



# 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

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent**

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 2

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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

## Information & Events

- **Rosary Sermon Benediction** – Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 3pm for the Immaculate Conception
- **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – Mass Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am
- **Advent Service of Reconciliation** – Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7.30pm
- **Cathedral Choir** – Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 6.30pm



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## Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>			
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pious List
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Pat Birch & Family
	3.00pm	ROSARY, SERMON AND BENEDICTION FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	HOLY MASS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Marie Naylor
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Margaret Dawson	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Desmond Byrne	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Teresa & Ken Campbell
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>			
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Jenny Moran

**Weekly Collection: £1,136.96 Thank you!**

**Christmas Fayre** – The takings from the Christmas Fayre amounted to **£4,458.75**. Our deeply grateful thanks go to Steve and Toni Drury, the UCM, the Brownies and all members of the Parish who volunteered their time to make the Fayre so successful. It was a truly wonderful event.

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Margaret (Joan) Dawson 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am, Desmond (Des) Byrne 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am, Josephine Williams 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am, Michael Dockery 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** – Gerry Mulperrin, Mr Paul, Joanna Desforges, James Herlihy, Rosemarie Evans, Frederick Wilson, John Charles Fenerty, Parishioners, especially the sick, Alan Wright, Michael Dockery.

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

Catherine Pauline Walsh, Denise Cunningham (nee Redmond), Richard Newey, Margaret (Joan) Dawson, Josephine Williams, Desmond (Des) Byrne, Michael Dockery, Joanna Desforges, Rosemarie Evans 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

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Day	Time
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Christmas Eve)	5.00pm FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS
	8.00pm SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Christmas Day)	10.00am CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS

### ■ Rosary Sermon & Benediction

This special service to honour Our Blessed Lady on the feast of The Immaculate Conception will take place this **Sunday afternoon, December 8th, at 3pm**. It is hoped that many parishioners will be able to attend also as part of our Advent preparation for Christmas.

### ■ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

During the season of Advent, as part of our preparation for Christmas, exposition will take place before weekday Masses commencing December 3rd, at 9.15am until just prior to the start of Christmas. *Please note that if there is a funeral on any given weekday, then exposition will not take place.*

### ■ Advent Service of Reconciliation

There will be an Advent Service of Reconciliation in Church on **Tuesday, December 17th at 7.30pm**.

### ■ Live Stream of Sunday Parish Mass

A few weeks ago, we updated parishioners on the new arrangements for the live streaming of Sunday Masses. Previously, all the Sunday Masses were live streamed. Now that we have only one or two who can operate the transmission system, it seemed sensible to live stream just the main Sunday Mass at 11.00. We have had one or two glitches, but this is just to reassure those who cannot leave home to come to Mass, that we will do all we can to ensure the live stream of the 11.00am Sunday Mass.

### ■ Waitrose Car Park

This is a reminder to all parishioners who use the Waitrose car park, that Waitrose are enforcing a strict 2-hour limit on parking, particularly as the Festive Season approaches.

### ■ Make Noise Children and Adult Choirs – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> December

Make Noise children and adult Choirs, led by our parishioner Cath Last, have their annual Christmas Concert on Saturday 14th December at 6pm at Holy Trinity church here in Formby. They are raising money for the charity Sefton Baby Baskets. Tickets can be brought online from [info@makenoisechoir.co.uk](mailto:info@makenoisechoir.co.uk) or by contacting Clare Henderson on 07498291356

### ■ Justice and Peace – Annual Quiz 2025 change of date

The Annual Quiz at the Gild Hall will now be held on Friday 24th January (NOT 7th February). Please tell your team. This is due to a clash of dates, as the Cathedral Choir will be singing in church on that evening. Quiz Tickets (£10) will be available from the weekend 4/5th January from all J and P members. Full details and phone numbers are in the Advent Yellow Letter. Thank you everyone. Sorry for the inconvenience. See you in the New Year.

## ■ Thank You!

Heartfelt thanks to all who supported the coffee morning held at my house on Wednesday, November 20th. We raised a fantastic sum of £721.55p. The three charities, Water aid, Mary's Meals and International Aid, will all receive £200 with some kept in reserve for further international help. The good news is that Mary's Meals will have match funding. It was so good to see so many friends turning out on such a cold day and to receive so many generous donations from those who could not attend. Many thanks again Andrea Burton.

## ■ Reaching out at Christmas

The 'Reaching out at Christmas ' cards are now ready for distribution. If you know of someone who would like to receive a card, please contact Andrea Dell on 07342692957. Andrea will also be at the back of Church after Mass on Saturday and Sunday, for you to take cards to deliver yourself.

Many thanks to the staff and children of St Jerome's school and Our Lady of Compassion school for decorating all the cards.

## ■ UCM News

The UCM Christmas Bingo was a great success raising the amount of £950, which will be shared among the three nominated charities – Our Lady's parish projects, Friends of St Josephs, and Sean's Place. We cannot thank enough all those who helped in organising, attending and donating prizes for this event, your support was and always will be very much appreciated.

**The UCM Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 11th December.** There will not be a UCM Mass as a funeral is taking place but arrangements have been made for bacon barmes to be served in the Bay Horse at 10.30am. Please come along and join us as this is our last meeting of the year.

A reminder that the Christmas meal takes place at Dolce Vita in Ainsdale on 18th December at 12noon. It would be most appreciated if members could bring their capitation fees to this event as these monies have to be paid to the Archdiocese by the end of the year.

## ■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers will be walking in North Wales on **Saturday 14th December 2024**. We have a linear walk of 9 miles from Llanfairfechan to Conwy with 2000 ft of ascent, and a circular walk from Conwy of 6 miles with 1000 ft total height climbed. 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.

## ■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the October draw was number 92. 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 notice board. Good luck!

## ■ Carol Service – Irenaeus Centre

Everyone is welcome to come to the Carol Service on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm, at the Irenaeus Centre. 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD.