

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year B
17th November 2024
33rd Sunday in OT
 Psalter week 1
 Weekdays Year 2

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 16th November	5:30pm	St Mary's	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Irene Turner RIP Anniversary
Sun 17th November	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		People of the Parish Bertha Whittam RIP Anniversary Shaun Cooney RIP Bill Evans RIP
Mon 18 th November	9:30am	St Mary's		Eileen Martin RIP
Tues 19 th November	9:30am	St Mary's		Pearl Knight RIP
Wed 20 th November	9:30am	St Mary's		Anne Calvert RIP
Thurs 21 st November	9:00am	Sacred Heart	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Martyn Denny Uridge RIP
Fri 22 nd November	9:30am	St Columba's	St Cecilia	Fr Derek Woodhead RIP
Sat 23 rd November	11:00am	St Mary's		Brian Mellen RIP
Sat 23 rd November	5:30pm	St Mary's		Gordon Wright RIP
Sun 24th November	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE	People of the Parish Joan and Bill Mullen Mark and Eric Winfield B M Boynes

Confessions are available after 11am Mass every Saturday or after Mass during the week on request.
Eucharistic Adoration 8:45am, Monday to Thursday provided there is a Mass in St. Marys that morning at 9:30am.

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish: and for those who have died recently especially **Fr Alf Parker; Renata Penar; Ann Craig; Albert Carroll** whose funeral service will take place on Monday 18th November 1:00pm at Thorncliffe Crematorium.

Please note that Mass at Sacred Heart on Thursday 21st November is at the earlier time of 9:00am

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's meeting. There were 3 areas which were discussed.

1. Shortage of priests
 2. Shortage of people attending Mass
 3. Financial situation
- There were numerous ideas which largely centred around finance and these will be discussed by the finance committee.
 - There was little discussion in regard to the two pastoral issues – lack of priests and lack of attendance at Mass. Clearly there is no obvious solution.
 - There is clearly a lot of worry and anxiety in the room at the prospect of closing any Church.
 - As the next stage we invite written /email submissions to the parish office (office@olof.org.uk) between now and Sunday 1st December.
 - We have formed a working group to study the submissions and will then produce a written response. The working group comprises of 2 members from each Church in addition to the clergy.
 - Given the urgency of our financial situation, we don't have much time to come to a decision. By early next year, whatever is decided will have to be submitted to the Bishop and the trustees.

Let us not be despondent. We, the parishioners, are the living stones which make up the Church. What matters above all is Jesus Christ in our midst, supremely in the Eucharist, the Mass, the sacrament of Charity. God Bless.

Christmas Fayre and Switching on of the Lights:

Thursday 12th December, 5:30pm at St Mary's.

There will be an opportunity to enjoy our annual fayre with food, mulled wine, crafts and fun stalls. I hope as many of the Parish as possible will join together for a fun evening with all proceeds going towards Parish Funds. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the back of each Church prior to the fayre taking place. Offers of help would be much appreciated.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE: Bp Paul Swarbrick will offer Mass for all the deceased clergy of the Diocese of Lancaster on **Tuesday 19 November at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster at 12.15pm**. He will be joined by the Canons of the Cathedral. All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to gather with the Bishop to pray for those priests, now departed, who have shared in your life of faith. The Mass will be followed by the blessing of the Cathedral graveyard. Please make every effort to come if you can.

Centenary Year: As part of the launch of the centenary year of our Diocese the Cathedral will be holding the Forty Hours exposition from **Thursday 21st November until Saturday 23rd November**. The particular intention of this period of prayer will be in thanksgiving for the mission of the Diocese over the last hundred years and seeking God's help for the years to come. The hours of exposition will be as follows:

Thursday 21st November 4pm-12 Midnight

Friday 22nd November 5am-12 Midnight

Saturday 23rd November 5am-6pm (when the exposition will conclude with Benediction)

On the afternoon of **Sunday 24th November** (the opening day of the Centenary year) the Bishop will celebrate Vespers (Evening Prayer) of Christ the King followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4pm in the Cathedral. During Benediction the Te Deum will be sung in thanksgiving for all the graces bestowed on the Diocese by God during the last century.

Furness Churches United Choir: Songs of Advent and Christmas from Seasons and Reasons

Friday 29th November 7:30pm St Mark's Church

Admission is free with a retiring collection to support Christian Music Ministries and St Mary's Hospice.

Dates for your diaries:

Advent Reconciliation Service – **Monday 16th December, 6:00pm at St Mary's**

Christmas service for the Bereaved – **Tuesday 17th December, 6:30pm at St Mary's**

Pope Francis Prayer Intention – November 2024

In November we pray with Pope Francis that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

Baptism: We congratulate **Violet Grace Hayton** who was baptised last weekend. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.