



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

18th Dec 2022 – Advent Week 4

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, psalter week 4

School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW

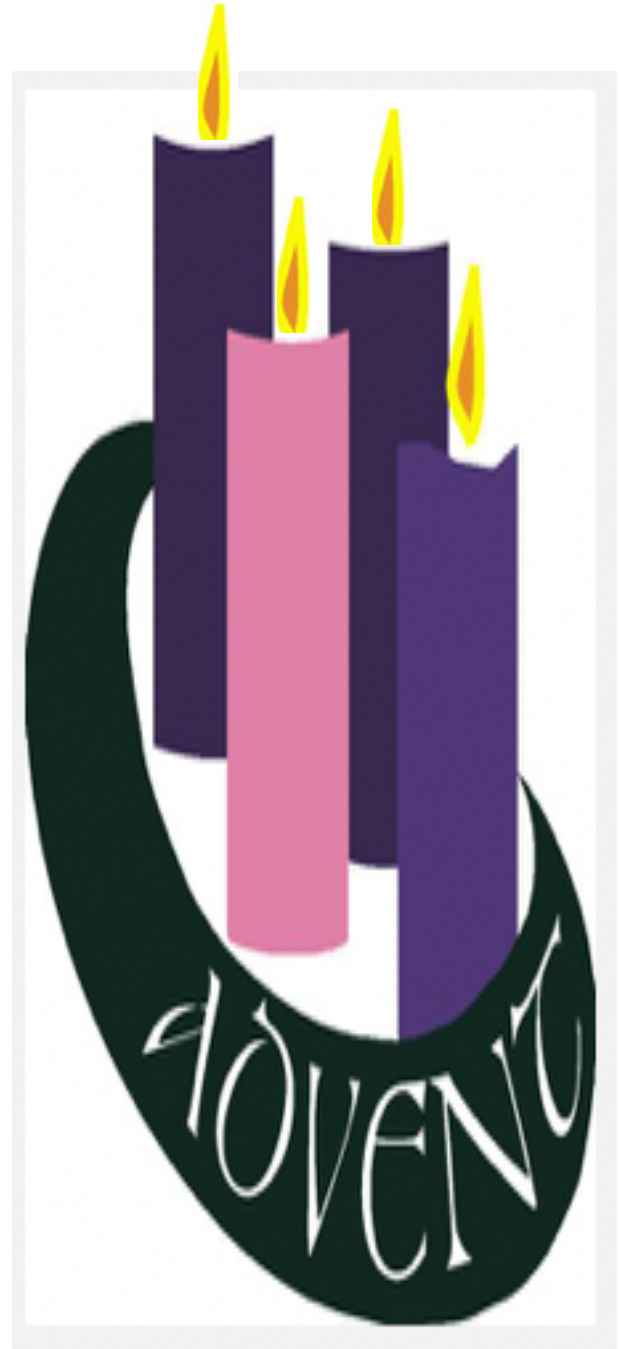
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Forthcoming Events

- Sun 18th Dec, OLOC 6.30pm – A very special one-off event. Sung Evening Prayer, Liverpool Bach Collective. See Parish Notices for more information.

DOORS OPEN AT 5.45PM



Parish Priest: Rev. Mgr. John M Walsh

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Newsletter



Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
4th Sunday of Advent			
Saturday 17 th Dec	6.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	Mary Aindow
Sunday 18 th Dec	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Dorothy Murray
	6.30pm	Liverpool Bach Collective – Sung Evening Prayer	
Tuesday 20 th Dec	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Colin, Anne & Albert Faulkner
Wednesday 21 st Dec	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Elizabeth Lawler
Thursday 22 nd Dec	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	Anniversary

Christmas Mass Times

Vigil of the Nativity

Saturday 24 th Dec	5.00pm	St Jerome, Greenloons Drive	
	8.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	

Christmas Day

Sunday 25 th Dec	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane	
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Please note the Church of St Jerome is not open for private prayer during Christmas week.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Due to the cold weather and central heating issues in the Church, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **will not take place before weekday masses until further notice.** Therefore, the Church will be open at **09.30am** for weekday masses.

Weekly Collection £985.19. Thank you!

Father John, Deacon Joe and Deacon John, wish all our parishioners a happy and blessed Christmas.

Please pray for the lately Dead including;

Patricia Burke, Oonagh Killen, Caroline Green, Brendan Lynch, Ann Pearson, Jenny Gaskin and all their families.

