



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

12th Jan 2025 – 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 1

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025 – Registration Opens on 13th Jan – 17th March** - If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk.
- **Cathedral Choir** – Fri 7th Feb 2025 6.30pm



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Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD		
Saturday 11th Jan	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Mary Davis
Sunday 12th Jan	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	David Wright
Tuesday 14th Jan	10.00am	Holy Mass	Michael Dockery
Wednesday 15th Jan	10.00am	Holy Mass	Caroline Green
Thursday 16th Jan	10.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Pinkman
Saturday 18th Jan	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Danny Rathbone
Sunday 19th Jan	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Aindow

Christmas Collections: £523.58 Thank you!

Forthcoming Funerals: David Kirk 21st Jan at 10am, Stephen Roberts 4th Feb at 10am, Margaret (Pauline) Liddiard 5th Feb at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 7th Jan – John Uprichard, Pauline Liddiard, Margaret Pendergast, Peter Gough.

Mass Intentions sent to Mill Hill to be said during Dec/Jan: Ted Riley, Marie Denny, Denise Cunningham x5, Lynn Dyer, Shirley Hargreaves, Richard Newey, Pauline Walsh, Dr H C Liu, Sister Paulinus, Parish, Edward Parisi, June Green, Gerry Mulperrin, Mr Paul, Joanna Desforges, James Herlihy, Rosemarie Evans, Frederick Wilson, John Charles Fenerty.

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Josephine Williams, Desmond (Des) Byrne, Michael Dockery, Joanna Desforges, Rosemarie Evans, Brenda Forrest, Eileen Camidge, David Kirk, William Bell, Stephen Roberts, Margaret Liddiard and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Beryl Prescott, Kathleen O’Gorman, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones, Ruth Purcell, Claire Charlton, Dominic Tomlinson, Tim Chrimes, Joe Murphy, David Lewin.

Parish Notices

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■ Congratulations – Deacon Theo Sharrock

Congratulations to Deacon Theo Sharrock, the son of Tim and the grandson of Margaret, who was ordained as a Deacon last Saturday in Burnley. We look forward to his ordination to the Priesthood next Summer.

■ The Chatterry

The Chatterry will re-open after the Christmas break this coming **Wednesday, 15th January**. This week there will be a Christmas catch up from 2pm to 3.30pm in the parish Activity Centre at the rear of the Gild Hall. Tea/coffee/biscuits £1.50. Introduce us to your friends. All welcome!

GROUP 1 helpers on duty this week. If you are unable to cover your date on the rota, please arrange a substitute. Thank you.

■ Thank you

Sincere and grateful thanks to Lynn, Toni and Bruni for all their hard work in transforming the area behind the meeting room into a beautiful space of flowers and plants. The crib there is beautiful. Also, for their work along the borders of the Waitrose path!

Also many thanks to the parishioner who so generously donated the statue of Our Lady and the plinth for that beautiful space.

■ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Our Lady of Compassion Church will be hosting Morning prayer for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Monday 20th January 9.15am**. Please join us in welcoming Christians from the different Churches in Formby. Morning prayer will continue at 9.15am on Tuesday 21st Jan at St Luke's Church, St Luke's Church Rd; Wednesday 22nd Jan at Formby United Reformed Church, Church Rd; Thursday 23rd Jan- St Peter's Church, Green Lane, Friday 24th Jan at Holy Trinity Church, Rosemary Ln and on Saturday 25th Jan- Formby Methodist Church, Elbow Ln. The CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE will take place in St Stephen's Church, Hightown at 4pm on Sunday 26th January.

■ Justice and Peace

Annual J and P Charity Quiz Night TICKETS (£10) AVAILABLE NOW!

Hosted by Peter Connor for the twenty-first time, the Annual Quiz Night will be on **Friday 24th January at the Gild Hall**. Entrance by ticket only please-no paying at the door! Nuts, Crisps, Bar and Raffle. Doors and bar open from 7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Come on your own or come with a team (4-6 people). All proceeds to Médecins sans Frontières - Doctors Without Borders. They go to the world's darkest places. For tickets, please call any of the J and P group (see Yellow Letter for numbers) or Anne Devine 873483 or Bruni Jones 876038. If you can't come to the quiz but would like to donate to this wonderful charity, just put something in an envelope and see us in church. Thank you so much.

Unwanted Christmas Presents

As you're taking the decorations down and putting all the furniture back, is it possible that you received the odd gift that doesn't really suit you? The J and P are always on the lookout for possible raffle prizes. We would be delighted to have anything you could donate- for example, alcohol, chocolates, fancy toiletries or any other gifts, as well as gift bags, baskets etc. please leave donations by the Foodbank. Thank you so much.

Annual Christmas Carol Singalong with Churches Together

Every year the J and P invite all our Formby and Hightown churches to join us in Waitrose and Tesco for an hour's Carol singing. Together we bring the Spirit of Christmas to our Village. All proceeds are distributed locally for the benefit of the homeless and the hospices. This year, with the help of a card reader, we were delighted to be able to donate £874. Thank you to all who came, sang and donated. And thank you Tesco and Waitrose.

■ **Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral**

Following the announcement in December of the miraculous cure of John (Jack) Traynor, the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be celebrating this historic moment with Mass followed by a drinks reception at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Tuesday 18th February at 7pm. All are very welcome to attend. More information and a booking form will follow.

■ **CAFOD**

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee