

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

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**26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Third Sunday in OT**

Psalter week 3

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](http://www.ourladyoffurness.org.uk) and follow the instructions on the website.

## Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Charles Morris RIP Anniversary
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am</b>	<b>Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's</b>		Pat McLean RIP Frank and Millicent Masson RIP Thelma Cullen RIP People of the Parish
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>10:30am</b>	St Mary's		Kathleen Margaret Smith RIP
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9:30am	St Mary's	<b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>	Josie Southall RIP
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9:30am	St Mary's		Stephen Shields RIP Anniversary
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>		Benedict Gaynor
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>St Columba's</b>	<b>St John Bosco</b>	Bridget Harding RIP
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> February	11:00am	St Mary's		Ann Craig RIP
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>		Kevin Slavin RIP
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am</b>	<b>Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's</b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	Derek Walsh RIP Tony O'Kane RIP People of the Parish Tony Milledge RIP Anniversary

**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 **Ian Whyte** and **Mary Simmons**.

**Please note that Mass on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February is at the later time of 10:30am**

**Liverpool Philharmonic:**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 11:45am – 12:15pm at St Mary's musical pop-up event.**

The performance will feature a String Quartet from the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. The musicians will include a selection of music including classical, pop and film/tv music.

Free Entry, all welcome.

**Rite of Election 2025**

This year the rite of election will take place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in the Cathedral.**

Parishioners, friends and sponsors are warmly invited to attend in support of those becoming Catholics. Refreshments will be served in the Cathedral social centre following the service.

**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**

11<sup>th</sup> February marks the patronal feast of our diocese. **The Bishop will celebrate Mass at 12.15 in the Cathedral** (at which the choir from the Cathedral primary school will sing). He will also celebrate vespers at 6pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

**First Holy Communion:** This will take place in all churches on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

The **parents** of those children who wish to make their First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) are invited to the introductory and registration meeting in the **Parish Centre** on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 6:00pm.**

**Walney Churches Together:**

A big thank you to Julia and her choir for raising the wonderful amount of **£875 for the Furness Homeless Support Group** from the Carol services held during December 2024. They have been supporting this charity for the last 22 years and have made an enormous difference, enabling them to continue their work with homeless and vulnerable people in the community. Well done to everyone involved.

**Barrow Classical Music Foundation Concerts at St Mary's:**

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2:00pm	Sam Kane (Violin) and Fr Manny (Piano) perform Vaughn Williams – The Lark Ascending and Bach A Minor Violin Concerto.
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2:00pm	Salwan Cartwright-Shamoon will perform a range of choral works, accompanied by Fr Manny.
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2:00pm	Verna Trio (Piano, Violin and Cello) from the Royal Northern College of Music (more details to follow)

**A Year of Hope: Introduction to the Jubilee Year**

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching [this inspirational event](#) (find it and other Jubilee resources at [cafod.org.uk/jubilee](http://cafod.org.uk/jubilee)). Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne: Following in the footsteps of St Cuthbert with Bishop Paul Swarbrick.**

As part of our diocesan celebrations of the Centenary, Bishop Paul will be leading a pilgrimage to the sites associated with St Cuthbert, co-patron of our Diocese.

The three-day pilgrimage will take in Holy Island and Bamburgh and Durham Cathedral, and we will be staying at the historic former seminary of the North of England, Ushaw College. The cost of the pilgrimage is **£310 for shared accommodation and £340 for single rooms, all inclusive**, with coach pick-ups at Workington and Carlisle. Please share this opportunity with your parishes and religious communities, and email [info@christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk](mailto:info@christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk) to request a booking form.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention – January 2025**

In January, we pray with Pope Francis for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, will always be respected.

*May the Christian community always be prepared to defend the rights of those who are vulnerable, opening wide its doors to welcome them, lest anyone ever be robbed of the hope of a better future.*

**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.