

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year B  
 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT  
 Psalter Week 2  
 Weekdays Year 2



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## Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5:30pm	St Mary's	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Tony Sainty RIP
	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
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12:10pm	St Mary's		Joe & Madge Higgins
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15am 6:30pm	St Columba's St Mary's		Joe & Hilda McKeever Benedick Gaynor
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15am	Holy Family	Ash Wednesday	Margaret Turvey
	12:10pm	St Mary's		P.S. Intention Frank Park
	6:30pm	St Columba's		Nicole Lafferty
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15am	Sacred Heart		Pat Salmon Anniversary
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>No Mass</b> 12:10pm	St Pius School St Mary's		<b>No Mass School Holiday</b> Holly Geldart
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12:10pm	St Mary's		John James Wallace
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5:30pm	St Mary's	Lent 1	Wilf Jesson Anniversary
	9:00am	Holy Family		Bernard McGuire
	9:30am	St Columba's		John Flynn
	11:00am	St Mary's		Kathleen Downing
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		Mary Jackson
	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	Mon-Sat 9:15am (except Tues, Wed & Thurs)
St Columba's Holy Family	After Mass Tuesday	Tues 8:15am Wed 8:15am Fri <b>none this week</b>	Tues 8:45am 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 baby **Archie Jones and family**; **Francis Conway** whose funeral service will be at St Mary's on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 1.45pm and for **Dorothy Hunt** whose funeral has taken place this week. Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**RCIA:** Will continue on Wednesday **this week at St Columba's immediately after the 6.30pm Mass.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY: THIS WEDNESDAY.** Masses as per front of newsletter.

**Sacramental Preparation:**

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

**CAFOD Family Fast Day:** This Lent, Family Fast Day focuses on the work our partners are doing to fight hunger and malnutrition in Zimbabwe. By fasting, we can focus on what really matters – our relationship with God and love for our brothers and sisters. Money raised towards our Lent appeal between Shrove Tuesday 13 February and Saturday 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government, up to £5 million. Fundraise with your parish and make double the difference!

**Baptism Preparation:** The next course will begin on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am in the Parish Centre and will continue on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March. Any parents wishing to attend please inform the Parish Office.

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

**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.**

**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.

**Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2018:** Led by Bishop Michael Campbell OSA, from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. Cost £280. Please see noticeboard for further details.

**Food Bank:** The foodbank are extremely grateful for all donations of food but have shortages of pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, UHT fruit juice and UHT milk. Thank you to everyone who supports this cause.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> February: **Redemption in the Old Testament.** led by Fr Ajish

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

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

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March: **Suffering and Redemption.**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Reception into the Church:** We have 8 people preparing this year to be received into the Church. They have been faithfully attending our Wednesday RCIA meetings. They are mainly a young group of people (average age 32) and have shown great interest and openness. We shall be going with them to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election at 2pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February. If any parishioners are able to attend this service to support our group it would be great to see you all there. Please keep them in your prayers especially during Lent.

**Contemplative Prayer:** There will be further meetings on dates to be announced.

**The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal:** Fr Conrad & Fr Giles are visiting the Parish from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

On **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** in the Parish Centre they will be giving a talk on the "Franciscan Charism."

On **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Aid to the Church in Need (ACN):** For this Lent ACN has produced Stations of the Cross for the Suffering Church. The format is familiar, but the scriptural readings, prayers and reflections focus on the plight of the many, many Christians who suffer for their faith in our world today. These stations will be prayed at Holy Trinity & St George Kendal (LA9 4BW) on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm with a talk on ACN's work in Iraq at 8pm. All are welcome.