



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

27th Nov 2022 – Advent Week 1

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 1

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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St. Jerome

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Forthcoming Events

- Sat 26th Nov, 1pm – 4pm St Jerome's Hall – Christmas Fayre
- Sun 18th Dec, OLOC 6.30pm – Sung Evening Prayer, Liverpool Bach Collective



Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh

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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
1st Sunday of Advent			
Saturday 26 th Nov	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Pious List
Sunday 27 th Nov	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Pious List
<u>CHURCH CLOSURE - MONDAY 28TH NOV – FRIDAY 2ND DEC</u>			
THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE ABOVE DATES			
FOR EMERGENCY WORK ON THE HEATING SYSTEM			

2nd Sunday of Advent			
Saturday 3 rd Dec	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Mary McKay
Sunday 4 th Dec	09.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Eammon, Michael & Bridie Touhey

The Church of St Jerome is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 09.00am to 11.00am for Quiet Prayer

Weekly Collection £1,162.54. Thank you!

 Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Brian Collict, Margaret Drury, Patricia Burke, Oonagh Killen, Caroline Green, Brendan Lynch and all their families.

 And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Isabelle Clegg, Teresa Campbell, Eddy Connolly, Stephanie Harrison, Ellen l'Anson, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Mary Pinkman, and Jenny Gaskin.

Contact Father John

If any parishioner needs Father John for any reason whatsoever, particularly if someone is **sick or dying** and needs **Sacraments**, please call **01704 873230**. If the phone is not answered, please leave a **clear message** indicating your **name, the reason for your call** and a **contact number**.

If no message is left, Father John does not know that you have called. The answering machine is checked every day and you can also send an email to: ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk

Parish Notices

Memorial Wall

As we know, there is an area dedicated to the burial of ashes of parishioners close to the south wall of the church. Some are marked by small gravestones but most rest in the rectangular garden of rest, which is unmarked. We have been looking for a way to record the names of those whose ashes are buried there. After a long wait the solution has arrived in the form of a memorial wall, which has now been installed close to the ashes garden. If the ashes of your loved ones rest by the church, you are invited to contact **Ormsby Memorials on 01704 880294** and to ask for Bruno. He will explain how the names of your loved ones can be recorded on the wall.

OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the October draw was number **161**. 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 boards at Our Lady's and St. Jerome's. (N.B. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to - OLOC 200 Club). Good luck!

The Chatterry

THE CHATTERY WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL FROM 2PM TO 3.30pm, this coming **Wednesday, 30th November**.

A member of the Formby Flower club will give a demonstration of how to make a Christmas table decoration. The completed arrangement will be raffled at the end (tickets 50p). As usual all funds raised at these successful afternoon gatherings go to Fr. John for projects within the parish. Our sincere thanks to all those who support the different events and activities each and every week.

The following **Wednesday, December 7th**, there will be a special Christmas Afternoon Tea with sing-along Christmas songs. Pam Dunne will be taking essential bookings for this event (tickets £5) see her or contact her on 871381. This event will be the last one before Christmas. The Chatterry will re-open on Wednesday January 11th.

CAFOD

Your support over this past year has been life-changing and very much appreciated. Thank you for praying, campaigning, donating or volunteering to support people and communities in their struggles against poverty. An example is in South Sudan; communities who take in displaced people fleeing violence or natural disasters. The arrivals are given food and some are given land. They erect temporary structures as shelter and some start farming. Nyanguet, who fled with her five children after her village was attacked, says, *"The community host us well. My children and I feel safe now."*

Thank you for helping to support people and communities like this throughout the world. Have a joyful Advent and a happy Christmas. I hope you have a joyful Advent and that Christmas brings a renewed hope and fresh awareness of Christ's presence in our lives.

OLOC Website

The OLOC website has been updated and now has a new look. The website along with the newsletter, is where you will find the latest Parish information. <https://www.ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk>

Sunday Brunch

Unfortunately, there will be no Sunday brunch together this Sunday. We will back on **Sunday 4th December**.

OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell walkers - walks on **10th December 2022** are from the market town of Skipton in North Yorkshire in the Sharp Haw area. Sharp Haw is a hill on the southern edge of the Yorkshire Dales located just within the National Park with stunning views from the top. Both walks are circular, Walk A being 10 miles and the Walk B, 8 miles. Walk A is a higher, faster walk and the B a lower, slower walk.

We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome, including non-walking partners who would like to visit our destination whilst their other half enjoys the walk. The coach leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road, Formby, at 8am on the second Saturday of each month and you can book your place by ringing 01704 878548. There is always a stop for coffee/tea/bacon barmes etc., on the way out and time after the walk to visit local cafes, shops and pubs with which Skipton is teeming. There is also a market on Saturday to browse and enjoy. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and boots and bring a packed lunch. Sticks are also handy if you have them particularly as the walks are likely to be muddy at this time of year"

Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning with home-made mince pies and Christmas gifts will be held on **Tuesday December 6th** at 2 Firs Crescent from 10.30a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in aid of Mary's Meals, Water Aid and other international charities. Everyone welcome. Andrea Burton. 876454

Tea/Coffee

All parishioners welcome for tea/coffee 9-10 on a Monday and Thursday in the lounge at St Jerome's.