



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

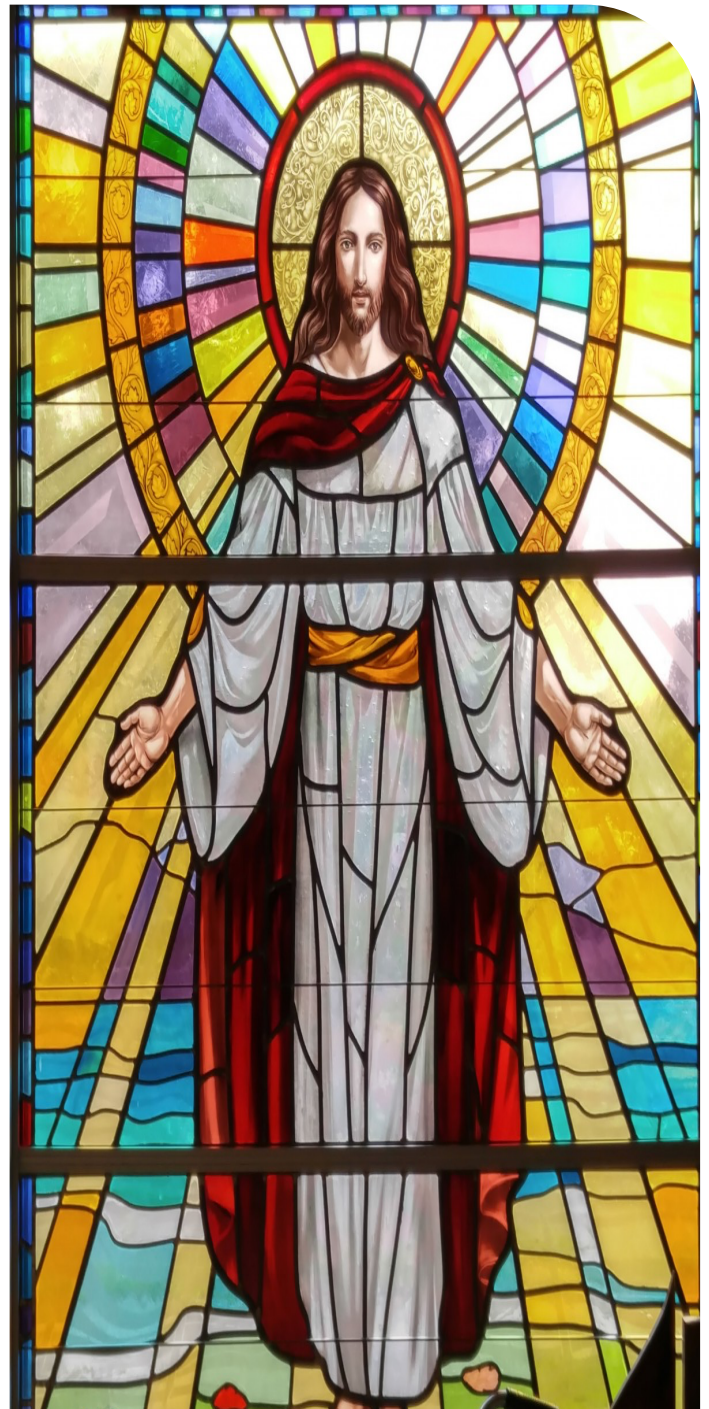
26th Nov 2023 – 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 2

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Served by the Churches of Our Lady of Compassion
and St Jerome

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714



Upcoming Events

- **Christmas Fayre**
25th November at the Gild Hall & Activity Centre 12 noon – 4pm
- **Liverpool Bach Collective**
10th December at OLOC – 6.30pm
- **Monday Morning Movies**
11th December at the Gild Hall Activity Centre

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Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King			
Saturday 25th Nov	6.00pm	St Jerome	Pious List
Sunday 26th Nov	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Pious List
Tuesday 28th Nov	09.15 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Pious List
Wednesday 29th Nov	09.15 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Pious List
Thursday 30th Nov	09.15 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Pious List
Saturday 2nd Dec	6.00pm	St Jerome	Frances Youell
Sunday 3rd Dec	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	McGowan Family

The Church of St Jerome is open every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** from **09.00am to 11.00am** for **Quiet Prayer**.
Tea/ coffee is available in **St Jerome's Parish Centre** on **Monday and Friday 09.00am – 10.00am**.

