



# 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 3

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

*Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714*

## Information & Events

- Family Mass – 11am Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov
- Bereavement Mass – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11am
- Christmas Fayre – Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11am – 4pm
- Rosary Sermon Benediction – 3pm Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec for the Immaculate Conception



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# Newsletter



## Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pious List
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Pious List
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Cecile Marie Denny	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pious List
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pious List
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pious List
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Pious List

**Weekly Collection: £1,224.70 Thank you!**

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Cecile Marie Denny 5<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am, Catherine Walsh 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Oct –** Jack Jones.

**Mass Intentions to be said at Mill Hill during Nov –** Deacon Joe Moreland, Joe Bryan x3, Mike Seddon, Dee Kelly, Simon Mitchell, Stephen Russell, Ted Riley x2, Rosemary Wilson, Pat & Joe Rigby, Margaret & Robert Parker Rimmer, Chris & Paul Rimmer, Geraldine Heron, Euan McNamara, Val Blackburne, Oscar, William Birch.

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

Olive Taylor, Joe Bryan, Peter Galbraith, Michael Seddon, Ted Riley, John Holland, Cecile Marie Denny, Catherine Walsh 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, David Lewin.

# Parish Notices

## ■ Pious List

There is still time to return your pious list to remember family members and friends in this special month of November. All lists will be placed at the foot of the Altar and every Mass during the month will be offered for all those mentioned on the Pious List.

Envelopes are still available on the tables at the doors of the Church. Returned envelopes together with your Mass offering can be left in the special baskets provided on the tables.

## ■ The Chatterery

This **Wednesday, 6th November**, we warmly welcome to The Chatterery, Parishioner, PROFESSOR RAY DONNELLY. MBE FRCS. He is a retired Cardiothoracic Surgeon who will give a talk which is the same title as his recently published book, "RECOLLECTIONS OF A BUSY SURGEON." Copies of which will be available to purchase £10 with all proceeds going to the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation, which he has been associated with since its inception in 1990. It all takes place in the parish Activity Centre from 2pm to 3.30pm. Tea/coffee/ raffle £1.50. All welcome!

## ■ Adult Faith Formation

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.

## ■ The Roscommon Solstice Choir

Last Saturday 100 members of this choir, visiting from Ireland for the Liverpool Irish Festival, joined with us at the 6pm Mass and enhanced our celebration, with their world-renowned singing and instrumental music. There was much praise from them for the warm welcome they received and many compliments about our beautiful Church. A collection was taken at the end of Mass, which amounted to £195.23p. The choir chose to donate this to a designated charity, which was The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

## ■ 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](mailto: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!

### ■ 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](http://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](mailto:coach7@animateyouth.net)

### ■ Coffee Morning – 20<sup>th</sup> November

Coffee Morning with homemade mince pies for MARY'S MEALS, WATER AID and other INTERNATIONAL CHARITIES on **Wednesday NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### ■ Red Box Collection

The weekend of 16/17 November 2024, the Missio Red Boxes will be collected prior to Mass. There will be someone at the back of church to collect them. Can you please ensure that a name and address are on the label on the bottom of the box. Thanks, Paddy Kerwin.

### ■ Reaching out at Christmas

Christmas is a time for joy and celebration, but we all know that there are many members of our Parish for whom Christmas is a lonely time. With this in mind, we are working together with both our Catholic schools in Formby to make Christmas cards, which will be distributed to parishioners and wider members of the community who may appreciate receiving a handmade card and knowing they are part of our Parish family.

If you have a child who attends a different school and would like to take part, please contact Andrea on 07342692957. The completed cards will be distributed from 1 December. Further details on how to nominate someone to receive a card will be following soon.

### ■ Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you for your prayers and gifts to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in our parish collection or online and your prayers, are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family. Learn more at [cafod.org.uk/harvest](http://cafod.org.uk/harvest)