



# 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

20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 1

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

## Information & Events

- **Monday Morning Movies** – 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, 11am  
at the Activity Centre (behind the Gild Hall)
- **Roscommon Solstice Choir** – Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Oct,  
6pm Mass
- **Bereavement Mass** – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11am
- **Christmas Fayre** – Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11am –  
4pm



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# Newsletter



## Mass Times

| Day                            | Time               | Location  | Intentions       |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | 6.00pm             | Holy Mass | Patricia Pinkman |
| Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct    | 9.00am             | Holy Mass | Parish Community |
|                                | 11.00am            | Holy Mass | Alan Hughes      |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct   | 10.00am            | Holy Mass | Mike Seddon      |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct | 10.00am            | Holy Mass | Paul Pinkman     |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | No Mass or Service |           |                  |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | 6.00pm             | Holy Mass | G & M O'Reilly   |
| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct    | 9.00am             | Holy Mass | Parish Community |
|                                | 11.00am            | Holy Mass | John McNulty     |

**Weekly Collection: £1,055.89 Thank you!**

**CAFOD Collection: £379.00 Thank you!**

**Forthcoming Funerals:** None.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Euan McNamara, Val Blackburne, Oscar, William Birch, Pat Birch & Family, Mary Aindow, Ted Riley.

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

Barbara Doyle, Barbara Shaw, Olive Taylor, Joe Bryan, Peter Galbraith, Michael Seddon, Ted Riley 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, John Holland, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans, Ed Schofield, Rachel Jones, Ruth Purcell, Claire Charlton, Dominic Tomlinson, Tim Chrimes, Des Byrne, Joe Murphy.

# Parish Notices

## ■ Pious List

November is traditionally the month of the Holy Souls, when we especially remember deceased members of our families and friends. From November 1st to 30th ALL MASSES celebrated in Our Lady's will be for those names on the Pious List.

Envelopes are available from this weekend on the tables at the doors of the church. Kindly take one home and write out your list of names and return it to Church also enclosing your Mass offering before November 1st. All lists received will be placed before the altar on the Sanctuary.

## ■ Winter Opening Times for the Church

Next weekend, 26th/27th October, the clocks go back and the darker mornings and evenings will be upon us once more. Please note that from next week during the Winter months, the Church will open at the following times for Masses and services:-

**SATURDAY EVENING:** 5.30pm for 6pm Mass.

**SUNDAY MORNING:** 8.30am for 9am and 11am Mass.

**WEEKDAYS:** 9.30am for 10am Mass or Service (9am if there is a funeral).

## ■ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition will take place during the special seasons of ADVENT & LENT. Further details and times nearer those periods.

## ■ The Chatterly

The Chatterly is closed this week, Wednesday 23rd October, and will re-open the Following Wednesday, 30th October, when Fr John will be our guest speaker.

## ■ Adult Faith Formation Events

You are warmly invited by the members of Sefton North Coast Deanery Synodal Council to the remaining events in support of adult faith formation:

**Christians and Contemporary Culture - Saturday 19th October from 2.00 – 3.30pm at St John Stone hall, Sandbrook Way, Woodvale, Southport, PR8 3RN** –led by John Sullivan

- How should Christians relate to the culture of our time and place?
- How have they done so in the past?
- The challenges and opportunities of either fitting in or being different

**Deanery Question Time - Saturday 23rd November from 2.00 – 3.30pm at St John Stone hall**

A panel of four chaired by the Dean, Mgr John Walsh – will face questions on topics and issues related to Christian faith and life in the Church.

## ■ Parish Activity Centre

With immediate effect, the new point of contact for the **Parish Activity Centre** and all matters relating to it, will be **Karen Williamson**. If you wish to check the diary, make a booking, have any building issues or problems please contact Karen on **07547 800348**.

