

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year C
12th December 2021
Third Sunday of Advent
Psalter Week 3
Weekdays Year 1



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Mon/Tues/Thurs 9:00 – 3:00pm
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Deadline for newsletter: Wednesday
12:00pm

Please note: CCTV cameras are used in the church and areas surrounding it.

All Masses at St Mary's are live streamed. Visit www.ourladyoffurness.org.uk and follow the instructions on the website.

Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Sat 11 th Dec	5.30pm	St Mary's		Cath and Wilf Jesson RIP
Sun 12 th Dec	9:00am	Holy Family	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gaudete Sunday	Malcolm Mancey Jones RIP
	9:30am	St Columba's		People of the Parish
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		Patrick Goligy Anniversary RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		Pauline Skivington Anniversary RIP
Mon 13 th Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Terry Reay RIP
Tues 14 th Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Birch, McBride and O'Brien Families RIP
Wed 15 th Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Helen Jackson
Thurs 16 th Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Malcolm and Ellen Kerr RIP
Fri 17 th Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Chris Salmon RIP
Sat 18 th Dec	11:00am	St Mary's		Brian Mellen RIP
Sat 18 th Dec	5:30pm	St Mary's		Karen Hodgson RIP
Sun 19 th Dec	9:00am	Holy Family	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish
	9:30am	St Columba's		Peter Ward (Grandpa) Birthday Memories
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		Tommy, Patty and Stephen Oxley
	11:00am	St Mary's		William Pharoah

Confessions are available after 11am Mass every Saturday or after Mass during the week on request

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish: especially those on the list at the back of church.
Also, for those who have died recently, **Ged Egan, Joseph McKeever, Michael Holdsworth and David Simm** whose Requiem Mass will take place at Sacred Heart Monday 20th December at 10:15am.

Advent Service of Reconciliation:

In preparation for Christmas, with the opportunity for individual confession. This will be on **Monday 13th December**

Advent preparation:

On **15th December at 6.30pm**, there will be another Advent talk by Deacon Steve on the Holy Family.

Concert: Friday 17th December 7pm

Cameron and a cellist and violinist (Nathan and Orla) from the Royal Northern College of Music, will be performing Piano Trios by Beethoven and Dvorak. There will also be solo and duet piano music by Bach, Schubert and Chopin. This will be a fantastic concert – these students are very gifted musicians and their music to perform is very beautiful and uplifting.

Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection (masks and social distancing will be observed)

Christmas Market/Fayre: Tuesday 21st December

Given that so many people enjoyed the service on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the switch on of the lights at St. Mary's, we have decided to make the most of the beautiful lights and hold a Christmas market/ Fayre in the Rose Garden. There will be carols, food will be on sale – prepared by parishioners (including beautiful Indian cuisine), stalls with craft gifts and games and of course, the mandatory hot mulled wine!

Come along and enjoy the Christmas cheer. Begins at 4:30pm

Anyone who is willing to provide a food stall or could loan a Gazebo to the Parish for this event, please ring the Parish office on **01229 820210**. Many thanks.

Help needed!

Could any young people over the age of 11 who would be willing to man a stall at our Christmas Market/Fayre, please ring the Parish office on **01229 820210** or speak to one of the priests after Mass. Many Thanks

Christmas Mass Times:

As you are no doubt aware, Christmas falls on a Saturday resulting in a considerable number of Masses over that weekend. To make this manageable and to give everyone who wishes, the opportunity to attend, we have decided on the following Mass times.

Vigil Masses	Christmas Day	Sunday 26th Dec
Christmas Eve	9:00am Holy Family	9:00am Holy Family
4:00pm St Mary's	11:00am St Mary's	9:30am St Columba's
5:00pm Sacred Heart		11:00am Sacred Heart
5:30pm St Columba's		11:00am St Mary's
6:30pm St Mary's (socially distanced ticket only)	No Vigil Mass	

Please note the 6:30pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's will be socially distanced and attended by ticket holders only. Tickets will be distributed at the weekend Masses leading up to Christmas. All other Masses will be ticketless so please be aware that if numbers require it, we will remove the ropes in Church at these Masses. The wearing of masks will still be required at all Masses. Thank you for your patience and support. Wishing you all a healthy and happy Advent and Christmas.

DVD sale – A piano recital by Fr Manny:

Filmed in St Mary's when we had the magnificent Steinway piano on loan. These are available at the back of each Church or from the Parish office, at a cost of £13.00. The filming of the Church is wonderful and the selection of music includes Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, Debussy's Clare de Lune and a Chopin Nocturne. This would make a perfect Christmas present for a music lover! Any profit will go to our Piano Fund.

Service for the Bereaved:

An opportunity to light a candle before the Crib and remember our loved ones. **Wednesday 22nd December at 6:30pm**, in St. Mary's.

Altar Servers Mass: Monday 27th December

Mass will be at 10:00am at St Mary's and all Altar servers are invited to attend to renew your promises as Altar Servers and members of the Guild of St Stephen.

Christmas Craft Sale for Marekbodi:

The parish Craft Group are holding a sale **after the 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 12th December**. Besides a range of unique Christmas gift ideas there will be delicious cakes and other goodies to enjoy. All proceeds will go to St Joseph's Children's Home, Marekbodi.

"Children's Art Workshop": Saturday 18th December 09.30 am to 11.30am. Holy Family Church Hall.

Designed to explore the Christmas message through art and design.

Open to all children in the Parish (children under 6 years of age must be accompanied by an adult)"

ST.COLUMBA'S --- 'Christmas Big Clean' see details below and if you can spare an hour or so please come along and join our small group as follows: Tuesday 21st December – Meet 10am – If possible bring along some cleaning materials.

If you have any questions or require further information please contact:

Catherine Kerr – Tel: 01229 472687 email: ckerr37@hotmail.com'

Baptism: We congratulate **Khaye Anne Fernandes and Paige Bown** who were baptised last weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.