis Youell, Tony Barnes x4, Jane Munn x9, Special Intention x3, Brian Hughes, James Hogan, George Dennis, Mary Thorn.

Forthcoming Funerals: Ellen Hayes, 25th August at 10am, Richard Hawkins, 2nd Sept at 10am, Josephine Harrison, 9th Sept at 10am.

Please pray for the lately Dead including: John Gillespie, Tony Barnes, Jane Munn, Joseph (Joe) Murphy, Catherine Fell, John Gerald Horn, Sean P Brady, Ellen Hayes, Richard Hawkins, Josephine Harrison 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 Forshaw, Bernard Philip, 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 19th August 7.30pm – 8.30pm**. Please see below for link.

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>

■ ADVANCE NOTICE: Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027

This will take place from **MONDAY 17th MAY to FRIDAY 21st MAY 2027** arranged by Northern Star Travel. Travelling by air, from Manchester to either Bordeaux or Carcassonne, with onward coach travel in France.

- Full board accommodation at 4* Hotel Eliseo for 4 nights.
- Daily pilgrimage programme including Mass whilst in Lourdes.
- Airport duty and passenger taxes, 1 suitcase 20kgs for the hold & services of Northern Star Travel Courier included.
- Also included this year, is a scenic half day excursion through the High Pyrenees to the mountain village of Gavarnie near to the Spanish border.
- The cost per person will be £740 in shared accommodation (double, twin or triple rooms).
- A very limited number of single rooms will be available at a supplement of £145 Per person.
- Age related travel insurance is also available at variable costs.

We are grateful to the travel company that despite the global increases being experienced across the industry, they have generously managed to increase costs by only £40 over last year's pilgrimage.

LISTS WILL OPEN FOR INTERESTED PARISHIONERS TO SIGN UP, ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS, AT THE BACK OF CHURCH BY THE MAIN ENTRANCE DOORS, OVER THE WEEKENDS OF 29th /30th August & SEPTEMBER 5th/6th. Booking forms, together with further information, will then be distributed and deposits collected during September. **Anyone requiring further information may contact the parish organiser, Mike Halford on 879508.** As we are an independent parish group, we do not have access to facilities for sick pilgrims needing medical assistance. These are provided by the Archdiocese in their pilgrimage each July.

■ Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Afternoon Tea, those who baked cakes and all the helpers. We raised £1,060.00. It will be going to Africa to help pay for an Xray Machine, which costs thousands of pounds. Hope to see you all at the next venue for this project. Love and prayers, Servants of the Mother of God.

■ Requiem Mass Tony Barnes - Thank You

On our recent bereavement of Tony, we would like to sincerely thank all those who shared with us his beautiful Requiem Mass, his Internment and reception afterwards. We have very much appreciated visitors, cards, mass cards and words of sympathy, that have brought so much comfort in easing our grief at the loss of a loving husband and Father Rose, Stuart, Chris and Amy Barnes. Thank you. Rose Barnes.



■ Scam Email – please don't respond

Please be aware of a scam, which is known to the diocese, in which parish priests are being used to obtain money for these criminals. Fr John would never ask parishioners to purchase gifts on his behalf so if you are sent an email asking you to do this from this email address parishpastor0996@gmail.com please do not respond but let the Parish office know, so they can send them to the Archdiocese.

■ Health and Safety Audit of Headstones

A Health and Safety Audit of the Headstones in our Graveyard, will be carried out on w/c 24th August. Please see the Church Noticeboard for further information provided by the Archdiocese.

■ SVP Collection – Thank you

SVP would like to thank all parishioners for their very generous donations at our recent 2nd collection. The amount collected was £1,100.18 a truly magnificent amount.

■ Deanery Music Event

You are warmly invited to our third Deanery music event, with our local in-house band (*free entry but there will be a voluntary collection for Queenscourt Hospice*): **Friday 2nd October from 2pm - 4pm** at St John Stone parish club (Sandbrook Way, Woodvale, Southport, PR8 3RN). Songs from across the decades for you to join in.

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 (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.

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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 to request an electronic invite. Steve & Toni Drury are managing the Responses. Please contact them directly to chat or invite them to a group meeting. Email : toni.drury@icloud.com or text/WhatsApp 07814614144.