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church, Charlotte Wink-Read and Harper Roberts.

Weekly Collection £1,195.89 Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 20th Nov – Martin Boulton.

Mass Intentions Sent to Mill Hill Missionaries to be said during December - Hugh McKenna, Philip Klymec, Steve Klymec, Helen Doyle, Francis Youell, Teresa Campbell, Ellen & Donald Mercer, Euan McNamara, Private Intention, McGowan Family, Marie Mousley, Teresa Campbell, Pat Wynne, Ursula Ventre, Anne Abbott, Arther Daly, Beryl Prescott, Maureen Crick (x3), Anne Marie Qurk, Albert Nuttall, Special Intention, Christine Coates, Philip Molyneux, Francis & Muriel Molyneux, James Kilbane, Charlie Milles.

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

Robert (Bobby) Jenkins, Thomas Williams, Teresa Campbell, Patricia Wynne, David Robinson, Sheila Elliott, Charlie Mills, John Chalcraft, Sister Paulinus and all their families.

■ **And let us pray for those who are sick including;**

Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Mary Pinkman, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Alan Wright, Beryl Prescott, Kathleen O'Gorman, Deacon Joe Moreland, John Holland, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans and Fr Joe Whelan MHM.

Parish Notices

ST JEROME'S CHURCH

Last weekend, the Archbishop's decision to take St Jerome's church out of sacred use was communicated at the end of all the Parish Masses. Although widely expected the news when it came, will have caused great sadness and upset among those who have worshipped there for many years, and among those who were involved in its construction and earliest years. Grief and a sense of loss will be very obvious and we as a Parish community will need great sensitivity and compassion as we move forward. Those who were part of St Anne's community know this experience well, and our hope is that they will accompany our brethren from St Jerome's on the path that lies ahead.

The following is a recap of what was announced last weekend. St Jerome's will be taken out of sacred use on Friday, December 8th. The evening before, at 7.30pm, Bishop Tom Neylon will celebrate a final Mass in the church which will be the Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The entire parish is invited to participate in this Mass.

The Saturday evening Vigil Mass, which has been celebrated at St Jerome's at 6.00pm, will move to Our Lady's church. The last Saturday evening Vigil Mass at St Jerome's will be celebrated on December 2nd, the Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent. The first Saturday evening Vigil Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady's on Saturday, December 9th the Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent.

In the coming weeks, more information will be given about matters relating to St Jerome's church building.

God Bless
Fr John.

■ Sister Paulinus R.I.P

We are sad to announce the passing of Sr Paulinus McMahon at the age of 90. Sister worked for many years in the Parish of St Anne's with both Fr Leahy and Fr Bradley, after she had retired from a long teaching career and many years of devoted service to the Church and to her community.

Sister became unwell only last week and was taken to Craigavon Hospital where she died peacefully on the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd November. May Sister now be enjoying the rewards of her Heavenly Home. She will be well remembered and greatly missed by many parishioners in our Formby community. R.I.P.

■ Christmas Cards for the Holy Land

We have been asked by the Archdiocese if our Parish would send some cards to the Holy Land Catholic parishes. So, we have asked Steve Drury if he could produce eight special, very large cards for us to send. The J and P group will have cards for eight parishes in Gaza, Jerusalem and Jordan at all Masses at the weekend of 25/26 November. We would be so grateful if you would sign your name on one of the cards as an expression of solidarity and hope. The Christians in the Middle East are having a very bad time. They are comforted when they hear from us and feel that they are not forgotten, and that we pray for them. Thank you.

■ The Chatterery

This week we very much look forward to welcoming to our Wednesday afternoon gathering some pupils from Our Lady's Primary School who are going to entertain us with some singing and musical accompaniment. **2pm to 3.30pm, 29th November in the main room of the Gild Hall.**

Names and money (£6) will also be collected from those who wish to attend the Christmas Party and buffet on **Wednesday December 6th**. Peter Connor & friends will be providing the musical entertainment. **This will be the last Chatterery until early in the New Year.**

■ Lourdes Pilgrimage

A reminder that completed booking forms and deposits for our parish pilgrimage are now due in. Please hand them in (ASAP) to the sacristy after Mass or give directly to Mike Halford. Thank You!

■ Deacon Joe Moreland - Thank you!

