

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year B

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Psalter week 1

Weekdays Year 2



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**Office hours:**

**Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00 – 3:15pm**

Deadline for newsletter: Thursday

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](http://www.ourladyoffurness.org.uk) and follow the instructions on the website.

## Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	5:30pm	St Mary's	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Charles Morris RIP
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		George & Veronica Lavender RIP Sidney Harkin RIP People of the Parish Eileen Martin RIP
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am	St Mary's		Thanksgiving (CB)
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am	St Mary's		Mary Maginess RIP
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am 12 noon	St Mary's Hospital Chapel		Janey and Patrick Dolan RIP Patients and staff of FGH
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am	Sacred Heart	<b>St Ambrose</b>	Leslie Gallop
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am	St. Columba's	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	Peter Kerr RIP
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00am	St Mary's		Mary Smith RIP
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> December	5:30pm	St Mary's		Cath and Wilf Jesson RIP
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	People of the Parish Michael Mullen Pat Wayne Joan Cockin RIP Birthday Memories

**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:** and for those who have died recently, **Felix Coyle, Christopher Salmon, Paul Burns** whose funeral service will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 11:00am at St Mary's and **Nancy Rogers** whose funeral service will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm at the Trevelyan Chapel.

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**Advent Reflections:** Led by Fr Manny. "The Word became Flesh and Dwelt amongst us."

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm at the Parish centre.**

**Aid to the Church in Need:** Many thanks to the Ladies and Gents who provide lunch each week. Last week they made a **Red Wednesday** awareness lunch, for people suffering persecution for their faith. They very generously gave the donations, which amounted to £70. This will be used to provide a food parcel for displaced people in the middle east. Feeding the hungry near and far!

**Christmas Fayre and Celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception:**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 6:00pm at St Mary's.**

We hope that all our Churches and Schools will come together to celebrate as one Parish, our dedication to Our Blessed Lady on this wonderful feast. There will be a short service in the Rose Garden during which we will illuminate the statue of Our Lady and switch on the Christmas lights. Then there will be an opportunity to enjoy the fayre with food, mulled wine, crafts and fun stalls. Dalton Town Brass Band will play carols and Christmas music and the children will sing. I hope as many of the Parish as possible will join together for this special evening.

**HELP NEEDED!!**

We need lots of help please on **Thursday and Friday of next week to help put up Gazeboes and stalls** for the Christmas fayre and then take them all down again the following day. Anyone willing to help please meet in the Rose Garden after Mass (10:00am) on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and again at the same time on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**Barrow Classical Music Foundation:**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 3:00pm – Candlelit Christmas Concert**

Julie, Gillian, Fr Manny and Cameron come together under the warm glow of candlelight to perform a concert inspired by the spirit of Christmas. This will be a wonderful concert featuring traditional Christmas carols and Christmas classical favourites on the piano and organ. Join us for a mince pie and glass of mulled wine. All proceeds will go towards Mary's Meals.

**Walney Churches Together Choir: 2023 Christmas Concert**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm at St Columba's Church, Walney.**

Tea, Coffee and mince pies served. No door charge, however, donations would be appreciated for **Furness Homeless Support Group**.

**Dates for your diaries:**

Advent Reconciliation Service – **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm at St Mary's**

Christmas service for the Bereaved – **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 6pm at St Mary's**

**ST. COLUMBA'S - Christmas Coffee & Chat Get Together - Wednesday 13th December - Commencing 2:00pm.**

Free Entry - Raffle, Quiz, Bingo - Lots of Chat - Proceeds to Barrow Food Bank.

Donation of Raffle Prizes appreciated.

ALL Parishioners welcome

**Mary's Meals:** We have incredible news! From today until 22 January 2024, every donation made to our **Double The Love** appeal will be matched, up to £1 million.

Thanks to a group of generous supporters, your kindness will go even further. The impacts of rising costs, climate change and conflict have brought fear and uncertainty to many children and right now our life-changing school meals have never been more important.

Together, through **Double The Love**, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals.

**Standing orders and Gift Aid:** please, if you are setting up a standing order to pay your offertory donation, then you need to return the form to your own bank. However, to set up Gift Aid then please return the form to the Parish office. Many thanks.

**Could the person who posted 4 forms in an envelope through the door last week please contact the office as they need to be taken to the bank to be set up. Thank you.**

**Sick and Housebound:** If you are housebound or in hospital and would like to receive Communion, please would either yourself or a family member ring the Parish office and let us know and then this can be arranged.

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