



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Served by the churches of St. Jerome, Formby and St. Anne, Freshfield

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13th December 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh.
Deacons: Rev. J P Moreland and Rev. J A McCarthy

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location
Saturday 12th December	6pm	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive
Sunday 13th December	9am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Sunday 13th December	11am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Wednesday 16th December	10am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane

(This is a school Mass for both Our Lady's and St. Jerome's. It will be live-streamed and is NOT a public Mass)

Christmas Mass Times

Day	Time	Location
Thursday 24th December	6pm	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive
Thursday 24th December	9pm	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Friday 25th December	9am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Friday 25th December	11am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane

(All places at the above Christmas masses are allocated due to COVID19 restrictions)

Sunday 27th December	9am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Sunday 27th December	11am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Wednesday 30th December	12noon	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane

Meditation in Music and Readings in preparation for Christmas:

On **Thursday, December 17th at 7.30pm**, there will be a Meditation in Music and Readings to help us prepare for Christmas at **Our Lady of Compassion**. A soloist will sing pieces of Advent and Christmas music, and the prophecies of the Old Testament will be read.

We are able to welcome the same number of people permitted for Mass. The meditation will also be live streamed.

Christmas Eve

Our Lady of Compassion church will open between **2.00pm** and **4.00pm** on Christmas Eve afternoon to allow people to visit the crib. This opening is particularly for those families who are unable to attend Christmas Mass this year. Stewards will be present to direct people safely in and out of the church whilst ensuring social distancing.

Thought for Advent: Joy, prayer and gratitude are three attitudes that prepare us to experience Christmas in an authentic way. Joy, prayer and gratitude. Everyone together, let us say: **"Joy, Prayer and Gratitude"**

Please pray for the lately Dead:- Rev. Fr. Michael **YOUELL**, Requiem Mass Tuesday 15th December at Our Lady of Compassion (Remember COVID restrictions , Family and invited persons only).
Deidre **MAHON**, Requiem Mass, 10am Monday 21st December at St. Jerome's church.
(Remember COVID restrictions , Family and invited persons only).
And for those who are sick

PARISH NOTICES

Justice and Peace Group Clumber Lodge Appeal:- The staff at Clumber Lodge in Victoria Road tell us that they are presently caring for 16 boys and girls. Most of these children won't be able to go home for Christmas. We would like to give them all a great day out in the New Year, when restrictions allow, so we are asking if you would accept an appeal envelope today. Please bring it back to church next week or put it through Anne Devine's door (58 Wicks Crescent). Thank you for your generosity.

Foodbank:- The Foodbank were overwhelmed with your generosity last week and they are aiming to have their Spirit of Christmas Hampers boxed and wrapped next week ready for the less well off of Formby, Southport and Ainsdale.

Here are some suggestions: Christmas puds, mince pies, chocolates, biscuits, tinned ham, Gift sets for men, women and kids as well as Crackers for pulling! Also pet food, nappies, toiletries, cleaning agents and other basics always needed. Last donations before Christmas can be left at Alice Joyce's home, 35 Freshfield Road, before 17th December.

If you can't get out to the shop, cash donations or cheques made out to '**Compassion Acts**' are more than acceptable. Also donations can be made direct via a one off payment or standing order, just authorise your bank to make regular monthly payments to: Compassion Acts(registered charity 1172948) at HSBC Bank, Lord Street, Southport, Sort Code 40-42-30. Account number: 52071665

CAFOD: World Gifts - CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. New this year you can opt for your card to be sent direct to your recipient with your own message inside. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

Celebrate Advent with CAFOD: After a year of uncertainty, we all need the hope, peace and true comfort and joy that the Advent season can offer. CAFOD has a range of resources and virtual events to help us come together online to pray, reflect and celebrate as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Visit cafod.org.uk/parishes to learn more. We can stretch out our hands to people living in poverty and refugees by donating to CAFOD's Advent Appeal at cafod.org.uk/advent.

Request for Help:- Churches together are looking for stewards to manage the car parking at the forthcoming '**Driving in for Christmas**' event on Sunday 20th December. The movement of vehicles in the Formby Pool Trust car park for this event needs to be carefully managed and a team of 10 stewards is needed for this purpose on site from 4pm. Training and briefing under the leadership of a head steward will be given. If you can help please contact your Churches together representative.

If any parishioner needs Father John for any reason whatsoever, particularly if someone is **sick or dying** and needs **Sacraments**, please call **07783354250**. 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, then Father John does not know that you have called. You can also call the **parish office on 01704873230** again leaving name, contact number and reason for call. The answering machine is checked every day. Also, you can use the parish email:-
ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk