

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year C

2nd February 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Psalter week 4

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 1st February	5:30pm	St Mary's	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Kevin Slavin RIP
Sun 2nd February	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		Derek Walsh RIP Tony O'Kane RIP People of the Parish Tony Milledge RIP Anniversary
Mon 3 rd February	9:30am	St Mary's		The Burns Family RIP
Tues 4 th February	9:30am	St Mary's		Joseph Andrews RIP Birthday Memories
Wed 5 th February	9:30am	St Mary's	St Agatha	Tony Danker RIP Birthday Memories
Thurs 6 th February	9:30am	St Mary's	SS Paul Miki and Companions	Waiting Family
Fri 7 th February	9:30am	Holy Family		Holy Family School Nursery
Sat 8 th February	11:00am	St Mary's		Madge and Joe Higgins RIP
Sat 8 th February	5:30pm	St Mary's		Sally and Henry Roche RIP
Sun 9th February	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Marie Shaw RIP Peter Toole RIP Anniversary Joan Muldoon 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 **Ian Whyte** and **Mary Simmons**.

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.

First Holy Communion: This will take place in all churches on **Sunday 8th 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 10th February at 6:00pm**.

Rite of Election 2025

This year the rite of election will take place on **Saturday 8th 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

11th 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.

Barrow Classical Music Foundation Concerts at St Mary's:

Saturday 15th February 2:00pm Sam Kane (Violin) and Fr Manny (Piano) perform Vaughn Williams – The Lark Ascending and Bach A Minor Violin Concerto.

Saturday 22nd March 2:00pm Salwan Cartwright-Shamoon will perform a range of choral works, accompanied by Fr Manny.

Saturday 5th 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). 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 **21-23 May 2025** - 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 to request a booking form.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention – February 2025: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

In February let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.