



Christmas 2023



Our Lady of Compassion Formby

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24th Dec 2023 Advent Week 4

& 31st Dec 2023 Christmas Week 1/2

Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2, psalter week 1

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

Mass Times

Day	Time	Location	Intentions
Christmas Mass Times			
Saturday 23 rd Dec	6.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion	E, M & B Touhey
Sunday 24 th Dec (Christmas Eve)	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion <i>(please note change of Mass time)</i>	Parish Community
	5.00pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas - Our Lady of Compassion	
	8.00pm	First Mass of Christmas - Our Lady of Compassion	
Monday 25 th Dec (Christmas Day)	10.00am	Christmas Morning Mass - Our Lady of Compassion	
Tuesday 26 th Dec	No Mass or Service		
Wednesday 27 th Dec	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Mary Aindow
	1.00pm	Requiem Mass - Jim McAuley	
Thursday 28 th Dec	10.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Charlie Mills
Friday 29 th Dec	10.30am	Funeral Service - Eddie Parisi	
Saturday 30 th Dec	6.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion	Rose Eirem
Sunday 31 st Dec	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Joseph Kelly
Tuesday 2 nd Jan	No Mass or Service		
Wednesday 3 rd Jan	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	Luca Owen
Thursday 4 th Jan	No Mass or Service		
Holy Day of Obligation - Solemnity of Epiphany Mass			
Saturday 6 th Jan	6.00pm	Our Lady of Compassion	Martin Boulton
Sunday 7 th Jan	9.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Parish Community
	11.00am	Our Lady of Compassion	Jean Catherine Leamey

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition will resume in the New Year.

Weekly Collection £1,264.85. Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received w/c 18th – Personal Intention, Alan Wright x6, Peter Turner x2, Marian Seddon x5, John Upritchard, Frederick Wilson, Marie Slowey x2, Pat Kinman, Jim McAuley x4, Teresa Campbell, Freda Morris, Wtadystaua x2, Denis Barry.

■ **Please pray for the lately Dead including:**

Charlie Mills, John Chalcraft, Sister Paulinus, Maureen Simmons, Marian Seddon, Alan Wright, Eddie Parisi, David Jackson and all their families.

■ **And let us pray for those who are sick including:**

Stephanie Harrison, Ann Long, Ged Cunningham, Margaret Nutall, Mary Pinkman, Terry Otty, Anita Sattar, Eddie Evans, Maria Murray, Les Forest, Beryl Prescott, Kathleen O’Gorman, Deacon Joe Moreland, John Holland, Nell Piggott, Bill Evans, Fr Joe Whelan MHM and Linda Murray.

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, 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 Deacons, music ministry, parish administrator, parish council, children’s liturgy, readers, eucharistic ministers, SVP and UCM, 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.

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 2024.

Father John

■ **OLOC Fell Walkers**

OLOC Fell Walkers have a local walk on **Saturday 30th December 2023**, leaving from Formby Station, Liverpool Platform side, at 10.00am and walking along the Sefton Coastal Path to South Road, Waterloo. Should any walker feel the need to cut their walk short, there is the option to return to Formby from any of the stations we pass on the Northern Line. All members are welcome together with friends and family and also anyone interested in joining the walking group. There is no need to book, just turn up wearing weather appropriate clothing and boots and remember to bring travel passes if appropriate, as the return journey can be either by train from Waterloo Station or bus from outside the Plaza Cinema. There are lots of lunch spots in South Road, Waterloo for those wanting to eat after the walk, so come along and work up an appetite!

■ OLOC 200 Club

The winning number for the **November** draw was number **84**. 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). Good luck!