## ■ Monday Morning Movie – 21<sup>st</sup> October, 11am at the Activity Centre (behind Gild Hall)

This month's film will be "Swimming with Men". Finding himself in the grip of a mid-life crisis, Eric (Rob Brydon) seeks solace at his local swimming pool and is persuaded to join the men's synchronised swimming team. Hilarity ensues as the team endeavour to improve as well as to support one another through life's ups and downs. A heart-warming, funny and uplifting story, loosely based on real-life events. **Free entry and refreshments. Open to all adults.**

## ■ OLOC Anniversary Garden

Thank you for all the lovely comments about the new garden and planting along the Waitrose alley. We hope that you are enjoying seeing it develop. Autumn is the time to undertake more assertive clearing and landscaping. If anyone in the Parish is undertaking such tasks at home and has unwanted surplus topsoil or compost, we would greatly appreciate it in the Anniversary garden. Please contact Toni Drury or email [Toni@druryfamily.co.uk](mailto:Toni@druryfamily.co.uk).

All the planting in the garden and along the Waitrose alley, has been provided at no cost to the Parish. If you wish to support us in keeping the planting looking fresh and help us develop the garden, there are envelopes at the rear of the Church for donations, which can be handed into the Sacristy or office. Thank you for your support.

### ■ Christmas Fayre Planning

We will soon be collecting donations for the Christmas Fayre: Chocolates, bottles, toys, books etc. More information will be out soon. We are also looking for star raffle prizes, last year we had hotel and restaurant vouchers, if you can assist in sourcing similar, either through your own business, or contacts etc, please contact Steve or Toni Drury - email [contact@formbyevents.co.uk](mailto:contact@formbyevents.co.uk) or Text /WhatsApp : 07767 343152.

### ■ The Justice & Peace Group – Shoebox appeal

“The Justice & Peace Group will again be assisting with sending shoeboxes filled with small items and toys to children in Ukraine. Last year we sent over 200 boxes. If you wish to fill a shoebox, suitable small items can be bought at Shoebox Bazaar on 12th October between 10am and 4pm at Methodist Hall in Elbow Lane.

If you prefer, we can supply a filled box for a suggested donation of £8. Sample boxes will be in the Church porches after Mass. Gift Aid forms will also be available. All boxes must be in Church ready for transport by Sunday 27th October. Thanks to all for your continued support.”

### ■ Pension Credit & Entitlement drop-in sessions

- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 11-1pm.** Gild Hall Activity Centre, Church Rd L37 3NG
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 10-2pm.** Formby Library, L37 4AN

Drop in for a chat with a welfare advisor from Compassion Acts to check your entitlement and make sure you are receiving the right support.

## Invitation to Autumn meetings for Families of Parishes

*From Sefton North Coast Deanery Synodal Council*

We have been asked, as Families of Parishes, to find ways of working together in order to serve more effectively our mission as a Church – to share God’s love with the world. Two consultation meetings were held in the summer, one in the north of our Deanery (at St Marie’s) and one in the south (at St John Stone). Many fine suggestions were made for cooperation between parishes in these meetings. We can’t move forward on all of them at once. There were simply too many. We can only move forward on those where there are enough people willing to step up to offer support. Having listened carefully to all the suggestions, the Deanery Synodal Council has picked out six areas on which we think we can move forward quite quickly.

The six areas we have identified for moving things forward are:

1. Communication and admin across Deanery & Families of Parishes.
2. Special needs.
3. Church musicians collaboration.
4. Adult faith formation.
5. Engaging young people & children.
6. Strengthening our outreach, charitable work and support for the vulnerable.

You are warmly invited to join us at what is for you the nearest location and most convenient date at **ONE** of the following two meetings:

EITHER **Wednesday 13th November** at 7.30pm at Holy Family Parish hall (1 Brompton Road, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 6AS).

OR **Monday 18th November** at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Parish hall (483 Liverpool Rd, Ainsdale, Southport PR8 3BP).

Our aim on these evenings is to facilitate the forming of groups or teams, each of which will adopt **ONE** of these six areas and offer to help take it forward.

To this end, at the meeting you will be invited to join **ONE** of the six ‘project’ areas for inter-parish collaboration. By doing so you are indicating that you think this project should be a priority for inter-parish collaboration and that you would be willing to offer some level of support for its implementation, even if only minor.

## **YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU.**

Please do come along to contribute your insights, experience and gifts.