

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

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**1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**First Sunday of Advent**

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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## Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Kath and Colin Downing RIP
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>11:00am</b>	<b>Holy Family</b> <b>St Columba's</b> <b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>St Mary's</b>		Carla Hearn RIP Shaun Cooney RIP Barbara Kendall RIP Anniversary People of the Parish
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	9:30am	St Mary's		Jack Jones RIP
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9:30am	St Mary's	<b>St Francis Xavier</b>	Peter Kerr RIP
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am <b>11:00am</b>	St Mary's <b>Hospital Chapel</b>		Fr Alf Parker RIP
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am	Sacred Heart		Thanksgiving – Prayers Answered
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>St Columba's</b>		Ann Craig RIP
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00am	St Mary's	<b>St Ambrose</b>	Helen Dunn RIP Birthday Memories
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>		Doris and Rob Evans RIP
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>11:00am</b>  <b>11:00am</b>	<b>Holy Family</b> <b>St Columba's</b> <b>Sacred Heart</b>  <b>St Mary's</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	People of the Parish Golden Wedding Anniversary Stephen Fitzpatrick and Friends RIP Anniversary Tommy, Patty and Stephen Oxley RIP

**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, Kenneth Ogden, Terry Russell, Patricia Humphries** whose funeral service will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11:30am at Thorncliffe Crematorium and **Clifford Vincent** whose funeral service will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 11:30am at the Trevelyan Chapel.

**Bishop Paul:** As part of the preparation for the Jubilee Year and the celebration of our Diocesan Centenary, our Bishop Paul will be joining us to celebrate the **11:00am Mass at St Mary's on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**, the second Sunday of Advent.

**Christmas Raffle:** Raffle tickets will be on sale at the back of Church after each Mass this weekend - **£1 per ticket**. All proceeds towards Parish funds.

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

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at St Columba's Church.

All welcome to a wonderful concert with the choir and other soloists and musicians from our parish. Tea coffee and mince pies served. No entrance fee but donations, as usual, gratefully received for **Furness Homeless Support group**.

**Barrow Classical Music Foundation:**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm – Candlelit Christmas Concert**

Julie, Gillian, Fr Manny and Walney Churches Together Choir 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**.

**Adoration, Rosary and Benediction: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm at St Mary's** (The Feast of the Immaculate Conception)

Join us to pray for the future of our Parish – that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us to do what is right.

**Christmas Fayre and Switching on of the Lights:**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Bereaved Prayer and Reflection: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10:15am (after Mass) at the Parish centre.**

Bereaved members of the Parish are invited to gather together for a period of prayer and reflection. Coffee and cake available.

**St Mary's Christmas Clean:** if anyone could lend a hand with the Church cleaning and decoration for Christmas on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December after Mass** – it would be very greatly appreciated.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate any of the churches in memory of a loved one would you please leave it at the back of church after Mass on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

**St Bernard's High School:** are having a Christmas event alongside some of the primary schools from the Mater Christi Trust on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5:00pm**. It will be an evening of song and story and will involve pupils from St Pius, Sacred Heart and St Columba's. We hope it will be a festive and celebratory evening to share together alongside parents and members of our local community.

All of our parish are welcome to come and join in the event with us and get ready for Christmas together.

**Debbie and Peter Morris** would like to thank everyone for their support and donations for India. A total of £2,950 has been sent this year plus an additional £700 for the upkeep of three girls for boarding school and clothing donated from three parishioners. Thank you to all.

There will be an **Afternoon Tea on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm in the Parish Centre**. Peter and I are going to India in January and all funds raised will be taken over then. This will probably be our last trip as things closer to home need help. Phone **01229 475412** to book.

**Sacred Heart School:** We are looking for practising Catholics who want to support Catholic education by becoming a Foundation Governor at our school. Currently we have vacancies for 3 Governors who will help contribute to the ministry of the Church by making our school successful and ensuring that children are provided with a supportive environment within which they can learn and grow in their relationship with Jesus. Please contact the school if you are interested by emailing [office@sacredheart.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:office@sacredheart.cumbria.sch.uk)

**Baptism:** We congratulate **Gabriella Oluwatise Apapa** who was baptised at the weekend. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.