

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year B

5th May 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

Psalter week 2

Weekdays of Easter

Office hours:

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00 – 3:15pm

Deadline for newsletter: Thursday

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 4 th May	5:30pm	St Mary's	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Lara Cunningham RIP Birthday Memories
Sun 5 th May	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		Veronica & George Lavender RIP Teresa Coward RIP People of the Parish Dick Woodman RIP
Mon 6 th May	6:30pm	St Mary's	Bank Holiday	Denise Walding
Tues 7 th May	9:30am	St Mary's		Iris and Tony Danker RIP Wedding Anniversary memories
Wed 8 th May	9:30am	St Mary's		Kevin Ross RIP Anniversary
Thurs 9 th May	9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 6:30pm	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Fr John Heaney RIP Fr Bernard Woods RIP Fr Gerry Dunn RIP Steven Evans RIP Anniversary
Fri 10 th May	9:30am	Holy Family		Praise and Thanksgiving successful operation - GR
Sat 11 th May	11:00am	St Mary's		Christopher Crosthwaite RIP Birthday Memories
Sat 11 th May	5:30pm	St Mary's		Intention of the McGuinness Family
Sun 12 th May	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish Colin Hodgson RIP Iris Danker RIP Brenda and Peter Daw RIP

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, especially **Jim Croskery, Fr John Heaney, Leanne Axford, Joseph McGowan and Teresa Dixon** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 10th May 11:00am at St Mary's.

Please note that on Monday 6th May Mass will be at 6:30pm because of the Bank Holiday and Thursday 9th May is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and is a Holy day of Obligation.

First Holy Communion: the next preparation session will take place on **Monday 6th May 6:00pm at St Mary's Church.** First Holy Communions will take place at all the Churches on **Sunday 12th May.** Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

St Columba's Catholic Primary School: you are welcome to join the school for the following activities:

Mini Vinnies: May 15th, 2024, 2pm in School

May Procession: May 20th, 2024, 2pm in Church

Year 6 will lead a St Columba's Feast Service: June 7th, 2024 in Church

Job Opportunity:

St Columba's Catholic Primary School is looking to recruit a teacher from September 2024. All information is on the website:

www.stcolumbas.cumbria.sch.uk/vacancies.

The Friends of St Pius X: CAR BOOT SALE

Bank Holiday **Monday – 6th May.** Gates open for setting up at 9:30am - **£5 per car**, just turn up.

Browsers from 10:00am 50p entrance fee. Sorry - no dogs allowed on School grounds.

St Pius Baby and Toddler group:

Every Tuesday in term time. 9:00am - 10.30am, just £1 per child, in our school hall.

Come and join our very friendly group for fun, chats and snacks. We can't wait to meet you.

Pray in May with Mary's Meals: Mary's Meals, named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, is built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love offered by those who believe in our mission. Thanks to your support, today more than 2.4 million precious children will receive life-changing school meals in 18 of the world's poorest countries. During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the hungry children who rely on Mary's Meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty. Please visit [Pray In May | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](http://Pray In May | Mary's Meals UK (marysmeals.org.uk)) to access prayer resources and see how you can support our mission. **Thank you** for all you do to help us continue this work.

CAFOD: The people of Sudan need our help urgently. We are launching an [emergency appeal](#) for donations to get aid to them on the biggest scale we can muster. When violence broke out last year in Sudan between government and paramilitaries, most aid agencies evacuated. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help, meaning severe delays in getting aid to the people, and the challenges of getting into areas where fighting is still going on remain. Many borders are shut as the government say they need to keep weapons out.

The situation has gone from serious to desperate very quickly. The UN is calling it 'the world's worst displacement crisis'. At least 8 million people have had to flee their homes; famine looms.

"At least 25 million Sudanese need immediate, emergency help. Families are already going hungry and famine is looming. This crisis threatens to become the worst in living memory." (Telley Sadia, CAFOD's country representative for Sudan). Our Caritas and Church networks are there when many aid agencies aren't, where people are in a desperate situation. The Church in Sudan is already responding and asking us to help them do more. Even in this year of economic stretch for many people here, we know that the Catholic community will want to respond with compassion to help people facing famine.

How your donations can help in Sudan

Food: Millions of families who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict and are now facing yet another urgent crisis – hunger.

Donations now will help provide emergency food packages, as well as other essentials like medicine.

Water: Water pipelines have been damaged, meaning that families are having to fetch water from unsafe locations. With your support, we can work to repair damage to pipelines and build new ones so that clean water can reach the communities who need it.

Sanitation: We are providing emergency sanitation in several of Sudan's largest refugee camps. This is a desperate need especially for the sick, the elderly, those with young children.

SHEC: wishes to thank all who attended the St George's Cream Tea and all those who made such delicious scones and cakes. You raised an amazing £165 for the Parish Maintenance Fund. Many thanks.

Debbie and Peter Morris: A big thanks for all who attended and contributed to the Afternoon Tea last week. A total of £480 was raised for St Joseph's which will pay for water purifiers for the girl's and boy's hostel.

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.

Baptism: we congratulate **Arthur Daniel Rhodes** who was baptised last weekend. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.