And let us pray for those who are sick including;

Isabelle Clegg, Teresa Campbell, Eddy Connolly, Stephanie Harrison, Ellen l'Anson, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Mary Pinkman, and Geoff Davies.

Contact Father John

If any parishioner needs Father John for any reason whatsoever, particularly if someone is **sick or dying** and needs **Sacraments**, please call **01704 873230**. 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, Father John does not know that you have called. The answering machine is checked every day and you can also send an email to: ourladyofcompassionformby@rcaol.org.uk

Parish Notices

The Heating of Our Lady's Church

On Friday 18th November, the heating system at Our Lady's Church failed. A preliminary visit by the heating engineers suspected a leak and the system was switched off. A further visit discovered leaking pipes under the floor outside the sacristy. The engineers suspected further leaks elsewhere in the church and asked for unrestricted access to the building to discover the true nature of the problem. The church was closed for five days to enable access. Having taken up parts of the church flooring, they found multiple leaks from pipes that were about 100 years old. However, they could not find the most serious leaks, which concerned them. The water supply to the pipes was completely switched off. Further inspection would have meant weeks of disruption and closure with no guarantees that the leaks would be found. At the end of their visits, they decided that given the condition of the underfloor pipe work and multiple leaks, the heating system was no longer viable and would have to be completely replaced. In the meantime, large gas heaters were delivered to the church to provide some warmth. All this happened just before the present cold snap!

So, what happens next? The Archdiocese has been informed and will meet with me next week to assess the situation. But whatever happens, the complete replacement of the heating system is a big job and a very expensive one. It will be some time before approvals are given and contractors appointed. In the meantime, I have asked for a third heater to be delivered to increase the warmth. Apart from that, we face the rest of the winter without proper heating. Let's pray for mild weather! The bright spot in all of this is that by next winter we will have a brand-new heating system, which will heat the church properly. Now we have the opportunity to rectify the heating problems once and for all. I shall keep you updated on the situation as things progress. Fr. John.

Centering Prayer

There is a day for learning Centering Prayer at St Jerome's Church on Saturday 14th January 10am -1 pm. This simple, silent way of praying encourages the offering of our intention to God with an attitude of receptivity and trust. The time includes: practice of the way of prayer; teaching of the spirituality behind this way of prayer; learning about the positive effects of centering prayer in our lives of faith. Open to all, given freely, but donation welcome. There are no facilities to make refreshments, so please bring your own drink to consume during the interval. A follow up group will meet at St. Jerome's Hall commencing 18th January at 10.00am.

Christmas Supermarket Carol Singing for the Homeless and the Hospices

We're singing in **Waitrose on Monday 19th December 5.00-6.00pm** and again in **Tesco on Tuesday 20th December 5.30-6.30pm**. Please do come and join us. It's just an hour and we really do need you. Just turn up at the entrance ten minutes before the start. Thank you so much.

Christmas Cards for the Holy Land

The Christians in the Middle East are having a really tough time. They are so thankful when they hear that we remember and pray for them. There are more slips of paper at the church porches if you would like to send a Christmas card to a Christian parish, school or care home in the Holy Land. Here's how to do it: 1. Pick up an address slip. 2. Write the name and address on one of your own cards and a greeting inside (no stamp required). 3. Bring your card back soon and leave it in the basket in the church porch. The J and P will post them all together to the Holy Land.

Christmas Collection for St. Joseph's Blundell Avenue Formby

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Little Brown Envelope. If you have missed getting one, and you would like to support the collection, there are now some more in the porch. Thank you.

Liverpool Bach Collective – Sung Evening Prayer, Sunday 18th December 2022, 6.30PM at OLOC –

Doors open at 5.45pm

Cantata 36

Schwingt freudig euch empor

Sing joyful aloft, ye voices

A very special one-off event. A joyful cantata for the last Sunday of Advent, full of anticipation of the coming of the Lord, with a duet for soprano and alto soloists and a pair of oboes d'amore included in the ensemble.

Tea/Coffee

Warm and cosy in St Jerome's lounge on Monday and Thursday at 9am – 10am. Coffee, tea and mince pies will be available. **Please note it will not be open during Christmas week.**

Church Post

Please note the Church now has a new dedicated letterbox. It is located down the path to the right of the main church doors, inside the porch with the black door (see pic).