Deacon Joe Moreland would like to thank you for all your kind gifts and good wishes, which have been greatly received and appreciated.

■ Formby Village Nativity – Saturday 16th December 11am

Starting at 11am at Formby Pool gardens, free entry, all welcome. See Church noticeboard for information.

■ 200 Club

Thank you to the 200 Club for your generous donation of £1,400, which is greatly appreciated.

■ Missio Red Box Collection

Please could Missio Red Box holders bring them to Church on the weekend of 25th/26th November 2023. There will be someone at Church to empty them. Thanks, Paddy Kerwin.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **October** draw was number 170. 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 and St. Jerome's. (N.B. if paying by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: OLOC 200 Club). Good luck!

■ SVP

SVP Would like to thank all parishioners for their very generous contributions last weekend. The total raised, which included the amount that was in the SVP box at the back of church, was £871.68.

■ Coffee Morning in aid of Mary's Meals

Coffee Morning in aid of MARY'S MEALS and some other international charities on **Wednesday November 29th from 10am at 2 FIRS CRESCENT FORMBY**. Please do come and support these worthy causes. Andrea Burton. 876454

■ Charity for Queen's Court Hospice

Many thanks to all those who supported "Mary's At Home" for Queens Court Hospice especially when the weather was not very kind to us all. Congratulations to those who won prizes. The total amount collected was £405. Mary Fleming

■ St Jerome's School Events

Carols for the Community 13th December 2pm at St. Jerome's Parish Hall

We would like to invite members of the parish to an afternoon of carols at St. Jerome's Parish Hall on **Wednesday 13th December at 2pm**. The concert will last about 45 minutes and we do expect some audience participation! Refreshments will be available to purchase and we hope it will be a lovely community event that parishioners can enjoy. No need to book, just come along and join us on the day.

Parish Seniors Christmas Party- Monday 11th December 2pm hosted by Class Six in the School Hall

If you would like to come and join us for a few games, tea and coffee and some delicious refreshments provided by our Year Six pupils we would love to see you! *Please contact the school office 01704833211 to let us know you are coming so that we can cater for everyone.*

■ Our Lady's Fell Walkers

Our Lady's Fell Walkers have two walks on the Wirral on **Saturday, 9th December 2023**. The A walk is 9 miles starting from Hoylake, following the English Coastal Path to the Cheshire village of Parkgate. The B walk is 7 miles starting in the Wirral Country Park from Eastham Rake Station, following paths along the railway and taking in part of the Wirral Way, and also ending in Parkgate. Both walks are linear and fairly flat with only slight gradients. The A walk is faster and the B, a slower walk.

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 barm and time after the walk to visit shops, cafes and pubs in the area. The cafe at the start of the A walk this month only accepts cash, so please bear this in mind and the B walk stop is at Hadlow Station, 3 miles into the B walk. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch. Sticks can also be helpful as this walk is likely to be muddy.

■ Metropolitan Cathedral Concerts over Advent / Christmas Season

Sunday 26 November – Choral Evening Prayer on the Feast of Christ the King – beginning at 3pm, this will be presided by Canon Anthony O'Brien, and feature music by Mozart, Leighton, Howells and Parsons.

Sunday 3 December – Advent Sequence - As the season of Advent begins, the cathedral choir and clergy offer a sequence of music and readings to prepare us for the Advent journey. The service lasts around 70 minutes and features the choir singing from a variety of places around the cathedral.

Sunday 10 December – A Ceremony of Carols - The boy choristers join harpist Elizabeth McNulty to perform Benjamin Britten's sequence of carol texts by English poets. The performance lasts around 40 minutes and is free to attend, with a retiring collection.

Saturday 16 December – A Celebration of Christmas - All are welcome to the Metropolitan Cathedral for a family Christmas concert with music from the choirs and carols for all to sing. www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral.org.uk

Sunday 17 December – Festival Carol Service - A traditional carol service with carols for all to sing, and seasonal music sung by the cathedral choir.

For a full list of Christmas events and services, please visit www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk

■ Coach 7

Sefton Coach 7 are hosting their next Quiz Night on Friday 8th December from 7.30pm at St Helen's Parish Centre, Crosby, L23 7TF. Please join us as we raise funds for the youth pilgrimage to Lourdes next summer. There will be a raffle with some great prizes and other games on the night. £5 per adult (£3 per young per young person). Bring your own refreshments.