

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year B
 4th February 2018
 5th Sunday OT
 Psalter Week 1
 Weekdays Year 2



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Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Sun 4 th Feb	Sat 3 rd Feb(Vigil)	5:30pm	St Mary's	Miriam Kassell Anniversary RIP
		9:00am	Holy Family	Maureen Ross RIP
		9:30am	St Columba's	People of the Parish
		11:00am	St Mary's	Tommy, Patty & Stephen Oxley RIP
		11:00am	Sacred Heart	Joseph Michael Andrews RIP
		5:30pm	St Mary's	Jill Brucciani RIP
Mon 5 th Feb		12:10pm	St Mary's	Paul
Tues 6 th Feb	No Mass	6:30pm	St Columba's	No Mass today
			St Mary's	Harmson & Smith Families RIP
Wed 7 th Feb	No Mass	Holy Family		No Mass today
		12:10pm	St Mary's	Margaret Tunstall RIP
Thu 8 th Feb		9:15am	Sacred Heart	Seamus O'Donnell
Fri 9 th Feb	No Mass	St Pius School		No Mass today
		12:10pm	St Mary's	Joan Burden RIP
Sat 10 th Feb		12:10pm	St Mary's	Boylan & Gardner Families
Sat 10 th Feb (Vigil)		5:30pm	St Mary's	Tony Sainty RIP
Sunday 11 th Feb		9:00am	Holy Family	Mary & Jim Kittley
		9:30am	St Columba's	Derek Cockin Anniversary RIP
		11:00am	St Mary's	Michael Egan RIP
		11:00am	Sacred Heart	Bernard Flanagan
		5:30pm	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 Exposition & Morning Prayer at St Mary's this week	Mon-Sat 9:15am
Holy Family		Fri 3:00pm-3:25pm	
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 **Dorothy Hunt** whose funeral service will be on Wednesday 7th February at 1.30pm at St Mary's; **Francis Conway** whose funeral service will be at St Mary's on Tuesday 13th February at 1.45pm and for **Elizabeth Hewitson** whose funeral has taken place this week. Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

RCIA: Will continue on Wednesdays at 7pm in **St Mary's Church.** (Please note change of venue).

Mass and Anointing of the Sick: will be on Saturday 10th February at 12:10pm. All Eucharistic Ministers who serve the hospital will be re-commissioned at this Mass. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after the Mass.

Masses this week: Fr Ajish is away this week so please note the amendments to the Masses as detailed on the front of the newsletter.

First Holy Communion Catechists: There will be a meeting of all First Holy Communion Catechists and any new catechists who helped facilitate the parents meetings on Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal: Fr Conrad & Fr Giles are visiting the Parish from Monday 19th February to Wednesday 21st February. On Monday 19th February at 7pm in the Parish Centre they will be giving a talk on the "Franciscan Charism." On Tuesday 20th there will be another talk when they will tell us about their life and work among the homeless and poor in Bradford. This will be in the Parish Centre after the 6.30pm Mass. Whilst they are here they will also be visiting St Bernard's and Holy Family Schools. All are welcome to attend these events.

Barrow Male Voice Choir: Thank you to the choir and everyone who supported this concert. A total of £281 was raised and will be sent to Mary's Meals.

Advance Notice: St Patrick's Race Night: Saturday 17th March in the Hindpool Centre. Tickets will be available from w/e 17th February at £5 each. Pie and peas included. More details later.

Contemplative Prayer: There will be a meeting on Monday at 1pm in Sacred Heart Presbytery. A light lunch will be provided. All welcome. This will be the last one until Holy Week.

Parish Outreach Worker: New Drop in times are Tuesday from 1.30pm til 3pm and Wednesday 10am-11.45am. Carol will be available at other times by appointment on 821498.

Lenten Talks: "Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you"

We will be having a series of Lenten Talks exploring the idea of our redemption. These will take place in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7pm after the evening Mass.

Tuesday 27th February: **Redemption in the Old Testament.** led by Fr Ajish

Tuesday 6th March: **Redemption in the New Testament.** led by Steve Donnan

Tuesday 13th March: **Redemption in the Church and in Our Worship.** led by Fr Manny.

Tuesday 20th March: **Suffering and Redemption.**

Tuesday 27th March: **Redemption and the Easter Vigil.**

Sacred Heart of Mary Extended Family Gathering – 24th February 2018 – Celebrating 120 Years of the Sisters. All ex-pupils and members of staff from the Convent school – and all schools where the Sisters taught - are invited to come and join Extended Family members on Foundation Day. Please invite your school friends to join you. We need to know soonest - by 10th Feb latest - how many of you will be joining us. Please contact Sr Pierre (820284) or John Newby (837012) or email shmef.furness@gmail.com.

Marriage Preparation: Advance notice-Sat 3rd March 11am-3pm- Will be a day of preparation for all who are to be married this year.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Please note the Mass times for Ash Wednesday will be: 9.15am Holy Family; 12:10pm St Mary's and 6:30pm St Columba's.

Sacramental Preparation: Today we welcome the children who have enrolled for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion to ask parishioners to pray for them and their families.

The first preparation session for Reconciliation and Holy Communion takes place this Wednesday 7th February, 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Centre at St Mary's. This is for all children and at least one parent of each child to attend.

There will be three sessions in preparation for Reconciliation (Confession) on Wed 7th Feb; Wed 28th Feb; and Wed 14th Mar all at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall at St Mary's. Preparation for First Communion will follow in April. First Communion Date 10th June 2018.

Important Notice: Eucharistic Ministers: Please would all Eucharistic Ministers provide a list of the people they visit together with addresses and contact telephone numbers to the **Parish Office as soon as possible. This is to enable the Parish Sick list to be updated.**

Mary's Meals: We have had "thank you" letters from Mary's Meals for the monies we have sent them recently: £267.00 from the loose change collections and £4000.00 from the Parish raised mainly by the concerts we have had. These amounts have been doubled by three very generous donors of Mary's Meals. Please continue to fill the empty bottle with loose change. Every penny counts.