



# 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

19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 2

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

## Information & Events

- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025** –  
Registration Opens on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – 17<sup>th</sup>  
March - If you are in year 8 and would like to  
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please  
register at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk). There is  
also more information on our website  
[ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk](http://ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk) including  
online preparation sessions.
- **Cathedral Choir** – Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 6.30pm



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# Newsletter

## Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Danny Rathbone
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Aindow
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.00am	Requiem Mass – David Kirk	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	10.00am	Holy Mass	George Thomas
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	10.00am	Holy Mass	William Birch
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Rosemarie Evans
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Joe Moreland & Family

**Christmas Collections: £1069.54 Thank you!**

**Forthcoming Funerals:** David Kirk 21<sup>st</sup> Jan at 10am, Stephen Roberts 4<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am, Margaret (Pauline) Liddiard 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am, William Bell 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Gerard Gallagher, Philip, Steve & Margaret Klymec, Rose Barns x2, Marge Norton.

**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

## ■ Metropolitan Cathedral Choir – 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm

The Metropolitan Cathedral Choir will visit Our Lady of Compassion Church on 7<sup>th</sup> February for a performance of choral classics 6.30pm – 7.30pm (doors open at 6.00pm). All are encouraged to attend.

## ■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2025 – Registration Opened on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – 17<sup>th</sup> March

If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk). **The registration website is open from 13<sup>th</sup> January until the 17<sup>th</sup> March.** Please also visit our website for further information ([ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk](http://ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk) under Sacraments), including online preparation sessions and what to do if your child attends a non-Catholic School or a School outside the Diocese.

## ■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers are holding their **AGM on Saturday 25th January 2025** at the Cricket Club, Cricket Path, Formby, L37 7DP at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. All members, old, new and prospective are welcome with a plus one, and as usual, once official business is concluded, there will be a buffet and a quiz and the bar will be open.

## ■ The Chatterly

This coming **Wednesday, January 22nd**, we're responding to special requests to hold another "Beetle Drive". The Chatterly takes place in the Activity Centre behind the Gild Hall starting at 2pm. Tea/ Coffee/ biscuits £1.50. Bring a friend and everyone welcome! Team 2 helpers are on the rota this week.

## ■ 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **December** 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 or if by Standing Order - sort code: 30-17-48. acc. number: 01355280) Good luck!

## ■ Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral

The Archbishop of Liverpool, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP invites you to a historic occasion for the Archdiocese of Liverpool as we celebrate the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor with Mass and a drinks reception on **Tuesday 18th February at 7pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral.**

If you would like to attend, please fill in the form linked below. As we are expecting it to be a popular event, we need to know numbers in advance for both health & safety and catering purposes.

To make it easier for more people from across our archdiocese to attend, we are looking into the prospect of sending free coaches from each deanery area. If you are interested in this, please let us know on this form so we can gauge interest from every area. Please include your contact details so we can get in touch with further details.  
<https://forms.office.com/e/U9VgOWK4pW>

## ■ 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](https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee)