



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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20th December 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location
Saturday 19th December	6pm	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive
Sunday 20th December	9am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Sunday 20th December	11am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Wednesday 23rd December	10am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane (Please note the change of time)
Wednesday 23rd December	1pm	Our Lady of Compassion - Marriage of Dan Feeley and Amy Holland

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
<i>(All places at the above Christmas masses are allocated due to COVID19 restrictions)</i>		
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
Saturday 2nd January 2021	6pm	St Jerome's, Greenloons Drive
Sunday 3rd January 2021	9am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Sunday 3rd January 2021	11am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane

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: Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return

Please pray for the lately Dead:- Jean **COYLE**, Requiem Mass, 8:30am Monday 21st 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). Let us also remember all who have died this last year and all of their families.

And for those who are sick

PARISH NOTICES

Father John, Deacon Joe and Deacon John would like to wish all our parishioners a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Father John will remember all of you and your loved ones in the Christmas Masses, especially the sick. Thank you for your very kind card and gifts which are greatly appreciated.

Our Lady of Compassion Prayer Group:- Did you know that our new parish has a prayer group that meets on Friday mornings online over 'Zoom'. The meeting has closed briefly for Christmas but returns Friday 8th January 2021, If you would like to join the group, please contact Andrea Dell on 07342692957

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:- A huge, huge thank you to all of you who contributed to our Big Christmas Hamper Appeal. The Foodbank were thrilled and are getting the Hampers boxed and wrapped this week. We will not collect Food items over Christmas/New Year but will recommence Collections at Alice Joyce's home, 35 Freshfield Road the week beginning 4 January and bring up to The Foodbank Birkdale Collection Centre at 1pm on a Friday, 8 January. 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

Formby Churches Together: Attached is a link to a short video showing the windows in Formby village displaying Christmas Carols. The windows were created by volunteers from the churches with input from all 7 of our primary schools.

Fabulous Christmas window displays in Formby village each on the theme of a Christmas Carol, brought to you by Churches Together, local businesses and schools.

<https://youtu.be/YuXwu3r5ND8>



What can I give Him, Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man I would do my part, —
Yet what I can I give Him, — **Give my heart.**

*Peace & Joy on earth
May the blessings of Christmas be with you all
now and through the New Year*

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**

