

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year A  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent  
Psalter Week 4  
Weekdays Year 1



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Deadline for newsletter: Wednesday 10am

## Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar (Vigil)	5:30pm	St Mary's	<b>Lent 4 (Laetare Sunday)</b>	Elise & Greg Penellum
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	Holy Family		Albert Bower
	9:30am	St Columba's		Andrew Gawne and Lillas & John Hamilton
	11:00am	St Mary's		Ann Turner
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		Frank Critchley
	5:30pm	St Mary's		People of the Parish
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12:10pm	St Mary's		Mike Burden Anniversary
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:15am	St Columba's		Rhoda & Jimmy Field
	6:30pm	St Mary's		Mary Pearson
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.15am	Holy Family		Emmott Family
	12.10pm	St Mary's		Anne Baldwin
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:15am	Sacred Heart		Evans Family
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	9.15am	St Pius School		Holy Souls
	12.10pm	St Mary's		Pat Donnelly
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> April	12:10pm	St Mary's		Pat & Jane Dolan
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> April (Vigil)	5:30pm	St Mary's	<b>Lent 5</b>	Peter Dowling
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9:00am	Holy Family		People of the Parish
	9:30am	St Columba's		M Lynch Special Intention
	11:00am	St Mary's		Deceased mem of Smith & Harmson Families
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		David Charles
	5:30pm	St Mary's		Jim Gisbey
Church	Confessions		Eucharistic Adoration	Morning Prayer
<b>St Mary's</b>	Sat 11am-noon 4.45pm-5.15pm		Mon & Fri 8:15-9:15am Sat 11:00am-12noon	Mon-Sat 9:15am (except Tues, Wed & Thurs)
<b>St Columba's</b>	After Mass on Tuesday		Tues 8:15am	Tues 8:45am
<b>Holy Family</b>	After Mass on Wednesday		Wed 8:15am	Wednesday 8:45am
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	After Mass on Thursday		Thurs 8:15am	Thursday 8:45am

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness is part of the Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity number 234331.

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** especially those on the list at the back of church.

**Recently deceased:** Please pray for all those who have died recently; we pray especially for: **Patricia Donnelly** who has died; **Marion Rafferty** whose funeral service will take place at St Columba's on Wednesday at 10.30am and **Jack Harrison** whose funeral has taken place this week. Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent**

TIME	CHURCH	Led By
Sunday 5pm	St Mary	Priest
Thursday 2pm	St Columba	Schoolchildren
Thursday 6.30pm	Sacred Heart	
Friday 11.45am	St Mary's	
Friday 2.45pm	Holy Family	Schoolchildren
Friday 6.30pm	St Columba's	

**Lenten Series of Talks on "Worship & Holiness"**- Led by Fr Manny and Fr Darren. Every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Parish Centre after the evening Mass.

**Divine Mercy sung chaplet and Exposition:** held in Sacred Heart Church 3-4pm Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017, all welcome and will continue on last Sunday of each month.

**RCIA:** This will take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday.

**Sick Group Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday at 7pm in Sacred Heart. All welcome.

**St Mary's Church: Helpers are needed for St Mary's Church for the following tasks:**

**1. Someone to pick up the litter** that gathers in the rose garden. This is a constant problem and is unsightly.  
**2. Cleaners** to maintain the inside of the church and especially the porch which gets cluttered with leaves and litter.

**3. Someone to welcome and greet visitors at Mass.** Especially those who are new to the church. This role would also involve handing out hymn books and missalettes at the beginning of Mass and ensuring that they are tidied away after Mass.

**4. Helpers to assist in making the tea and coffee in the Parish Centre after 11am Mass on Sunday.**

Please be generous in offering your services. Just a little time each week can make a big difference. We are all called to cherish our church and to maintain and care for it as best we can. If you can help please give your name and contact details to one of the Priests. Thank you.

**St Columba's School Nursery Places:** There are nursery places available at St Columba's School. Please contact the school office for further details on 471522.

**Combined Choir Rehearsal for Holy Week:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in St Mary's. All singers are welcome.

**Parish of Our Lady of Furness:** We are looking to employ a **Parish Outreach Worker** to assist with the running of the pastoral and spiritual life of the community. The job will consist of 21 hours per week to be worked flexibly. The salary is £10592 per annum. Interested please contact the Parish Office. Closing date is 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**Sacred Heart Lenten Lunches:** continue on Wednesdays from 12.30pm to 1.30pm A selection of Homemade soups and sandwiches will be available. This week cakes will be available and an Easter Bonnet competition. Suggested minimum donation of £2.50. Please come and join us for good food and good company.

**St Mary's Lent Lunches-** As part of our continued community work, there will be Soup Lunches in the Parish Centre following the 12.10pm Mass on four Fridays during Lent- 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March. All donations will be given to the homeless. All are welcome. Many thanks to the "Bob In" Café for their continued support. Please come and join us. **No Lent Lunch at St. Mary's on 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** There are a few places available for the pilgrimage which takes place from 27th August to 1<sup>st</sup> September. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested for more information.

**Castlerigg Manor: Easter Retreat, Family Weekend and Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017:** See notice board for further details.

**Thank you:** to all those who supported our recent concert for Mary's Meals. It raised just over £1000 which will be sent to support the setting up of 6 schools in Aleppo.

**Sacred Heart Ladies Group:** will meet on Wednesday in the Social area at Sacred Heart, after the Lenten Lunches. Easter Bonnet competition. All are welcome.

**Youth Volunteers:** Fr. Darren is looking for volunteers to work with the youth in our parish. If you are interested in helping, please email [frdarrenolf@gmail.com](mailto:frdarrenolf@gmail.com) or phone 01229 471405

**East Africa Famine Crisis:** Over 16 million people across South Sudan, Somalia, Northern Kenya & Ethiopia are facing starvation. As part of the emergency response, CAFOD have asked us to have a special collection. **This weekend**, there will be a retiring collection in support of this urgent appeal.

**Holy Family Nursery Applications:** Holy Family School are now accepting applications for their September Nursery intake. Breakfast and after school club childcare is also available. For more information, please contact the school office on 828018.

**Schools:** Please continue to remember all our school staff and pupils in your prayers. Especially pray that we are successful in appointing New Head Teachers at St Bernard's and St Pius Schools.