

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year C
 16th December 2018
 ADVENT 3
 Psalter Week 3
 Weekdays Year 1



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Mass Times and Intentions				
Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Sat 15 th Dec	5:30pm	St Mary's	Advent 3	Cath & Wilf Jesson RIP
Sun 16 th Dec	9:00am	Holy Family		Mary Winfield
	9:30am	St Columba's		Peter Ward Anniversary RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		Margaret Merritt RIP
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		Andrew McKeever RIP
	5:30pm	St Mary's		People of the Parish
Mon 17 th Dec	12:10pm	St Mary's		Requiem: Bruce Boyns
Tue 18 th Dec	9:15am 6:30pm	St Columba St Mary's		Malcolm & Ellen Kerr RIP Charles Morris Birthday Memories RIP
Wed 19 th Dec	9:15am 12:10pm	Holy Family St Mary's		Smith & Drummond Families RIP David Marcus RIP
Thu 20 th Dec	9:15am	Sacred Heart		Patrick Goligy Anniversary RIP
Fri 21 st Dec	No Mass 12:10pm	St Pius St Mary's	No Mass	No Mass Penellum Family
Sat 22 nd Dec	12:10pm	St Mary's		Mary Morris RIP
Sat 22 nd Dec	5:30pm	St Mary's	Advent 4	Pauline Skivington's Intention
Sun 23 rd Dec	9:00am	Holy Family		Jim & Mary Kittley RIP
	9:30am	St Columba's		William & Mary Smith RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		Tommy, Patty & Stephen Oxley RIP
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		Pat Wane RIP
	5:30pm	St Mary's		NO EVENING MASS
Church		Confessions	Eucharistic Adoration	Morning Prayer
St Mary's	Sat: 11:00am-Noon 4:45pm-5:15pm		Mon-Fri 8:15-9:15am Sat: 11.00am-12 Noon	Mon-Sat 9:15am (except Wed,)
St Columba's Holy Family	After Mass Tues After Mass Wed		Tues 8:15am Wed 8:15am Fri 3:00pm-3:25pm	Tues 8:45am Wed 8:45am
Sacred Heart	After Mass Thurs		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 **Bruce Boyns** whose Requiem Mass will be at St Mary's on Monday at 12:10pm; **June O'Hara** whose funeral service will be at St Mary's on Wednesday at 2pm and **Brenda Mary Courtney** whose funeral service will be at the Crematorium at 11.30am on Thursday **20th** December and for **John Austin** and **Emma Bailey** whose funerals have taken place this week. Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 12th May 2019 in all churches. Details of preparation sessions will be announced in the New Year.

St Columba's School welcome you to their 'Christmas Service' on Monday at 2pm and Tues Dec 18th at 6pm in Church. Please join us as we prepare for Christmas. All are welcome.

Mass Times: Please note No Mass at St Pius on Friday and there will not be an Evening Mass on Sunday 23rd December.

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

Children's Advent Service, Social and Blessing of families and cribs. This Sunday 16th Dec. 14.00 to 16.00 at Holy Family. Acting, activities and festive snacks. All welcome.

St Joseph's Orphanage, India: Thank you for your continued support for the children. We have received a further £2000 raised by the Craft Group and with other monies raised from the Indian night and other fund raising events we are able to send £5000 to support the orphanage.

Four of our parishioners are spending a month at Fr Ajish's school and orphanage in India this January. We are hoping to take some gifts for the children and would welcome donations of new t-shirts and underwear suitable for 6 to 12 year olds. You can often pick up multipacks of these along with your supermarket shop. These can be given to Fr Ajish or John & Clare Greenwood by the end of December please. Thank you.

The sum of £200 from St. Columba's Christmas Coffee & Chat has been donated to the ' Christmas Homeless Shelter' - sincere thanks to all who attended the afternoon.

2019 School Enrolments: If your Child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, they are due to start Reception Class in September 2018. Please apply before 15th January 2019. You can apply online at 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.

Service of Reconciliation: Parish Reconciliation service at St Mary's next Friday 21st December at 6.30pm. 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.

Service for the bereaved: At St Mary's next Saturday 22nd December at 4pm. All are welcome to come along to light a candle at the crib in memory of a loved one. Tea and mince pies will be served afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Christmas Concert in the Presbytery Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th December: There will be a concert in aid of Mary's Meals performed by Griff Wadkin, a young cellist from the Birmingham Conservatoire, Cameron Dickason, now studying at The Royal Northern College, Julie will be singing and Fr Manny will be playing. There will be music by Chopin, Grieg, Shostakovich, Haydn and others. Wine and seasonal refreshments will be served. Tickets are free but there are **only 10 tickets for Wednesday and 4 available for Thursday evening. Please contact the Parish Office.**

Poinsettias: If you would like to donate a poinsettia for the church for Christmas please leave at the back of each church before Sunday 23rd December.

Fr Frank's departure from Barrow: Fr Frank has decided that the time has come when he needs more care and support given his failing health. In consequence he will be moving to McAuley Mount Care Home in Burnley on 3rd January. The home is run by the Institute of Our Lady of Mercy and we are confident he will be well cared for by the Community and staff there. His departure is a cause of sadness and we will miss him. On Saturday 29th December there will be a farewell Mass for Fr Frank. After the Mass there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre and an opportunity to say farewell and thank you to Fr Frank who has given so much to our parish through his courageous witness and his priestly ministry.

Advent Day by Day: Still available at the back of church. Daily readings for Advent. Adult copies £1. Children's copies free. Also available Day by Day 2019 Diaries £5. Please ask in the Parish Office.

St Bernard's Christmas Fair: Just a reminder that the School's Christmas Concert and Fair will take place on Thursday, 20 December 2018 in the School Hall, if you have a free evening and would like to attend. Doors open at 6.00 pm for the Christmas Fair, where there will be refreshments, craft stalls, tombola and a raffle. The Christmas concert starts at 7.00 pm. Tickets cost £3 for an adult, and £1.50 per child.