



# 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024 – First Sunday of Advent**

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 1

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

*Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714*

## Information & Events

- Christmas Fayre – Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11am – 4pm
- Family Mass – Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 11am
- Rosary Sermon Benediction – Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 3pm for the Immaculate Conception
- The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Mass Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am
- Advent Service of Reconciliation – Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7.30pm
- Cathedral Choir – Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 6.30pm



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## Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	<b>Pious List</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	9.00am	Holy Mass	<b>Parish Community</b>
	11.00am	Holy Mass (Family Mass)	<b>Youell Brothers</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>09.15am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	<b>Rocco James Ryan</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>09.15am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	<b>Pious List</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>09.15am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	<b>Pious List</b>
	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	<b>Pious List</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9.00am	Holy Mass	<b>Parish Community</b>
	11.00am	Holy Mass	<b>Pat Birch &amp; Family</b>
	3.00pm	ROSARY, SERMON AND BENEDICTION FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	

**Weekly Collection: £918.06 Thank you!**

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Margaret (Joan) Dawson 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am, Desmond (Des) Byrne 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am, Josephine Williams 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am, Michael Dockery 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Parish, Edward Parisi, June Green, David Wright.

**Please pray for the lately Dead including;**

Olive Taylor, Joe Bryan, Peter Galbraith, Michael Seddon, Ted Riley, John Holland, Cecile Marie Denny, Catherine Pauline Walsh, Denise Cunningham (nee Redmond), Richard Newey, Margaret (Joan) Dawson, Josephine Williams, Desmond (Des) Byrne, Michael Dockery, Joanna Desforges 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, Sabina Jenkins.

# Parish Notices

## ■ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

During the season of Advent, as part of our preparation for Christmas, exposition will take place before weekday Masses commencing this coming Tuesday, December 3rd, at 9.15am until just prior to the start of Christmas. Please note that if there is a funeral on any given weekday then exposition will not take place.

## ■ Rosary, Sermon & Benediction – 8<sup>th</sup> December

This will take place next **SUNDAY AFTERNOON 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER AT 3pm** to celebrate the feast of The Immaculate Conception, which the Church this year marks on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. It is hoped that many parishioners will join with us to mark this very special feast as part of our Advent preparation for Christmas.

## ■ Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Mass at 10am

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## ■ Advent Service of Reconciliation

There will be an Advent Service of Reconciliation in Church on **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**.

## ■ Live Stream of Sunday Parish Mass

A few weeks ago, we updated parishioners on the new arrangements for the live streaming of Sunday Masses. Previously, all the Sunday Masses were live streamed. Now that we have only one or two who can operate the transmission system, it seemed sensible to live stream just the main Sunday Mass at 11.00. We have had one or two glitches, but this is just to reassure those who cannot leave home to come to Mass, that we will do all we can to ensure the live stream of the 11.00am Sunday Mass.

## ■ Bereavement Mass

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the Bereavement Mass such a beautiful celebration. Thanks, in particular to Clare McCarthy in the Bereavement Team and Win and the members of the UCM who provided the refreshments afterwards.

## ■ St Jerome's – Parish Christmas Party

On **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, Class Six pupils will host a Christmas Party for senior members of our parish, a tradition we have long celebrated at St Jerome's. We will provide guests with some refreshments, party games and a few carols and songs from our two school concerts. If you would like to attend, please let the school office know so that we can add you to the guest list. 01704 833 211. Guests are asked to arrive at **2pm** and the party will end just after **3pm**.

## ■ The Chatterty Christmas Party

This annual event takes place this coming **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**, in the parish Activity Centre behind the Gild Hall commencing at 1.30pm. Tickets are £6 to include a festive buffet, a Christmas Raffle and entertainment from Peter Connor and his lively musicians. **PRIOR BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. PLEASE CONTACT PAM DUNNE ON 871381 to reserve and secure your place.**

The Chatterty will close for the Christmas break after this event and will re-open on Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025.

## ■ Thank You!

Heartfelt thanks to all who supported the coffee morning held at my house last Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. We raised a fantastic sum of £721.55p. The three charities, Water aid, Mary's Meals and International Aid, will all receive £200 with some kept in reserve for further international help. The good news is that Mary's Meals will have match funding. It was so good to see so many friends turning out on such a cold day and to receive so many generous donations from those who could not attend. Many thanks again Andrea Burton.

## ■ Reaching out at Christmas

The 'Reaching out at Christmas' cards are now ready for distribution. If you know of someone who would like to receive a card, please contact Andrea Dell on 07342692957. Andrea will also be at the back of Church after Mass on Saturday and Sunday, for you to take cards to deliver yourself.

Many thanks to the staff and children of St Jerome's school and Our Lady of Compassion school for decorating all the cards.

### ■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers will be walking in North Wales on Saturday 14th December 2024. We have a linear walk of 9 miles from Llanfairfechan to Conwy with 2000 ft of ascent, and a circular walk from Conwy of 6 miles with 1000 ft total height climbed. The A walk is a faster, higher walk 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 buns and time after the walk to visit shops, cafes and pubs in the area. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch with something waterproof to sit on. Walking sticks are always handy if you have them.

### ■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the October draw was number 92. 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 notice board. Good luck!

### ■ Christmas Cards for the Holy Land

We have been asked by the Archdiocese if our Parish would send Christmas cards to some of the parishes in The Holy Land. The J and P Group will have cards for eight of the parishes, in Gaza, the Left Bank and Jordan, at all weekend masses and at the Christmas Fair on 30th November in the Gild Hall. We would be so grateful if you would sign your name as an expression of hope and solidarity. Christians in the Middle East are enduring great hardship at this time and are comforted when they hear that they are not forgotten, that we remember them and pray for them.