



# Christmas 2024



## Our Lady of Compassion Formby

Part of a Family of Parishes with  
Our Lady of Victories Hightown,  
Holy Family Ince Blundell,  
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**22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024 Advent Week 4/  
Christmas Week 2**

Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1,  
psalter weeks 4 & 1

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Father John and Deacon John, wish all our parishioners a happy and blessed Christmas and thank you all for your many kind gifts and cards

## Newsletter



### Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Mary Aindow
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Jack Jones

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5.00pm	FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS	
	8.00PM	SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	FEAST OF ST STEPHEN	Finan Bracken

### Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Holy Mass	John Cooper
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	Eamonn, Michael & Bridie Touhey
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	NO MASS OR SERVICE		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	NO MASS OR SERVICE		

### SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.00pm	Holy Mass	All Parishioners/Sick
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am	Holy Mass	Parish Community
	11.00am	Holy Mass	James McAuley

**Weekly Collection £996.85. Thank you!**

**Baptisms: We welcome into our Church:** Lexie Grady, Lacey-Mae Davis

**Forthcoming Funerals:** Joanna Desforges 7<sup>th</sup> Jan at 10am, Brenda Forrest 9<sup>th</sup> Jan at 10am.

**Mass Intentions Received w/c 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Mary Aindow, Caroline Green, George Thomas, William Birch, Rosemarie Evans, Mary Davis, Joe Moreland & Family

**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 Thank You

I want to thank, on behalf of us all, those who have worked so hard to prepare our beautiful Church for the Christmas Feast. The flower ladies and men, as we can all see, have done a magnificent job in decorating the Church for the Feast. Our sincere thanks to them.

To our cleaner who works so hard throughout the year to keep the Church looking clean and tidy, our sincere thanks.

To our Deacon, music ministry, parish administrator, parish council, children’s liturgy, readers, eucharistic ministers, SVP and UCM, those who care for our parish grounds and all who work so hard throughout the year, to look after our parish family, my sincere thanks.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you who have offered words of encouragement, support and kindness over the past year, which has meant so much. In particular, I want to thank all our sick and housebound parishioners who suffer much, but who pray for us all, and for their families and care home staff who take such good care of them. Finally, to all our families for whom this past year has been particularly challenging and difficult but who, despite these challenges, take such wonderful care of their children, sacrificing their own needs and providing an example for us all. Also, for our schools which provide such excellent teaching and pastoral care for our children.

Also, our Christmas good wishes go to our retired priests, Fr. Bernard, Fr. Bradley and Fr. John Dale and to Sabina and Cath who take good care of them.

Let us celebrate all these gifts and joys in our Parish Community this Christmas and thank God for sending us so many blessings.

May I wish you and all your families, a very joyful Christmas and a blessed 2025.

**Father John**

### Communion on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Due to the large congregations expected on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, with many people usually standing at the back of Church, Communion will only be distributed at the top of the centre and side aisles. Any parishioner with mobility issues is requested to use the front two benches, which will be reserved for their use and Communion will be given to them there. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### ■ Sacrament of Confirmation 2025 – Registration Opens on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – 17<sup>th</sup> March

If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk). The registration website will open on the 13<sup>th</sup> January and end on the 17<sup>th</sup> March.

#### ■ 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!

#### ■ UCM – Donation

Thank you to the UCM for their generous donation of £300 to the Parish, which is most welcome and greatly received.

#### ■ St Joseph's Fence Fund – Thank you!

The Justice and Peace would like to thank you so much for your generous support of the Fence Fund, this Advent. We are delighted to be able to give the Sisters £1,123.14 towards the cost of a strong fence to keep the bulls out of their mission farm in Tanzania. With our contribution, the Fence Fund is close to the estimate, so the Sisters are going to give the fencing contractors the go-ahead to start early in the new year. What a great conclusion! Good news for the farm. Bad news for the bulls! The Sisters say, 'Thank you so much. Happy Christmas to everyone!'

#### ■ OLOC Fell Walkers

OLOC Fell Walkers have one local Christmas Walk on **Saturday 28th December 2024**, leaving from the bus stop outside The Cross House, Cross Green, Formby at 9am heading down to cross the Bypass and up Moss Lane to the Cheshire Lines and returning via Altcar, a distance of around 6-7 miles. We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome, particularly if you are interested in joining the club. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and if you have them, walking sticks are always handy.