



# Our Lady of Compassion Formby

**'We need at this time to search for the green shoots brought forth by Christ's Resurrection, and to help people to fall in love with Jesus Christ'**  
(Archbishop John's Homily at his Installation Mass)

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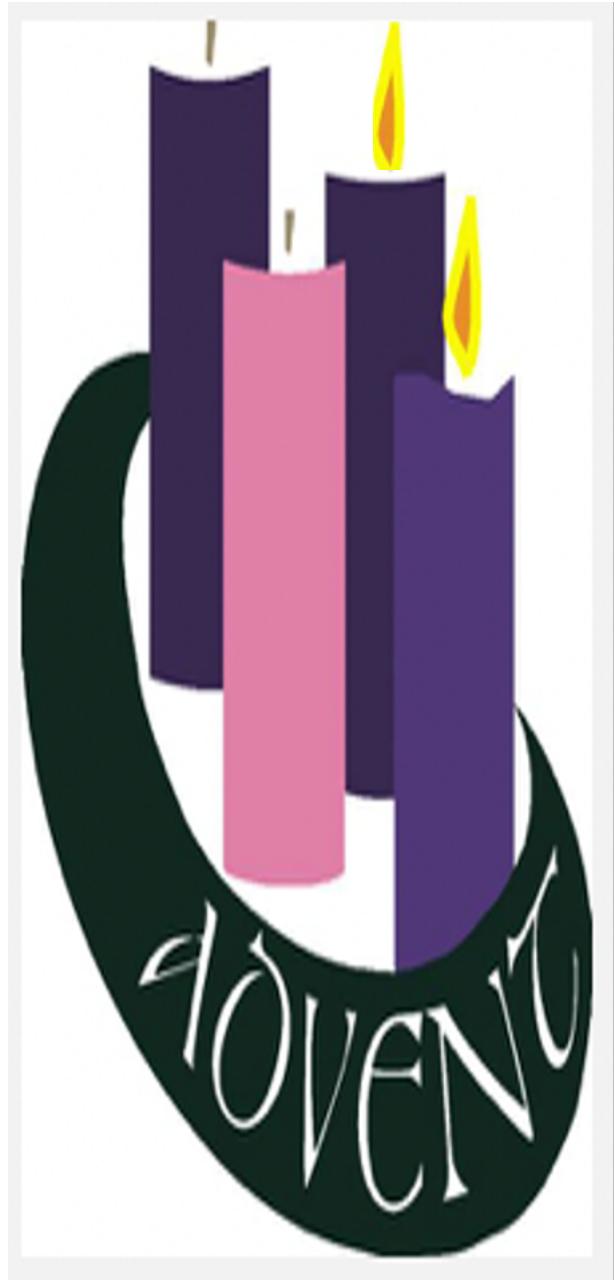
7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2, Psalter week 2**  
School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

## Information & Events

- OLOC Parish Advent Reconciliation Service – 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm
- Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 – 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May



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## Mass Times

| Day                            | Time    | Intentions  |                  |
|--------------------------------|---------|---|------------------|
| <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> |         |   |                  |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 6.00pm  | Holy Mass   | Pious List       |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | 09.00am | Holy Mass   | Parish Community |
|                                | 11.00am | Holy Mass   | Pious List       |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | 10.00am | Holy Mass - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | Sr Paulinus      |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 10.00am | REQUIEM MASS – Mary Potts   |                  |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 10.00am | Holy Mass – Attended by UCM   | Kieran Deasey    |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 10.00am | REQUIEM MASS – Derek Sudlow   |                  |
|                                | 7.00pm  | PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE   |                  |
| <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  |         |   |                  |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 6.00pm  | Holy Mass   | Pauline Ashton   |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 09.00am | Holy Mass   | Parish Community |
|                                | 11.00am | Holy Mass   | Colum Kelly      |

**Weekly Collections: £1,070.01 Thank you!      Christmas Fayre Proceeds: £2,544.57**

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Church; Rafe Bourke, Daniel & Penelope Cole, Cindy Owens.

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Mary Potts 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am, Derek Sudlow 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am, Doreen Gerrard 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Please note the Mass Intentions list is full therefore, any received now will not be said until Feb 2026.** Tom Keaveney, Tony Barnes,

**Please pray for the lately Dead including:** John Forrest, Pauline Gallagher, Ann Blackman, Shirley Myerscough, Doreen Gerrard, Eddie Evans, Mary Potts, Susan Meredith, Sr Marie Clune, Derek Sudlow and all their families.

