

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year B  
 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
 Third Sunday of Advent  
 Psalter Week 3  
 Weekdays Year 2



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Mass Times and Intentions				
Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5:30pm	St Mary's	Advent 3	Wilf & Cath Jesson RIP
	9:00am	Holy Family		70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
	9:30am	St Columba's		Trainor & Hewson Families RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		John Rocks
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		Andrew McKeever RIP
	5:30pm	St Mary's		People of the Parish
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12:10pm	St Mary's		Peter Daw RIP
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:15am 6:30pm	St Columba's St Mary's		Peter Ward Birthday Memories 21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:15am 12:10pm	Holy Family St Mary's		Patrick & Elizabeth Crean Wakefield Family Special Intention
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9:15am	Sacred Heart		Eric Winfield (Snr) Birthday Memories RIP
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	No Mass 12:10pm	St Pius School St Mary's		No Mass(School Holiday) Pauline Skivington Intentions
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	12:10pm	St Mary's		William Ruranski
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5:30pm	St Mary's	Advent 4	Brian Mellen
	9:00am	Holy Family		People of the Parish
	9:30am	St Columba's		James & Patricia Hurley RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		Dec'd Mems Longstaff & Mullen Fam RIP
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		Mason & Ruscillo Families RIP
Christmas Eve	5:30pm	Sacred Heart		Saundraya & Desmond Cervi RIP
	6:00pm	St Columba's		Peter Kerr RIP
	7:00pm	St Mary's	Christmas Eve Vigil	Birch & McBride Families
	12:00 Midnight	St Mary's		People of the Parish
Church		Confessions	Eucharistic Adoration	Morning Prayer
St Mary's		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)
St Columba's		After Mass Tuesday	Tues 8:15am	Tues 8:45am
Holy Family		After Mass Wednesday	Wed 8:15 and Friday 3pm-3:25pm	Wed 8:45am
Sacred Heart		After Mass Thursday	Thurs 8:15am	Thurs 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 especially for **Andrew Hackett** and **Arthur Carden** who have died and **Donna Abernethy** whose funeral took place this week. Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please note that there will not be a Mass at St Pius until January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**RCIA:** Please note there will be no meeting until further notice. We will resume in January.

**Carols and Candles** – a service of readings and Advent Carols by candlelight – at Sacred Heart Church. This Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. Stay afterwards for a chat, accompanied by sherry and mince pies

**Service for the bereaved:** Will take place at St Mary's on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6.30pm. All are welcome to come along to light a candle at the crib in memory of a loved one. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards.

**2018 School Enrolments:** If your Child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, they are due to start Reception Class in September 2018. Please apply before 15th January 2018. You can apply online at [cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions). If you would like a brochure or to visit your school please, call St Columba's (01229)471522. Holy Family (01229) 894624 , St Pius (01229) 828406 or Sacred Heart (01229) 840940.

**Volunteer Driver:** We are looking for a volunteer driver for our 17 seater mini bus. If you are aged between 25 and 70 with a clean driving license and are available for ad hoc journeys please contact the Parish Office for more details.

**Book Sale** 10<sup>th</sup> December Sacred Heart in aid of CAFOD A big thank you to all who attended and contributed to the Book sale last Sunday. It made a profit of £60 all of which has been donated to CAFOD. We had lots of books donated and I have stored most of these for another sale in the future. However there were some books we have had a long time now(over 1 year) that didn't seem to sell so they have been donated to the Shelter Charity Shop in Bath St. Many Thanks for your contributions.

Father Darren's Fathers' funeral is this Friday. If you want to send condolences to Fr Darren and his family on the death of Arthur, his Father, the address is St Paul's Presbytery, 10 Spring Grove, West Derby, Liverpool L12 8SJ

**Advance Notice:** Parish Reconciliation service at St. Mary's this Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Priests from the deanery will be present to assist with individual confession. This is a great opportunity to prepare spiritually for our Saviour's birth.

**Christmas Mass Times:** Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year; the usual Sunday Masses will remain unchanged (Please note no 5:30pm Mass at St Mary's)

**Vigil Mass of Christmas:**

Sacred Heart	5:30pm,	St Columba's	6:00pm
St. Mary's	7:00pm,		
St Mary's Carols	11:30pm,	St Mary's Mass – Midnight	

**Christmas Day:**

Holy Family	9:00am,	St Columba's	9:30am
Sacred Heart	11:00am,	St Mary's	11:00am

**Advent Day by Day:** Now available at the back of all churches. Adult copies £1; Children's copies free.

**Day by Day Diaries 2018 £6 each. Great Christmas gifts.**

**Diocesan directories** are also available at the back of church at £3 per copy

**Parish Christmas Cards** are available at the back of each church with the Christmas and New Year Mass times. Please take one.

**Christmas Concert:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Cameron and Fr Manny will perform music with a Christmas theme as well as Christmas Carols. There will be a festive food, wine and a raffle to raise as much as we can for Mary's Meals whilst the donations are being doubled. Tickets are available from the Parish Office. Tickets are free but there will be a retiring collection for Mary's Meals. Until the end of the month every £1 donated will be doubled by benefactors.

**Barrow Library** is having a Christmas Coffee Afternoon on 19th December at 1.30pm. Free entry. All are welcome.

**Our Catholic Schools** do a wonderful job in nurturing and educating our children. We thank them and wish all the staff and pupils a restful and joyful Christmas.