

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year B

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Psalter week 3

Weekdays of Easter



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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 11 <sup>th</sup> May	5:30pm	St Mary's	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Intention of the McGuiness Family
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		People of the Parish Colin Hodgson RIP Iris Danker RIP Brenda and Peter Daw RIP
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30pm	St Mary's		Joseph McGown
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30am	St Mary's	ST MATTHIAS	Birthday Blessings for GR and AM
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30am	St Mary's		Speedy Recovery
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30am	Sacred Heart		Jim Croskery RIP
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	11:45am	St Mary's	Requiem Mass	Anne Calvert RIP
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	11:00am	St Mary's		Brian Mellen and Gardner Family RIP
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	5:30pm	St Mary's		Anne and Lol's 55 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	PENTECOST	Monica McDowell People of the Parish Josie Southall RIP Ratna McIntee 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 **Fr John Heaney**, **Teresa Dixon**, **Joseph McGowan** whose funeral service will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 12:15pm at Thornccliffe Crematorium and **Anne Calvert** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 11:45am at St Mary's.

**CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal:**

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at [cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal](https://cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal). Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it.

You can also text Text **CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10**. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text **CAFODSUDANNOINFO** instead.

**We will be having a retiring collection at all Masses next week (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May) to support this appeal.  
Thank you for your generosity and prayers.**

**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

**All of our special ministers are asked to attend 11:00am Mass on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, followed by a meeting in the Parish Centre.** I urge everyone to attend if possible and if you are unable to attend, to please contact us to arrange an alternative date. We are obliged by the Diocesan Safeguarding Agency to review our practice, in light of current guidelines and to ensure that we are all complying with best practice.

Safeguarding is an integral and essential part of our Parish mission. Ensuring the safety and welfare of all is a primary responsibility. Having attended this day, we hope to set a date where we invite everyone to renew their ministry.

Only those who have completed the training will be able to renew their ministry.

I am very grateful to all our Eucharistic ministers. You do a wonderful job and we want to support your ministry through this important session on the 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**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.

**Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth:**

MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would essentially legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme and barbaric proposals. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>. The Bill will be debated on 15 May, so please contact your MP NOW.

Please pray for the defeat of these amendments, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

**Missio Red Box 2023: Thank You!**

In 2023, Our Lady of Furness raised £3,648.73 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Our Lady of Furness is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit [missio.org.uk](https://missio.org.uk) to find out more.

If anyone needs a Red box emptying contact **Teresa 07950691619** or take it to church. Please make sure your name is on it so she can get a receipt to you.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention – May 2024**

In May, we pray for those training for the Religious life and for the Priesthood. May they grow to be credible witnesses of the Gospel through the human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation they receive.

*'Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality, or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognise our great dignity.'*

**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 **Eric Cross Pedley** and **Orla May Marie Roberts** who were baptised last weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.