



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

30th Aug – 22nd 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

- **PARISH CENTRE EVENTS**
 - Monthly Games Afternoons : Starting Sunday 20th September
 - Wreath Making Workshops : Saturday 14th November
 - Children's Christmas Crafting & Games Day : Saturday 28th November .
- **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2027 – Monday 7th June to Friday 11th June**

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MASS TIMES

Day	Time		Intention
Saturday 29 th Aug	6.00pm	Holy Mass	James S Duddy
Sunday 30 th Aug	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Peggy Grundy
Tuesday 1 st Sept	10.00am	Holy Mass	Paddy Kerwin
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	10.00am	REQUIEM MASS – Richard Hawkins	
	FEAST OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT		
Thursday 3 rd Sept	10.00am	Holy Mass	Maureen & Michael Higgins
Friday 4 th Sept	11.00am	FUNERAL SERVICE – Thelma Stopforth	
Saturday 5 th Sept	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Teresa Tester
Sunday 6 th Sept	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Alan Wright

Weekly Collection: £909.40 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 17th & 24th Aug – Thelma Stopforth, Paul Murphy, Patrick O'Brien, Ann Smith, Janet Basu, Gerry Hendey, Gerard Sainsbury, Brenda Campbell, Ray Dormer.

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: Richard Hawkins, 2nd Sept at 10am, Thelma Stopforth, 4th Sept at 11am, 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, Janet Basu 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, Eileen Boyne, Patricia (Pat) Williamson, Margaret Foley.



Parish Notices

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

■ Parish Development Strategy Consultation

The final online meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th Sept 7.30pm – 8.30pm**. Please see below for the link.

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=F0fCtCnzTDVzxQZtLA>

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.

■ Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027 – 7th – 11th June 2027

Further to the information that has appeared on the Newsletter for the past two weeks and due to circumstances associated with hotels and other large pilgrimage groups in Lourdes, it has become necessary to change the dates of our travel to the shrine next year. **WE WILL NOW BE DEPARTING ON MONDAY 7th JUNE AND RETURNING ON FRIDAY 11th JUNE.** All other details of the pilgrimage remain the same. *Forms for those wishing to sign up for the trip will be at the back of Church from the weekend of SATURDAY/SUNDAY 12th/13th SEPTEMBER.*

■ The Chatterry

The Chatterry will re-open after the Summer break, on **Wednesday 9th September**, at the usual time of 2pm to 3.30 pm. Friends and parishioners are welcome as always. The first week's gathering will be a catch up with all the news from over the Summer holiday season.

■ Candle Donation Box for The Motherhood Shrine

People often ask where the donation box is for the candles available for Our Lady's Shrine, at the back of Church. It is situated in the wall just to the right, outside the entrance to the shrine and marked accordingly. Thank you to everyone for your contributions.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the July draw was number **21**. Have you joined yet? For just £2 per month, a number will be allocated to you and if your number is drawn out in the monthly draw, you could win up to £200. Application forms can be found on the noticeboard at Our Lady's. (N.B. if paying by cheque please make your cheque payable to OLOC 200 club). Good luck!

■ Our Lady's Fell Walkers

Our Lady's Fell Walkers have two circular walks on **Saturday 12th September 2026** from the market town of Barnoldswick, Pendle, Lancashire. The A walk is approximately 10 miles with a total elevation of about 1300 ft. The B walk is 7.36 miles with the highest elevation at 1290 ft. Both walks are circular from the town centre. 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.



■ Waitrose Plant Trolleys

You may have noticed the Waitrose plant trolleys near the rear church entrance after 11:00 AM Mass. By special arrangement with Waitrose, these plants are to support local causes: direct planting in our church gardens, donations to Freshfields Animal Rescue, or sale at the Hospice for Africa shop to raise vital funds. (To date, over £138 has been raised for Hospice For Africa, a charity supported by our own Justice and Peace Group.)

Please kindly refrain from taking these plants for personal use. Thank you for respecting this arrangement and helping us continue to support these wonderful charities.

■ Piety Stall – Handmade Cards & Recycled Mass Sheets

Over the past few months, our Piety stall has been quietly growing its collection of unique, handmade greeting cards, lovingly created by three of our talented parishioners. Each is unique and you won't find these cards anywhere else. What you may not be aware of however, is that some of these cards are crafted using paper made directly from recycled parish Mass sheets and Newsletters, by a parishioner too!

Looking ahead to the coming months and the Christmas season, we will be expanding our range to include further special, handcrafted cards and gifts, some made almost exclusively from our recycled Mass sheets and Newsletters. Every card and gift is one-of-a-kind and will only be available on a first-come, first-served basis, so do keep an eye on the stall after Mass to see what's new.

Rest assured, our sustainability efforts continue. The vast majority of our leftover Mass sheets and Newsletters are still systematically collected, shredded, and donated to Freshfields Animal Rescue, to help care for the small animals in need. Thank you for supporting our parish community and these wonderful green initiatives!

■ Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Events

We have some exciting activities coming up soon for all ages at our Parish Centre. Keep an eye out for full details in upcoming Newsletters:

- **Monthly Games Afternoons** : Starting Sunday 20th September
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Further details will be shared in the coming weeks!

■ Irenaeus – Volunteers Needed

At The Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, we are desperately looking for 2-3 volunteers to fill the slot on a Monday afternoon, from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. If you can help, please phone 0151 949 1199 or contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk. We are always looking for help at any other time. We are open from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm on Mondays - Thursdays. Thank you

■ CAFOD

“When a devastating earthquake hit Myanmar nearly 18 months ago, CAFOD responded through our partners and the church network. Now, CAFOD's international staff involved in that response are visiting Liverpool Archdiocese! Hear about their work with families and communities affected by the earthquake – the type of work made possible with your support.

- Tuesday 8th Sept - 6.45pm for a 7pm start - 8.30pm
- St Anne's parish room, Overbury Street, Liverpool L7 3HJ (Car parking for church on Harbord Street. Overflow parking - a Tesco across the road on Overton Street which has a maximum stay of 3 hours). Be careful not to park in the residents only restricted street area.
- The event will be held in the parish room at the back of the church which can be accessed from the car park through the orange gates.”

