



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

27th Oct 2024 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 2

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- Roscommon Solstice Choir – Sat 26th Oct, 6pm Mass
- Family Mass – 11am Sun 3rd Nov
- Bereavement Mass – Sun 17th Nov, 11am
- Christmas Fayre – Sat 30th Nov, 11am – 4pm



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Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 26 th Oct	6.00pm	Holy Mass	G & M O'Reilly
Sunday 27 th Oct	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	John McNulty
Tuesday 29 th Oct	No Mass or Service		
Wednesday 30 th Oct	10.00am	Requiem Mass – John Holland	
Thursday 31 st Oct	10.00am	Holy Mass	Paul Pinkman
Friday 1 st Nov	10.00am	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	Francis & Mary Pinkman
Saturday 2 nd Nov	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pious List
Sunday 3 rd Nov	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Pious List

Weekly Collection: £1,117.60 Thank you!

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church James Williams.

Forthcoming Funerals: John Holland 30th Oct, 10am, Cecile Marie Denny 5th Nov, 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 14th Oct – Marie Naylor, Jenny Moran, Gerry Callaghan, Lewis Dobinson.

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Barbara Doyle, Barbara Shaw, Olive Taylor, Joe Bryan, Peter Galbraith, Michael Seddon, Ted Riley, John Holland, Cecile Marie Denny 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, Des Byrne, Joe Murphy.

Parish Notices

■ Pious Lists

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 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

This weekend, 26th/27th October, the clocks go back and the darker mornings and evenings will be upon us once more. Please note that 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 Chatterry

The Chatterry will be open from 2pm to 3.30pm on **Wednesday 30th October**. Tea/coffee/raffle and "chat" in the parish Activity Centre at the rear of the Gild Hall. All parishioners and friends welcome!

■ Adult Faith Formation Events

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

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.

■ SVP

SVP would like to remind all parishioners that our Christmas collection will be taken at all Masses during the weekend of 2nd/3rd November. We thank you for your valuable support.

■ 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**.

■ Christmas Fayre Collection – Christmas Cards – 2025 Calendar

This year's Christmas Fayre and Craft Market will be on **Saturday, November 30th** across both the Gild Hall and the Gild Hall Activity Centre buildings. Plans are now well underway to making this a truly enjoyable event for our Parish. The Fayre will feature a mix of traditional stalls, tombola, games, home baked foods and refreshments, and of course, a visit from Santa. The craft market will showcase local artisans offering unique gifts for Christmas.

Starting the first weekend of November:

- There will be collection boxes for donations at the back of the Church. We'll be looking for bottles, chocolates, unwanted new gifts and games, toys, and Christmas jumpers.
- Packs of 10 (2 designs) of beautiful Church art Christmas cards, plus a 2025 parishioner's calendar, will be available for purchase after each Mass. Packs of cards and calendar will be £5 each respectively. A card reader will be available. *We will not be reserving orders for collection this year.*

Our annual raffle is currently shaping up to include many new sponsors this year, and will have a wonderfully eclectic mix of prizes, including family tickets to local attractions. The raffle tickets will be available for purchase soon too.

Thank you in advance for your donations and support. We look forward to seeing you there! If you'd like to volunteer on the day, please contact Steve and Toni Drury on 07767343152 or email contact@formbyevents.co.uk.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **September** draw was number **163**. 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!

■ 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. You can fill a shoebox with suitable small items or if you prefer, we can supply a filled box for a suggested donation of £8. Sample boxes are in the Church porches and 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 session

- **Friday 1st 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.

■ Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 2025

Applications are now online for Lourdes 2025 with Sefton Coach 7 for those Y10-22 years old. Go to liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk. The cost is £710 which can be reduced through fundraising and a bursary. For more information contact coach7@animateyouth.net

■ Coffee Morning – 20th November

Coffee Morning with homemade mince pies for MARY'S MEALS, WATER AID and other INTERNATIONAL CHARITIES on **Wednesday NOVEMBER 20th**. At. 2, Firs Crescent, from 10 am onwards. Bring and buy cakes, books etc. All welcome. Andrea B. 876454

■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers have two walks on **Saturday 9th November 2024**, both circular, from Garstang, an historic Market Town in Lancaster on the banks of the River Wyre. The A walk is approximately 10 miles with 925 ft of climb and the B walk 6 3/4 miles of mainly flat walking. The A walk is faster and higher and the B walk, 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 together with something waterproof to sit on. Sticks can also be helpful.

■ UCM News

There will be a Christmas Floral Demonstration on **Wednesday 13th November at 11.am in the Activity Centre**. This is always a popular event and members are asked to bring a friend. Everyone one is welcome. Admission is £3.00 which includes refreshments. The Christmas floral displays will be raffled after the demonstration. Please come along and support this event.

Grand Christmas Charity Bingo in the Gild Hall on 20th November. Doors will open at 1.15pm ready to start at 2.00pm. Fabulous prizes, hampers and cash prizes together with a raffle. Refreshment are available in the interval and the bar is also open.

UCM Christmas Lunch at Dolce Vita on 18th December at 12 noon. If you have not already put your name on the list and wish to attend the lunch, please contact Norma Greenwood (Tel 07414291316) as soon as possible.

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.