



Christmas 2025

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

21st Dec 2025 – **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
28th Dec 2025 – **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2,
Psalter weeks 4 & 1

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'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)

Information & Events

- Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 – 18th – 22nd May



Mass Times

Day	Time	Intentions
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
Tuesday 23 rd Dec	10.00am	Holy Mass Tommy Bulger

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH			
Saturday 27 th Dec	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Gerry & Maureen O'Rilley
Sunday 28 th Dec	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Eamonn, Michael & Birdie Touhey
Tuesday 30 th Dec	10.00am	Holy Mass	Rachel Jones
Wednesday 31 st Dec	10.00am	Holy Mass	The Webber Family
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD – NEW YEAR'S DAY			
Thursday 1 st Jan	10.00am	Holy Mass	Joan Evans
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE NATIVITY			
Saturday 3 rd Jan	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Marie Denny
Sunday 4 th Jan	09.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Michael Maddock

Weekly Collections: £946.60 Thank you!
Morgan, Thea Rawstorne

Baptisms: We welcome into our Church: Elliot Hewson, Zara

Forthcoming Funerals: Stephanie Harrison 13th Jan at 10am.

Mass Intentions Received w/c 15th Dec – Raymond Griffith, Tommy Bulger, Ralph Thornhill, John Cooper, Josephine McEvoy, Perry Campbell.

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

Fr John and Deacons John McCarthy & Andy Dell, wish all our parishioners a happy and blessed Christmas and thank you all for your many kind gifts and cards.

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.

If there is a Minister of the Eucharist intending to be at the 10am mass on Christmas morning and can assist with others for communion, please contact Mike Halford on 8579508.

■ **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**

■ **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.

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the November draw was number **150**. 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)

