



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

2nd Feb 2025 – Presentation of the Lord

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter week 4

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
- **Family Mass** – Sun 16th Feb, 11am



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Newsletter

Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
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
Tuesday 4 th Feb	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Stephen Roberts	
Wednesday 5 th Feb	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Margaret (Pauline) Liddiard	
Thursday 6 th Feb	No Mass or Service		
Saturday 8 th Feb	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Philip, Steve & Margaret Klymec
Sunday 9 th Feb	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Rose Barns

Weekly Collection: £1,022.21 Thank you!

Friday 7th Feb, 6.30pm - performance at Our Lady of Compassion, by the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir

February Family Mass Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances, February's Family Mass will now take place on **Sunday, February 16th, at 11:00 AM**. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. If your children would like to participate by reading at the Mass, please contact **Andrea Dell at 07342 692957**.

After the Mass, join us at the **Activities Centre for Sunday brunch** and the launch of our **new Children's Craft Corner!** This will be a wonderful, family-focused monthly event—we hope to see you there!

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, Jim Murray 26th Feb at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 28th Jan – Eileen Martin, Vera Kelly, Eileen Bynoe, Ellen Hayes, Rosemarie Evans, Mary Davy, Eileen Camidge, Lou Fontaine, David Fraser, Mary Farrell.

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Joanna Desforges, Rosemarie Evans, Brenda Forrest, Eileen Camidge, David Kirk, William Bell, Stephen Roberts, Margaret Liddiard, Mary Josephine Farrell, Jim Murray 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.

■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2025 – Registration Opened 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. The registration website is open from 13th January until the 17th March. Please also visit our website for further information (ourladyofcompassionformby.org.uk under Sacraments), including online preparation sessions and what to do if your child attends a non-Catholic School or a School outside the Diocese.

■ The Chatterbox

This Wednesday, February 5th, there will be Fun Quiz during the afternoon. Doors open for a 2pm to 3.30pm entrance. Tea/coffee/ biscuits/ raffle. £1.50. Players for the quiz will work together as table teams so please do come along and try to beat your fellow friends and parishioners and amaze them with your knowledge!!

GROUP 4 rota helpers are on duty. If you are unable to cover then please arrange to change with another helper.

■ Eucharistic Ministers & Ministers of the Word

There are some parishioners who are on the lists for both distributing Holy Communion and reading at weekend Masses. It is liturgically correct that only ONE duty be undertaken at any ONE Mass. Occasionally this may be unavoidable but under normal circumstances if the duty dates coincide, ministers are asked to arrange a swap for one of the duties.

■ 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!

■ BBC Sunday Worship

This Sunday, 2nd February, Mass for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord will be broadcast on BBC R4 'Sunday Worship' from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. This broadcast starts at 8.10. The Celebrant is Mgr Anthony O'Brien, and the preacher is Fr Derek Lloyd with music led by the Metropolitan Cathedral Youth Choir. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002711t>

■ 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.

■ Crafting the Word of God – Holy Family Parish Hall

An exhibition of more than 30 knitted scenes from the Bible created by Francesca Vause. Free Entry on all days:
Saturday 15th March 11am-8pm – Open to All
Sunday 16th March – 10.30am-4pm Open to All
Monday 17th March – [10am-12pm \(Schools\)](#), 12pm-1pm (Open to all), [1pm-3pm \(Schools\)](#), 3pm-4pm (Open to all)
Holy Family Parish Hall, 1 Brompton Rd, Southport, PR8 6AS. Donations gratefully received. Refreshments available. For more information call the Parish Office: 01704532613

■ The Justice & Peace Group

The Justice & Peace Group would like to say a very sincere 'thank you' for your great generosity in 2024. You have enabled us to support the following charities, both local and international, during the year:
Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) £1304.60; Friends of St Joseph's £655.78; Foodbank £3550.00; Mary's Meals £1590.70; Shoebox Express (Formby) £1536.00; CAFOD £1265.00; Railway Children (India, Tanzania & UK) £200; Hospice Africa £200; Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) £200; Fence Fund for St Joseph's Missionary Outreach and Farm in Tanzania £1148.14; Liverpool Whitechapel Centre for the Homeless £470.00; St Joseph's Hospice £236; Queenscourt Hospice £236. Thank you so much and God bless you and your families.