

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year C

8th December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Psalter week 2

Weekdays Year 1



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 7th November	5:30pm	St Mary's	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Doris and Rob Evans RIP
Sun 8 th December	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		People of the Parish Golden Wedding Anniversary Tommy, Patty and Stephen Oxley RIP Stephen Fitzpatrick and Friends RIP Anniversary
Mon 9 th December	9:30am	St Mary's	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Kevin Bewley RIP
Tues 10 th December	9:30am	St Mary's		Boylan and Gardner Families
Wed 11 th December	9:30am	St Mary's		Norah & Joseph Anderson RIP Anniversary
Thurs 12 th December	9:30am	St Mary's		Tony O'Kane RIP
Fri 13 th December	9:30am	Holy Family		Joan Knott RIP
Sat 14 th December	11:00am	St Mary's	St John of the Cross	Steven Evans RIP Birthday Memories
Sat 14 th December	5:30pm	St Mary's		Cath and Wilf Jesson RIP
Sun 15 th December	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Marion, George & Walter Blackburn RIP Ellen & Malcolm Kerr RIP Patrick Goligy RIP Anniversary People of the Parish

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 **Patricia Humphries, Clifford Vincent** whose funeral service will take place on Wednesday 11th December 11:30am at the Trevelyan Chapel, **Anne Tunn** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 13th December 12:00pm at St Mary's (reception into Church Thursday 12th December 4:00pm), **Patricia McLean** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 16th December 12:00pm at St Mary's (reception into church Sunday 15th December 12:30pm) and **Terry Russell** whose Requiem Mass will take on Wednesday 18th December 11:00am at St Mary's.

Christmas Mass Times:

CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday 24th December	9:30am	St Mary's
	5:00pm	Sacred Heart
	5:30pm	St Columba's
	7:00pm	St Mary's

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)	9:00am	Holy Family
	11:00am	St Mary's

St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day) - Altar Servers: Mass will be at **11:00am at St Mary's**. All Altar servers are invited to attend this Mass to renew your promises as Altar Servers and members of the Guild of St Stephen.

Adoration, Rosary and Benediction: Monday 9th 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 our Heavenly Father's will in all things.

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

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

Christmas Fayre and Switching on of the Lights:

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

Come and enjoy our annual fayre! There will be 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.

Bereaved Prayer and Reflection: Friday 13th 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 17th 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 15th 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 18th 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 16th 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.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention – December 2024

For Pilgrims Of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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 **Summer Elizabeth Ramsay** who was baptised at the weekend. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.