

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year B
26th May 2024
Pentecost
 Psalter week 4
 Weekdays Year 2



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 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 and follow the instructions on the website.

Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Sat 25 th May	5:30pm	St Mary's	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	The Waiting Family
Sun 26 th May	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		People of the Parish Gerry Steel RIP Anniversary Jean Murphy RIP Anniversary Anne Calvert RIP
Mon 27 th May	9:30pm	St Mary's	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	Alf White RIP Anniversary
Tues 28 th May	9:30am	St Mary's		Birthday Blessings for RM and RR
Wed 29 th May	9:30am	St Mary's		Elsie Hinchcliffe RIP
Thurs 30 th May	9:30am	Sacred Heart		Eddie and Kath Lennon RIP
Fri 31 st May	9:30am	St Columba's	VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Rita and Ray Thomson Wedding Anniversary
Sat 1 st June	11:00am	St Mary's		Brian Mellen RIP Anniversary
Sat 1 st June	5:30pm	St Mary's		Ann Austin
Sun 2 nd June	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)	Malcolm Mancey Jones RIP People of the Parish Alan Barnes RIP Anniversary Bruce Boyns

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 **Sheila Wane**, and **Liam Kelly**

Presbytery – Duke Street entrance: As from **Monday 20th May**, could all visitors, to the presbytery or the Parish office, please use the entrance on Duke Street, rather than the Howard Street door. We would like the doorbell on the Duke Street door to become the normal one to ring and this to become the main entrance to the house. Thank you.

**Debbie and Peter Morris are hosting an Afternoon Tea:
Thursday 13th June 2:00pm at Holy Family.**

Funds raised will go to St Joseph's school in India and will pay for flooring work in the dining area of the girl's hostel and plumbing works.

Please phone **475412** to book a place. Thank you.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

All of our special ministers are asked to attend 11:00am Mass on Saturday 15th 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 15th June.

Thank you and God bless.

Holy Family Tea Ladies: will be having a Tombola after Mass on Sunday 2nd June - proceeds for the Dementia Hub in Barrow. If anyone would like to donate prizes for this, please bring to Church or telephone Lois on 825260 to collect. Thank you.

Organ Recital: Friday 7th June 12:30pm at St Mary's by Ian Tracey – Liverpool Cathedral & Liverpool City Organist. Playing music by Albinoni, Bach, Haydn and Warlock. Free entry but donations welcome.

SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election:

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

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 amendments will be debated on 4 June, 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.

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 Margot, Yves and Evander Walker-Peters, Chester Crompton and Cove Scott who were baptised last weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.