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

11th Oct – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2, Psalter Week 4

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **PARISH CENTRE**
  - **Women's Faith Group:** Tuesday 13th October 7.30pm
  - **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 10th Oct	6.00pm	Holy Mass	**Mary Thorn**
Sunday 11th Oct	09.00am	Holy Mass	**Parish Community**
	11.00am	Holy Mass	**Ray Dormer**
Tuesday 13th Oct	10.00am	Holy Mass	**Janet Basu**
Wednesday 14th Oct	**10.00am**	**REQUIEM MASS – Martin Johnson**	
Thursday 15th Oct	10.00am	Holy Mass	**Joe Moreland**
Saturday 17th Oct	6.00pm	Holy Mass	**Joan Evans**
Sunday 18th Oct	09.00am	Holy Mass	**Parish Community**
	11.00am	Holy Mass	**Patrick O'Brien**

Weekly Collection: £855.29 Thank you!

CAFOD Collection £2,094.93 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 5th Oct – Special Intention, Theresa Wilson, Nicholas Uprichard

Baptisms: We welcome into the Church, Thomas & Avery Grogan, Oscar Campbell, Toby Gilbertson.

Forthcoming Funerals: Martin Johnson 14th Oct at 10am, Ann Gallagher 28th 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, Calum Collings.

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

THE Chattery this week welcomes Conal Devitt from the "FORMBY BEFRIENDING SCHEME" who will tell us about his work among the local community. The Chattery will be open at the normal time of 2pm until 3.30 pm in the Parish Centre at the rear of the Gild Hall. Wednesday, 14th October. Tea/coffee/ biscuits/ raffle £2. **GROUP 2 HELPERS ON ROTA DUTY THIS WEEK.**

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day

Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents. To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit: cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou

Women's Faith Group

'I have called you by your name'. **Tuesday 13th October 7.30pm. At our Parish Centre**. All women welcome. Refreshments served.

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.

Second Collection

NEXT WEEKEND, OCTOBER 17/18th, at all Masses, there will be a second collection taken immediately after Communion for The APF WORLD MISSIONS.

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.

Anne 01704 873483 Bruni 01704 876038

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!



UCM News

The UCM monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th October. There is a Requiem Mass in Church at 10.00am therefore there will not be a UCM Mass this month. Members are invited to gather in the Parish Centre for refreshments at 10.30am. A Flower Arrangement Demonstration has been arranged for Wednesday 11th November in the Parish Centre at 11.00am. The individual arrangements are raffled after the demonstration together with other raffle prizes. The admission fee is £5.00 which includes tea/coffee, cake and a free raffle ticket and all proceeds are to be donated to Queenscourt Hospice. This has always proved to be a popular event and your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Formby befriending Scheme – making friends to make a difference

Could you spare an hour once a week or fortnight to reduce social isolation for older people locally? We are looking for volunteers to drive or befriend an older person through a visit or phone call. To find out more phone Vicky on 07437 479417 or visit https://formbybefriendingscheme.org.uk/

Missio and World Mission Sunday

Thank you to everyone who donated in the Red Box collection last month. A total of £356.69 was raised! Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, where the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio - his charity for world mission - through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the August draw was number 11. 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!

Speakeasy

SPEAKEASY church folk group celebrates 50 years reunion Mass at St William of York church Thornton st 6pm - 24th October 2026.

