



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

26th Jan 2025 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 3

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. There is
also more information on our website
ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk including
online preparation sessions.
- **Cathedral Choir** – Fri 7th Feb 2025 6.30pm



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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 25 th Jan	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Rosemarie Evans
Sunday 26 th Jan	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Joe Moreland & Family
Tuesday 28 th Jan	10.00am	Holy Mass	John Maxwell
Wednesday 29 th Jan	10.00am	Holy Mass	Erlinda Ranesses
Thursday 30 th Jan	10.00am	Holy Mass	John Uprichard
FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD			
Saturday 1 st Feb	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pauline Liddiard
Sunday 2 nd Feb	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Margaret Pendergast

Christmas Collections: £1,218.64 Thank you!

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church, Jaxtyn Christian.

Forthcoming Funerals: Stephen Roberts 4th Feb at 10am, Margaret (Pauline) Liddiard 5th Feb at 10am, William Bell 12th Feb at 10am, Mary Josephine Farrell 18th Feb at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 20th Jan – George OConnor, John Harris & Family, Elizabeth & Peter Kowalski, Teresa Brimmage, Kathleen W Duddy, Maureen Byrne & Family, The Gibbons Family.

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, Mary Josephine Farrell 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 – 7th February at 6.30pm

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

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■ The Chatterbox

The Chatterbox this week welcomes to the Activity Centre on **Wednesday 29th January**, Barbara Corlette, who has worked with the Save The Children Fund for 40 yrs. At various times she has held the office of President and Chair and has also been the Speaking Out Co Ordinator for the Northwest.

We meet at the parish Activity Centre behind the Gild Hall from 2pm to 3.30pm. Tea/coffee/ biscuits/weekly raffle £1.50. All welcome. **Group 3 rota helpers on duty. If you are unable to be there, please arrange a stand in.**

■ 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/U9VgQWK4pW>

■ The Justice and Peace Group

The Justice and Peace Group would like to thank everyone who got involved in signing the Christmas cards to Catholic parishes in the Holy Land. We had been warned that, because of the ongoing situation, it could take some time for all the cards to be delivered. This reply below, received from the Parish Priest of Holy Family Church in Ramallah in the West Bank, indicates how much our prayers and support are appreciated. We can only pray now that the ceasefire in Gaza will hold, and a just and permanent solution be found to bring peace to the whole country.

"Greetings from the Holy Land. Thank you for your words and your sincere feeling about what is happening in the Holy Land. It is indeed destruction, fear, hatred and a lot of blood. We ask the Child God, the Prince of Peace, to grant us peace and keep away the evil of war and destruction from His Land. Thank you for your support and love.

Merry Christmas & happy New Year. Fr Yacoub Rafidi"

■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers have two walks on Saturday 8th February 2025 from Rivington Pike, a hill on Winter Hill, part of the West Pennine Moors with some of the best views in Lancashire. The A walk is 9.5 miles with a total ascent of 918.5 feet and is a circular Walk from Rivington Barn, with views to Anglezarke Reservoir and Rivington Reservoir, looping around White Coppice. Trails are a mixture of country lanes and footpaths and maybe muddy at times. The

B walk is a circular route of approx 7 miles with an elevation of approx 750ft. The route takes in Liverpool Castle (a replica), The Terraced Gardens, Pigeon Tower and Rivington Pike with views across the reservoirs. The walk has stone steps and places that could be slippery depending on the weather but is otherwise fairly gentle and very picturesque. 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 barmes 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.

■ Deanery Music

The 2nd event in our Deanery Music series will be held at Holy Family church hall (PR8 6AS) on Saturday 22nd Feb 2025 11.00 - 16.00. We have invited Maria Hall, who offers Formation for Parishes to come and lead a practical workshop on Music & Liturgy. Tea and coffee will be provided and please bring a savoury and sweet item for a shared table at lunchtime. It would be helpful if you let us know john.mof831@gmail.com you are coming for numbers. Thank you from John & Karen

■ A Year of Hope: Introduction to the Jubilee Year

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching [this inspirational event](#) (find it and other Jubilee resources at cafod.org.uk/jubilee). Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.