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

4th Oct – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2, Psalter Week 3

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Family Mass** – 4th Oct at 11am followed by Brunch at the Parish Centre and kids craft corner.
- **PARISH CENTRE EVENTS**
  - **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 3rd Oct	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Brenda Campbell
Sunday 4th Oct	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Paul Murphy
Tuesday 6th Oct	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Wednesday 7th Oct	10.00am	Holy Mass	George Dennis
Thursday 8th Oct	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Saturday 10th Oct	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Mary Thorn
Sunday 11th Oct	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Ray Dormer

Weekly Collections 20th & 27th Oct: £2,148.86 Thank you!

Second Collection Evangelii Gaudium £381.09 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 28th Sept – Jim McCahy, Special Intention, Eamonn, Michael & Bridie Touhey, John Hanlon, Patrick Branney, James Corrigan, Brendan & Maggie MaGee

Baptisms: We welcome into the Church, Elijah Allman-Gillett, Mía Lancaster Del Estal, Lando Milburn.

Forthcoming Funerals: Martin Johnson 14th Oct at 10am.

Please pray for the lately Dead including; Jane Munn, Joseph (Joe) Murphy, Catherine Fell, John Gerald Horn, Sean P Brady, Ellen Hayes, Richard Hawkins, Josephine Harrison, Janet Basu, Nicholas Uprichard, Martin Johnson, Ann Gallagher 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 Forshew, Bernard Philip, Eileen Boyne, Patricia (Pat) Williamson, Margaret Foley.



Parish Notices

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR OCTOBER

For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

Archbishop's visit

The Archbishop is currently visiting all the Parishes of our Sefton Coast North Deanery. He will visit Our Lady's Church on Sunday Nov 1st to celebrate the 11am Mass. We look forward to welcoming him.

The Chattery

A huge thank you is extended to all those who attend The Chattery every week, to other Parishioners, residents of Kensington Court and many other people, who so generously supported the appeal for items to be donated and taken to Ukraine by Simon Davies. Unfortunately, Simon was unable to attend last week to update us on the situation due to other commitments unavoidably overrunning. He did, however, arrange for all the wonderful donations to be collected ready for transportation. He will extend his thanks and speak this coming Wednesday, October 7th in an extended Chattery, which will be open from 2pm UNTIL 4pm. This will enable our booked speaker for this week, Carol Faulkner, to continue with her talk on "Wild 'n' Bee". Carol's husband is the Beekeeper and she undertakes foraging. As well as making the honey, she makes chutney and jams and will have some of her delicious goods on sale. This "Double" Chattery will have the usual tea/coffee/ biscuits/raffle at £2 in the Parish Centre, Church Road and **GROUP 1 HELPERS OR SUBSTITUTES ARE ON DUTY.**

Family Mass & Sunday Brunch

Our first Family Mass of the new school year is **Sunday 4th October 11am**. All are warmly invited. There will be Sunday Brunch afterwards at the Parish centre and kids craft Corner. If your child would like to be involved in the Mass by reading or taking the offertory, please contact Andrea on 07342 692957.

OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers have two walks on **Saturday 10.10.26** from the lovely market town of Grassington in North Yorkshire. The A walk is 9.6 miles with an elevation gain of 380 metres and the B 7 miles, with an elevation of 267 metres. The A walk is higher and faster, and the B, 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 barms 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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2027

Many thanks to all those parishioners who have returned their booking forms and paid deposits for our parish pilgrimage next June. These have now been forwarded to the travel agent who will be in contact to acknowledge placements individually. Anyone who expressed an interest and who has not yet completed their form is asked to do so as requested, by the end of this weekend, October 4th. If any places become available, they will be advertised on forthcoming newsletters.

Queenscourt Talk/Appeal

A big thank you to Karen Groves who has agreed to come and talk to us at Our Lady's on the weekend of **10/11th October.** She will help us to understand Queenscourt's holistic approach to providing much needed palliative care, either at home or in hospital. Hospices are wonderful places, both for patients and for all those who are important to them. We must do our best to support them. So, the Justice and Peace Group wondered, What could our Parish do to help? What about a Special Quiz Night for Queenscourt? So, we booked Holy Trinity Hall on Rosemary Lane, for Saturday 21st November. Hello you Quizzers. Let's have a cheap and cheerful evening, hosted once again by Pete Connor and Doug Devine. Come by yourself and join a table or come with a team (6-8 people).



Easy questions – mostly. Doors will open 6.45pm for a prompt 7.00pm start. There is no bar, everything will be BYO, don't forget a bottle opener and glasses, your snacks or a banquet, and a bin bag. There will be a Raffle and Irish Bingo, so bring a bit of cash.
Entrance by ticket only. To reserve yours (£10 each), please call any of the J and P numbers below.

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All proceeds from the evening will go to Queenscourt. If you are reading this online and would like to add your donation to this great cause, the Justice and Peace Group's bank details are: OLOC J and P Group, Lloyds Bank S/C 30-99-50 Acct No: 51129960 Ref: Queenscourt.

We mentioned having a Raffle and the Quiz but it's the beginning of the year and we're completely out of prizes! Have you any chocolate or bottles left over from the summer holidays? Or anything suitable for the raffle? We would be very grateful. Just leave items in a bag in the Church porch. Thank you so much. See you at the Quiz!

■ CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

CAFOD Family Fast Day is **Friday 2nd October**. Please put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Please place your donation in the CAFOD envelope. This will be collected during the second collection the **weekend of 3rd/4th October**. There will also be the option to donate via card at the back of church. Alternatively, you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you for your support.

■ Shoebox Appeal

Although we are just heading into autumn, it is the time of year when we organise our shoebox appeal for Ukraine, sending joy in the form of shoeboxes full of small toys and toiletries to children many of whom have been displaced and will not receive any gifts at Christmas.

Thanks to our friends, the Methodists we can supply a filled shoebox (J&P have samples in the porches) or you can make up your own - just ask anyone in the Justice & Peace Group for an empty box or cover a shoebox with Christmas paper and start filling (no liquids or chocolate). Small items to fill your box can be obtained at the Shoebox Bazaar on Saturday, 10th October 10-4pm in Elbow Lane Methodist Hall - see the poster on the noticeboard. If you would like us to supply a filled box, please put £8 in an envelope marked 'Shoeboxes' or give to a member of the J&P Group in the porch after Mass. **Please note all boxes must be in Church by Sunday, 25th October ready for transport to Ukraine.**

■ The Parish Centre

Wreath making workshop – Saturday 14th November 2-4pm

Join us for some early Christmas fun in our joint fundraising event with the local charity Hospice Africa. An afternoon of wreath making, chat, light refreshments plus a little bit of Christmas shopping at OLOC Parish Centre, Church Road, Formby. **Booking with payment in advance essential** - Please contact Toni Drury 07814614144 to make your booking. Payment can be made via paypal: toni@druryfamily.co.uk

Hospice Africa is a Liverpool based charity providing palliative care or people with cancer and terminal illness in Uganda and across other African countries. If you wish to know more about the work of Hospice Africa, please visit their website https://www.hospice-africa.org/en/hospice-africa-uk

Children's Christmas Craft and Fun Saturday 28th November 11 am -4 pm - Volunteers needed.

Last year we introduced with great success, our Christmas crafting and fun day for children. An opportunity for our children to craft Christmas cards, decorations and gifts along with some traditional games and challenges. While aimed at children, we noticed many adults also enjoyed the opportunity to be creative and share the moment too! So, we are looking for volunteers to help make this year's event a greater success. If you would like to be involved, please contact Toni Drury 07814614144 or email toni@druryfamily.co.uk.

