



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)

Part of a Family of Parishes with

Our Lady of Victories Hightown, Holy Family Ince Blundell,
St John Stone and Sacred Heart Ainsdale & Woodvale

14th Dec 2025 – **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Formby Village Nativity** – 13th December,
11am at Formby Pool Gardens
- **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026** – 18th – 22nd May



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Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
Saturday 13 th Dec	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pauline Ashton
Sunday 14 th Dec	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Colum Kelly
Tuesday 16 th Dec	10.00am	REQUIEM MASS – Doreen Gerrard	
Wednesday 17 th Dec	10.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Aindow
Thursday 18 th Dec	10.00am	REQUIEM MASS – Eugene Gallagher	
	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
Saturday 20 th Dec	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Eamon O'Neill
Sunday 21 st Dec	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	The Keating Family

Weekly Collections: £1,035.23 Thank you!

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church; Thomas Duckett.

Forthcoming Funerals: Doreen Gerrard 16th Dec at 10am, Eugene Gallagher 18th Dec at 10am, Stephanie Harrison 13th Jan at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 8th Dec – Please note the Mass Intentions list is full therefore, any received now will not be said until Feb 2026. Noreen Egan x 2, Ralph Thornhill, Peter Chapman, Sue Meredith, Liam Byrne, Esther Carthy.

Mass Intentions sent away: Eileen Dunphy, Maureen Byrne, Lewis Dobinson, Anne Abbott, Sheila Draper, Val O'Neil, Marie Denny, Lynn Dyer, Shirley Hargreaves, Ged & Denise Cunningham, Bill Cusich, Doyle Family, Broaders Family, Anne Muscat, Karen Birch x2, Joan Roberts, Paddy Kerwin, Eddie Evans x2, Doreen Gerrard, Margaret Ball, Peter & Jean Coyle, Tom Keaveney, Tony Barnes, Mike Mangan, Noreen Egan, Ralph Thornhill, Peter Chapman, Sue Meredith, Liam Byrne, Esther Carthy.

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, Eugene Gallagher, Stephanie Harrison 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 Forsheew, Bernard Philip.



Parish Notices

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Day	Time
Wednesday 24 th Dec (Christmas Eve)	5.00pm VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS
	8.00pm SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS
Thursday 25 th Dec (Christmas Day)	10.00am CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

As always, our parish sees a large increase of parishioners, visiting families, guests and worshippers for our Christmas Masses. To preserve the dignity of the Sacrament and avoid large numbers of standing people at the back of the church and around the Baptismal Font, Holy Communion will be distributed at the **FRONT OF THE CHURCH ONLY** with clergy and ministers at the top of the centre and side aisles.

PARISHIONERS WITH MOBILITY ISSUES ARE ASKED TO USE THE OPEN BENCHES AT THE TOP OF THE CENTRE AISLE WHERE THEY WILL BE ATTENDED TO BY THOSE DISTRIBUTING HOLY COMMUNION. Thank you for your co-operation.

■ Formby Village Nativity

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

■ 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.

■ 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 the guest list - 01704 833 211.** Guests are asked to arrive at 2pm and the party will end just after 3pm.



■ Justice & Peace Group – Annual Christmas Singalong with Churches Together

Do come and join the **Justice and Peace Group** for some traditional Christmas carols and songs. You don't have to be a brilliant singer, there's no talent required, you just need to join in the spirit of things and help us raise money for the homeless and for our local hospices. It's only for an hour, and it's all good fun and in a good cause.

We're singing in **TESCO on Friday 19th December 11am-12 noon**
We're singing in **WAITROSE on Saturday 20th December 11am –12 noon**

Just turn up at the entrance 15 minutes before we start. If you can, perhaps sparkle it up a bit with a Christmas jumper, and maybe you've a friend who would like to come along as well? The more the merrier, and you're all most welcome.

■ 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.

■ 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 or sign up now by visiting 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!"

■ OLOC Readers Rota

The new Readers Rota is now available – copies are on the noticeboard outside the sacristy for you to take away.

■ The Chatterbox

Thanks to the increasing and generous support of a loyal number of parishioners and friends in the Parish, it was a great pleasure for the organisers to be able to present Fr John with £1,180 for parish funds raised during recent Autumn weekly events. Sincere thanks are extended to all those concerned. The organisers, those on the weekly rota and all the faithful supporters of this successful community initiative. A Happy & Holy Christmas 🎄 to everyone and looking forward to seeing you all in 2026.

