



# Our Lady of Compassion Formby

4th Dec 2022 – Advent Week 2

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 2

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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St. Jerome

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## Forthcoming Events

- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, OLOC 6.30pm – Sung Evening Prayer, Liverpool Bach Collective. See Parish Notices for more information.



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh

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# Newsletter

## Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>			
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	<b>Mary McKay</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Parish Community</b>
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Eammon, Michael &amp; Bridie Touhey</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>09.15am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Jeanette Creeber</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>09.15am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Michael Walsh</b>
<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>09.15am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Jean Rosemond</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>			
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	<b>G &amp; M O'Riley</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	09.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Parish Community</b>
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	<b>Phil Bailey</b>

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

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Church, Joshua Boyle, Sophie Glendinning and Charlotte Ridding.

**Weekly Collection £1,140.67. Thank you!**

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

Margaret Drury, Patricia Burke, Oonagh Killen, Caroline Green, Brendan Lynch, Ann Pearson 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, Jenny Gaskin and Geoff Davies.

## 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](mailto:ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk)

# Parish Notices

## Liverpool Bach Collective – Sung Evening Prayer, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 6.30PM at OLOC

Cantata 36

Schwingt freudig euch empor

*Sing joyful aloft, ye voices*

A joyful cantata for the last Sunday of Advent, full of anticipation of the coming of the Lord, with a duet for soprano and alto soloists and a pair of oboes d'amore included in the ensemble.

## Christmas Fayre & Outstanding Raffle Winner

We would like to sincerely thank everyone in the Parish for coming together and helping us make the Christmas Fayre the success it was this year. Your feedback has been both touching and brilliant.

All raffle prizes have now been personally distributed - with the exception of ticket 2721, under the name 'Billington' but the telephone number is unobtainable, so we are unable to get in contact. If the winner would like to get in touch, we can arrange delivery. Steve & Toni Drury. Mobile : 07767 343152. Email : [steve@stevedrury.com](mailto:steve@stevedrury.com)

## Christmas Fayre proceeds

We are pleased to announce that the proceeds from the Christmas Fayre were £3,274.78 after expenses. The parish and both schools will benefit from this.

## 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, as is required by the Archdiocese. 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.

## The Chatterry

This week at THE CHATTERRY there will be a special Christmas Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 7th December with musicians leading a community sing a long of seasonal songs. If you wish to book for the tea (£5) then please contact Pam on 871381 to place an order. **The Chatterry will welcome parishioners and friends from 2pm to 3.30pm and will then be closed until Wednesday January 11th 2023.**

We thank everyone who has come along each week since the Summer in the true spirit of friendship within our parish community.

## Church Post

Please note the Church now has a new dedicated post letterbox, which is located inside the porch to the right of the main church doors.

## UCM Christmas Lunch

A brief reminder for those attending the Christmas Lunch at Dolce Vita on Tuesday, 6th December at 12 noon. Any members needing a lift to Ainsdale, please don't hesitate to contact Gill Coghlan on 870718.

## 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>

## 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