

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year C
23rd February 2025
7th Sunday of OT
 Psalter week 3
 Weekdays Year 1



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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 22nd February	5:30pm	St Mary's	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	John Harrison RIP Birthday Memories
Sun 23rd February	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		People of the Parish Bridget Harding RIP Mary Goligy RIP Birthday Memories Margaret Bonner
Mon 24 th February	9:30am	St Mary's		Ann Craig RIP
Tues 25 th February	9:30am	St Mary's		Margaret Bonner RIP
Wed 26 th February	9:30am	St Mary's		One Sick M.ST
Thurs 27 th February	9:30am	Sacred Heart		Martin Denny Uridge RIP
Fri 28 th February	9:30am	St Columba's		Keith and Cliff Vincent RIP
Sat 1 st March	11:00am	St Mary's	ST DAVID	Sandra White RIP Anniversary
Sat 1 st March	5:30pm	St Mary's		Ian Whyte RIP
Sun 2nd March	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Len Kittley RIP Max Scattergood RIP Birthday Memories Liam, Holly and Georgia RIP 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 **Peter Crosthwaite** whose funeral service will take place on Thursday 6th March 1:00pm at Thorncliffe Crematorium.

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

Next preparation session – **Monday 24th February. St Mary's Church.**

Installation as a Canon of the Diocesan Chapter:

Bishop Paul has asked Fr Manny to become a Canon and he is to be installed at the Cathedral at **12 noon on Thursday 15th May**. The Chapter of Canons form the College of Consultors whose purpose is to assist the Bishop in his governance of the Diocese.

Lent:

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday on 5th March**. Mass and distribution of Ashes will be in **St Mary's at 9:30am and 6:00pm**

Stations of the Cross: these will take place every **Friday at 12:30pm in St Mary's beginning 7th March** and every **Wednesday at 6:00pm in St Columba's beginning 12th March**.

Adoration, Reflection and Benediction: will take place every **Thursday at 6:00pm beginning 13th March**.

Sacred Heart Quiz: 7pm on Friday, 28th February in the Social Area. **Entrance £5pp** - includes - Snacks, homemade Soups, French bread, and assorted cakes. Please bring your own drink. Tea and coffee will be provided. Donations for the raffle will be greatly appreciated. Monies raised will go to Mary's Meals. **Thank you, Ann 07835 944915.**

Lourdes: This year's Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **Monday 15th September to Saturday 20th September 2025**. This is a change to the proposed dates previously advertised due to flight costs. We will be travelling to Stansted on **Sunday 14th September**, staying overnight and flying to Lourdes the next day. The cost is approximately **£750 per person sharing or single room rate** approximately **£880**. Price includes transfer to and from Stansted, overnight stay at Stansted on the outward journey, flights (Ryan Air) with priority boarding and 2 bags, hotel with **half board** and transfer between Lourdes airport and Hotel Alba in Lourdes.

Booking forms are available from the Parish office or via email (requests to office@olof.org.uk) and should be returned with a **non-refundable deposit of £200** per person (payment details are on the booking form) by **Friday 28th February** please.

Barrow Classical Music Foundation Concerts at St Mary's:

Saturday 22nd March 2:00pm

Salwan Cartwright Shamoon (baritone) and Fr Manny (piano) perform a selection of songs from your favourite shows (*Les Mis, Allegro, Sound of Music, South Pacific & Oklahoma!*) along with some beloved Irish songs. Do come along and join us for a beautiful afternoon of music making.

Saturday 5th April 2:00pm

Verna Trio (Piano, Violin and Cello) from the Royal Northern College of Music (more details to follow)

CAFOD together with Lancaster Diocesan Faith & Justice Commission invite you to:

A Day of Reflection on the Jubilee Year – Saturday 5th April 2025 from **11am to 3.30pm** - all welcome to 10am Mass beforehand at **Our Lady & St Michaels Catholic Church, Banklands, Workington CA14 3EP**.

(Please bring your own lunch; tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided)

Keynote speakers: **Bishop Paul Swarbrick** and **Sr Margaret Atkins**, with workshops led by CAFOD and Lancaster Faith and Justice Commission. You are most welcome to attend for some or all of the day. The Day will culminate with a short afternoon Pilgrims Walk by the Solway Firth and Closing Prayer at 3.30pm. For those who want to join the walk, please bring suitable footwear and clothing. If you would like to attend, please contact Sue Grubic, Lancaster Faith & Justice Commission by email – sue.grubic@lrcd.org.uk or by text on **07791 444417**. Please also contact Sue if you need a lift to the venue or are willing to car share.

Mass attendance: -

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (16th February)

Holy Family - 128 St Columba's - 92 St Mary's – Vigil 98 11:00am 162 Sacred Heart - 113

Offertory Collection:

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (16th February) - £2,394.77 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.

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.