



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

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5th December 2021 - Second Sunday of Advent
Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 2

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Deacons: Rev. J P Moreland and Rev. J A McCarthy

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Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 4th Dec	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Doug Devine
Sunday 5th Dec	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Nick Greenwood
Tuesday 7th Dec	09:30am	Morning Prayer OLOC	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Chris Rimmer
Wednesday 8th Dec	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
	09:30am	Morning Prayer OLOC	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Helen Newton
Thursday 9th Dec	09:30am	Morning Prayer OLOC	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Sr. Veronica
	10:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction at 12 noon	OLOC
Mass Times - 3rd Sunday of Advent			
Saturday 11th Dec	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Dody Killan
Sunday 12th Dec	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Derek Bold
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
Tuesday 14th Dec	09:30am	Morning Prayer OLOC	
	10:00am	Requiem Mass - Philip Blackburne	OLOC
Wednesday 15th Dec	09:30am	Morning Prayer OLOC	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Neville Hall
Thursday 16th Dec	09:30am	Morning Prayer OLOC	
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Ann Long
	(This Mass is being live-streamed into both of our schools)		
	10:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction at 12 noon	OLOC

Face masks are mandatory - Please respect this and respect your fellow parishioners and allow space.

Please pray for the lately Dead, including Monica FINAN, Philip BLACKBURNE and Leslie CAMPBELL and for all of their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including Alison BOTTERILL, Doug DEVINE, Stephanie HARRISON, Phil BAILEY, Ellen I'ANSON, Jim McAULEY, Ann LONG and Ged CUNNINGHAM

Baptisms: Daisy Carol LARKIN and Thomas Christopher MITCHELL became one with Christ and Christ one with them through baptism this week. We welcome them to our church and I ask that you pray for them and their families.

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**

Thoughts of Pope Francis:- Service makes our talents bear fruit and gives meaning to our lives. Those who do not live to serve, serve for little in this life.

To love is not the pretension that life should correspond to our imagination. Rather, it means to choose in complete freedom to take responsibility for life as it comes

PARISH NOTICES

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction:- will take place on the following Thursdays during Lent; 9th December, 16th December and 23rd December beginning after Mass at 10:30am and concluding at 12 noon with Benediction. This provides an opportunity for an extended period of quiet prayer before the Lord as we draw nearer to Christmas. The Exposition will also be live streamed to give those at home the opportunity to join this time of prayer.

Live Stream:- Our live-streaming system at Our Lady's went down last weekend. It has now been fixed and is operating normally again. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Churches Together:- Formby Village Nativity is back this year on Saturday 11th December at 11 a.m. at Formby Pool Gardens. It is fun and interactive and suitable for all ages. Children are welcome to dress in nativity costumes. Head dresses will be provided.

Foodbank:- Thank you so much for your wonderful support for the Foodbank. The staff are currently putting together Christmas hampers with seasonal items, however there seems to be a world shortage of tinned ham! Other items needed, Toilet Rolls(4 pack), Deodorants, Tinned Custard, Tea bags (80) Cream Crackers, Tomato and Brown Sauces, Thank you.

Prisoners of Conscience:- Cards available from next week. Our list of names comes from 'Christians against Torture'. In many countries men and women are being imprisoned and often brutally tortured, for speaking out against oppressive regimes or standing up for human rights. They have done nothing wrong but if they receive cards (at any time of the year), sometimes their treatment improves because they are known in the outside world. If you could help them, please accept a card. It will have slip of paper with a prisoner's name and address and some details about them. It will cost you the price of the stamp (about £1.70).

Mary's Meals:- seeks to bring joy to those who are marginalised; those who feel like they have been overlooked and forgotten. From November to January, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled up to £1.6 million. Your kindness will help us serve life-changing school meals and will bring joy to more than two million children around the world – including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. There are many ways to donate, including choosing Mary's Meals gift cards as a meaningful gift this Christmas, or setting a virtual place at your Christmas table. For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove

OLOC Fellwalkers:- next walk on Saturday 11th December 2021 is from Kendal in South Lakeland, Cumbria. Two walks, the A walk of 9.5 miles follows a Wainwright original route once we join it in the town centre and our starting point is Kendal Leisure Centre. We make our way out of the town through Serpentine Wood to Kendal Fell, this initial climb being the steepest on the walk. We then head across the golf course and downhill to cross the A591 Windermere Road using a footbridge. After climbing up towards Cunswick Scar, we turn southwest past Scar Wood towards Barrowfield Wood. The walk summits at Scout Scar (771 ft) and we then head down into Kendal crossing the old racecourse. Some of the paths are slippery underfoot, but the walk has lovely views across Kendal and passes a number of cairns and wooded areas. The slower lower B Walk is 7 miles with an ascent of 700ft and mainly follows the same route as the A, but with a shorter mileage. This walk is undulating and there are also great views of Kendal and the fells throughout. Kendal is a nice market town with beautiful cobbled streets and little welcoming pubs, to be enjoyed after a brisk outing in autumn weather. To book a place on the coach which leaves from the corner of School Lane and Church Road at 8 am, please telephone 01704 878548

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS TIMES
FOR THE PARISH OF
OUR LADY OF COMPASSION FORMBY



WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND
A BLESSED AND FRUITFUL NEW YEAR

Christmas Mass Times

The Nativity of the Lord - Vigil

Day	Time	Location
Friday 24th Dec	5:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive
	8:00pm	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane

The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday 25th Dec	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane

Feast of The Holy Family

Sunday 26th Dec	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane

Tuesday 28th Dec	09:30am	Morning Prayer OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
Wednesday 29th Dec	09:30am	Morning Prayer OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane

Mass Times - 2nd Sunday After Christmas

New Year's Day

Saturday 1st Jan	6:00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive
Sunday 2nd Jan	9:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane
	11:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Thursday 6th Jan	09:30am	Morning Prayer OLOC
	10:00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS SAID THAT MASKS ARE MANDATORY INSIDE CHURCH - Please respect this and respect your fellow parishioners some of whom may have compromised immune systems, also if people want space please allow them space.

PLEASE DO NOT KNEEL DOWN AND UP AGAINST PEOPLE WHO REMAIN SEATED