



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

15th Dec 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 3

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

Archdiocese of Liverpool In. Reg. Charity No: 1199714

Information & Events

- **Advent Service of Reconciliation** – Tues
17th Dec, 7.30pm
- **Sacrament of Confirmation 2025** –
Registration Opens on 13th Jan – 17th
March - If you are in year 8 and would like to
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please
register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk.
- **Cathedral Choir** – Fri 7th Feb 2025 6.30pm



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Mass Times

Day	Time		Intentions
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Saturday 14 th Dec	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 15 th Dec	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Jenny Moran
Tuesday 17 th Dec	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Josephine Williams	
	7.30pm	Advent Reconciliation Service	
Wednesday 18 th Dec	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Michael Dockery	
Thursday 19 th Dec	09.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Holy Mass	Lewis Dobinson
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / CHRISTMAS WEEK 1			
Saturday 21 st Dec	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Mary Aindow
Sunday 22 nd Dec	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Jack Jones

Weekly Collection: £1,062.69 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: Josephine Williams 17th Dec at 10am, Michael Dockery 18th Dec at 10am, Joanna Desforges 7th Jan at 10am, Brenda Forrest 9th Jan at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 10th Dec – Mary Pinkman, Danny Rathbone, Finan Bracken, James McAuley

Mass Intentions sent to Mill Hill to be said during Dec/Jan: Ted Riley, Marie Denny, Denise Cunningham x5, Lynn Dyer, Shirley Hargreaves, Richard Newey, Pauline Walsh, Dr H C Liu, Sister Paulinus, Parish, Edward Parisi, June Green, Gerry Mulperrin, Mr Paul, Joanna Desforges, James Herlihy, Rosemarie Evans, Frederick Wilson, John Charles Fenerty.

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, Brenda Forrest 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 th Dec (Christmas Eve)	5.00pm FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS
	8.00pm SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS
Wednesday 25 th Dec (Christmas Day)	10.00am CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS

■ 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.*

■ Monday Morning Movie – 16th December, 11am at the Activity Centre

This month's film will be "The Pursuit of Happyness", (*deliberate spelling*) starring Will Smith and Thandie Newton. The film is based on real life events and tells the story of Chris Gardner, a medical scanner salesman whose life takes several turns for the worse, leaving him separated from his wife and trying to care for their son, whilst endeavouring to improve his situation.

This poignant and heart-warming film will have you willing him to succeed as he harnesses his natural talent and tenacity to make a better life for himself and his young son. This film is rated 12. Free entry and refreshments. Open to all adults.

■ The Chatterbox

As a result of increased numbers and amazing support from parishioners at the weekly gathering in the Activity Centre during the Autumn, it was a huge delight to be able to present Fr. John with £1,025 for Parish funds, after the recent Christmas party marked the last of this terms organised events. Sincere thanks are extended to everyone for this successful initiative. We wish all parishioners a blessed Christmas and look forward to meeting up with everyone in the New Year 2025 on Wednesday 15th January.

■ 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 14th 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 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.

■ Irenaeus

Have you got any new or nearly new toys that you can spare for families less fortunate than yourselves? If so, the Irenaeus Centre, 32, Great Georges Road L22 1RD, are looking for some. Please help, if you can.' Tel: 0151 949 1199. Email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **November** draw was number **142**. 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 noticeboard at Our Lady's. (N.B. if paying by cheque please make your cheque payable to: OLOC 200 Club or if by Standing Order - sort code: 30-17-48. acc. number: 01355280) Good luck!

■ Carol Service – Irenaeus Centre

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

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■ UCM - Donation

Thank you to the UCM for their generous donation to the Parish, which is most welcome and greatly received.