

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year C
6th March 2022
First Sunday in Lent
Psalter Week 1
Weekdays Year 2



Office hours:
Mon/Tues/Thurs 9:00 – 3:00pm
Wed/Fri 9:00 – 12.30pm
Deadline for newsletter: Wednesday
12:00pm

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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 5 th March	5:30pm	St Mary's	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	John Harrison RIP
Sun 6 th March	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		Margaret Turvey RIP Moira Doyle RIP Patrick and Cynthia Loughran RIP People of the Parish
Mon 7 th March	10:00am	St Mary's		Ellen Loughran RIP
Tues 8 th March	10:00am	St Mary's		Birthday Thanksgiving
Wed 9 th March	10:00am 6:30pm	St Mary's St Mary's		Betty Millard RIP
Thurs 10 th March	10:00am	St Mary's		Speedy Recovery – Helen Halliwell
Fri 11 th March	9:10am 10:00am	Holy Family St Mary's		William McDowell RIP
Sat 12 th March	11:00am	St Mary's		Hugh Denis Smith RIP
Sat 12 th March	5:30pm	St Mary's		William Savage RIP
Sun 13 th March	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	Beatrice Gaynor RIP Stan Coward RIP Edward Lawson RIP People of the Parish

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

Private prayer and Exposition will take place this week at 9.00am each morning. St Mary's will be left open after Mass for private prayer and personal visits until 2pm.

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish: especially those on the list at the back of church and for those who have died recently, especially **Raymond Birnie** whose Requiem Mass will take place on **Friday 11th March, 12:30pm at St Mary's** and **Mary Hunt** whose Requiem Mass will take place on **Wednesday 16th March, 12.00pm at St Mary's**.

First Holy Communion: Next meeting and Mass – Session 6 – **Monday 7th March 6.00pm** in St Mary's Church.

Weekday Mass: As from this week, the parishioners are welcome to attend the Masses with school children present. In fact these will now be regarded as the Parish weekday Masses with children in attendance, not school Masses as such.

Easing of Covid measures at Church:

As part of our gradual emergence from our covid restrictions, as from Sunday 13th March, social distancing will be restricted to the side aisles of our Churches. In the case of St Columba's, the benches on the left-hand side as you enter, from the middle row to the front bench, will remain a socially distanced area.

Masks are encouraged but are now optional, apart from in the socially distanced areas where they will still be required. Our offertory procession will resume.

Music in Church:

Also as part of the easing of restrictions, we will now sing the Entrance Hymn, Lord have Mercy, Sanctus Acclamation and Amen and Recessional Hymn. We will continue with taped music at the Offertory and Communion.

Children's Liturgy:

There will be a meeting for all leaders of Children's Liturgy and anyone who would like to become involved with the Children's Liturgy. This will take place at St Mary's Parish Centre after the 11:00am Mass on Saturday 19th March. We hope that as soon as possible after that date, Children's Liturgy for all Children up to Year 3 will resume. Those who will be preparing for First Holy Communion are requested to stay in Mass throughout.

Lenten Program – Journeying through Lent with Mary our Mother:

There will be a series of talks, followed by Rosary and Benediction given on Wednesday's 10th and 24th March and 7th April at 6:30pm in St Mary's Church and available on the live stream.

The first talk this **Wednesday – 10th March**, will be given by Fr Manny, examining our Lenten Journey in the light of the teaching of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Stations of the Cross:

St Columba's – every Friday in Lent at **6pm**

Holy Family - every Friday in Lent at **6pm**

Parish Pilgrimage: We now have further details regarding our proposed Parish Pilgrimage to Durham and the surrounding area.

We propose a 4 night,5 day visit to Durham, York and Whitby, departing on **Monday 29th August 2022 and returning Friday 2nd September**. We would be staying at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Durham, 3 course evening meal and breakfast included. All coach travel would be included in the price but lunches and admission costs to any places visited would be extra. **Cost per person (based on 2 adults sharing a twin/double room) - £449.00. Single occupancy - £559.00**

This provisional booking is based on a minimum group size of 25 and any reduction in numbers may affect the cost. It will be held until **18th March 2022** so we need to know definite places as soon as possible.

SHEC Events – Social Area at Sacred Heart Church

Shillelaghs and Shamrocks, St Patrick's Afternoon Tea Thursday 17th March 2022 12:00pm – 2:00pm

MENU: 4 different varieties of sandwiches, Scones with Jam and Cream and Cakes

Games and a raffle. Please wear something green if possible

These events are ticket only – tickets are £5 each. Please contact Soraya on **07596269397** for tickets. All proceeds go to the Churches Maintenance and Special Projects Fund

Day of Renewal: led by Sean Booth (Lay Missionary with St Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity)

Saturday 19th March 2022 10:00am to 4:00pm. The day starts with Mass at 10:00am at **St Clare's Church (Parish Hall)** Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR2 9HH. Please bring a packed lunch. For further information contact

Christine – 07745009694 or Annette - 07954429333

Stations of the Cross, will be held in St Columba's Church at 2pm, led by the children of St Columba's Catholic Primary School, on **March 10th, 17th and 24th**. All are welcome.

SHEC: wishes to thank all whom attended our Mad Hatter's tea-party and for creating such a wonderful atmosphere and feeling of community.

Many thanks for your participation in the hat parade - your creations were stunning, and you raised an amazing **£306.31p** for the Churches Maintenance and Special projects Fund. Please continue to support SHEC's next events.

Baptism: We congratulate **Rosie Grace Muir, Jack James Muir and Ariella-Rose Louise Wakefield** who were baptised last weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.