

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year C
19th December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Psalter Week 4
Weekdays Year 1



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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 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 Peter Ward (Grandpa) Birthday Memories Tommy, Patty and Stephen Oxley William Pharoah
	9:30am	St Columba's		
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		
	11:00am	St Mary's		
Mon 20 th Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Lynette Campbell
Tues 21 st Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Gerard Egan RIP
Wed 22 nd Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Derek Cockin RIP
Thurs 23 rd Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Joseph and Margaret Savage RIP
Fri 24 th Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Alan Barnes RIP
	4:00pm	St Mary's	CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL	Joseph Andrews Pat Wane RIP Margaret Turner RIP People of the Parish
	5:00pm	Sacred Heart		
	5:30pm	St Columba's		
6:30pm	St Mary's			
Sat 25 th Dec	9:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	Christina Dickinson Margaret Devlin RIP
Sun 26 th Dec	9:00am	Holy Family		Derek Walsh RIP John Speakman RIP Joe Nelson RIP George and Veronica Lavender RIP
	9:30am	St Columba's		
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		
	11:00am	St Mary's		

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, **Michael Holdforth** and **David Simm** whose Requiem Mass will take place at Sacred Heart **Monday 20th December at 10:15am.**

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

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 Masses Covid Guidance:

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have issued a statement in the light of which we propose the following for our Christmas Masses.

1. Worshipers are encouraged to take a lateral flow test at home before attending Mass. If the test is positive, we ask them to remain at home. The same applies if you are displaying any symptoms – please remain at home.
2. Face coverings – the wearing of these is compulsory for everyone over 11 years of age with the exception of those who have a medical exemption.
3. Members of the choir are allowed to remove their masks to sing. The congregation can sing but must continue wearing their face covering.
4. Singing will be permitted at the following points in the Mass:
Entrance Hymn
Gospel Acclamation
Offertory Hymn
Recessional Hymn
Music will be played on a speaker at Communion and all the other parts of the Mass will be said.
5. There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of this variant's viral transmission is through aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient. Hand sanitiser should remain available to all those attending the Church

Thank you for your understanding and patience. Let us do all we can to keep one another safe. One of the best ways to do this is by being vaccinated and so the Bishops have asked us to encourage you all to please get vaccinated and get the booster vaccination when available.

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.

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'

St. Columba's Carol Service - Donations on behalf of the 'Christmas Homeless Shelter' at the service came to £365.00 - sincere thanks to all who contributed.

St Joseph's Children's Home: Many thanks to Hilda and Josephine who have raised £280 from their plant sale and to the children and staff of St Pius School who raised £170 for St Joseph's. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Baptism: We congratulate **Georgia Kenny Hill and Zara McFall** who were baptised last weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Fr Manny and Fr Ajish would like to thank you all for your generous gifts and kindness and wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.