**And let us pray for those who are sick including:** Dominic Tomlinson, Beryl Prescott, Margaret Nuttall, Edward Schofield, Chris Monckton, Mary Turner, Nell Piggott, Nora Kilbane, Rachel Jones, Rod Maguire, Ann Long, Irene Forshaw.



# Parish Notices

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

| Day   | Time                            |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>(Christmas Eve) | 5.00pm VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS  |
|   | 8.00pm SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>(Christmas Day)  | 10.00am CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS  |

**PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - Thursday 11th December 7.00pm

### ■ Lourdes Pilgrimage

On Monday 8th December, we celebrate the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception. There will be a special Mass on that day at 10am. It is hoped that many of our pilgrims travelling to the shrine next May, will be able to attend as part of our preparation for the visit.

### ■ Formby Village Nativity

Formby Village Nativity on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 11 a.m. at Formby Pool Gardens with Make Noise Choir. Now in its 20th year an enjoyable morning for all ages.

### ■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Wakers have two walks in the Clitheroe area on **Saturday 13.12.25**. The A Walk is 10 miles with a total ascent of 1730 ft and the B walk 7.5 miles with a total ascent of 350 ft. 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 barms and time after the walk to visit shops, cafes and pubs in the area. Please wear good walking boots or shoes, weather appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch together with something waterproof to sit on. Sticks can also be helpful particularly at this time of year.

### ■ St Joseph's Prayer Centre: Advent Holy Hour

Let your mind rest. Find peace in prayer. Advent is a short liturgical season, so perhaps short, simple prayers are all we need to feel God's calming presence in our lives amid the many distractions of December.

**You are welcome to:** St. Joseph's Prayer centre for an hour of quiet prayer.

**Tuesday nights:** Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th. 23rd.

**Time:** 7.15pm

Dear Lord, please allow me to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for your arrival. May everything I do, every gift I send, every party I attend, every meal I share—remind me to prepare space in my heart for You. Amen.



## ■ Women's Faith Group

Our next session will be on **Tuesday 9th December**. We will be joining with the Sisters at St Joseph's Prayer Centre for their Advent Holy hour, 7.15pm at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Formby, L37 1PH. This will be a time for quiet reflection and prayer. At such a busy time of year, it's a perfect way to spend with God and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

## ■ UCM News

The UCM monthly Mass will be held on **Wednesday 10th December** at Our Lady's Church at 10.00am. Arrangements have been made for bacon barms to be served afterwards in the Bay Horse. This is our last meeting of the year so all members are welcome.

## ■ St Jerome's Christmas Party

On **Monday 15th December**, Class 6 pupils will host a Christmas party for senior members of our parish - a tradition we have long celebrated at St Jerome's. We will provide guests with refreshments, party games and a few carols and songs from our two school concerts.

If you would like to attend, please let the school office know so that we can add you to the guest list - 01704 833 211. Guests are asked to arrive at 2pm and the party will end just after 3pm.

## ■ St John Stone Advent Service

We would like to invite you and parishioners/pupils and families to our Advent Service at Saint John Stone on **Tuesday 16th December at 6.00pm**. Refreshments will be offered afterwards.

## ■ Be a Trust Governor

Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Trust are looking for Governors to support leaders in providing the best Catholic education for pupils in our schools. If you are interested in using your skills to benefit our pupils, please contact: [governance@pfcmat.org](mailto:governance@pfcmat.org) or go to <https://www.pfcmat.org/Governance/>

## ■ Irenaeus Centre

Events at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD.

**Tuesday 9th December** - Carol Service - 'What a journey' 6.30pm.

**Wednesday 10th December** - 'Songs we remember' Afternoon tea with 'Frank Sinatra' 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

**Wednesday 10th December** - Advent Evening, 'What can I bring him' – 7.00pm – 8.30pm [Zoom available].  
Thanks for your continued support.

## ■ CAFOD Christmas Fun Run

All are welcome at CAFOD's annual Christmas Fun Run at **Wavertree Sports Park, L15 4LE on Saturday 27 December 2025**. Registration open from 10am, and the run sets off at 11am. 3k and 5k route options available, pram friendly route and dogs on leads are welcome too. Festive attire is encouraged! We'd love to raise more sponsorship from this event. For a sponsor form or interest in volunteering at the event, please email John on [jwoods@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jwoods@cafod.org.uk) or sign up now by visiting [cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun](http://cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun) **Entry Fees:** £10 adults/£5 children/£20 family ticket. **We're looking for some extra help** to marshal the route, as well as helping with the sale of raffle tickets and hot drinks on the day. If you know someone who could help us out, please do get in touch!"

