

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year C

30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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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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 29th March	5:30pm	St Mary's	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Anne Tunn RIP
Sun 30th March	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		Stewart Sheehan RIP Pauline Crossfield RIP People of the Parish Sheila Atkinson RIP
Mon 31 st March	9:30am	St Mary's		Catherine Smith RIP
Tues 1 st April	9:30am	St Mary's		Gerard Smith RIP
Wed 2 nd April	9:30am	St Mary's		Adrian Waite RIP
Thurs 3 rd April	9:30am	St Mary's		Veronica and George Lavender RIP
Fri 4 th April	9:30am	Holy Family		Hugh Dennis Smith RIP
Sat 5 th April	11:00am	St Mary's		William McDowell RIP
Sat 5th April	5:30pm	St Mary's		Julie Cunningham RIP Birthday Memories
Sun 6th April	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Edward Crayston RIP Frances Sear RIP For Persecuted Christians in Syria 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 **Sheila Farrelly, Peter Oakes** and **Margaret Cooksey** whose funeral service will take place on Tuesday 8th April 12:15pm at Thorncliffe Crematorium.

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

Next preparation session – **Monday 31st March. St Mary's Church.**

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

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

Gift Aid: As we approach the new financial year, please, if you are a tax payer, consider **gift aiding the contribution you make to the Parish collection**. By doing so, the Government will then give the Parish 25% of your contribution. So, for example, if you give £4- we receive an additional £1 from the Government. If you give £10, we receive an additional £2.50. the forms are available at the back of Church or from the Parish office – please complete and then simply return to the office. All information that you give us will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Thank you.

Standing order: rather than searching for cash each week, you may want to consider setting up a standing order. Please take a form available at the back of Church, fill it in and take it to your bank or building society. This is a much more efficient way to manage our Parish collection. Thank you for all you give and do.

Parish Afternoon Tea: Join us at the Parish Centre (Nelson Street entrance) on **Tuesday 1st April 2:00pm – 4:00pm for afternoon tea**. Cakes and savouries will be served and music provided by Nostalgia – it will be a lovely afternoon and everyone is welcome to come along and join us. There is no charge but **donations to Mary's Meals** would be much appreciated.

St Bernard's: We would like to invite you all to a performance of **'Born for this'** - a dramatic retelling of the Stations of the Cross through music and drama. The performance will include students from all the schools in our parish and further afield- St Bernard's, Sacred Heart, Holy Family, St Columba's, Our Lady's Dalton and St Mary's Ulverston. The performance will be at **5:00 pm on Wednesday 2nd April**. It promises to be a wonderful evening and you are all warmly invited. No tickets necessary.

St Pius: St Pius would like to extend an invitation to any parishioners who would like to join us for our end of term Mass on **Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am** with refreshments afterwards.

Debbie and Peter Morris: would like to thank everyone who gave donations towards St Joseph's. The money will be used to buy paint. We also have, courtesy of Fr Linto, all receipts and photographs of everything that was done last year. If anyone would like to see them, they will be at the back of St Mary's from Saturday 29th March. We will be continuing to fund raise for St Joseph's as circumstances have changed and we will be holding an Afternoon Tea in the near future. God bless and thank you.

Barrow Classical Music Foundation: Next Concert **Saturday 5th April 2:00pm St Mary's**
We welcome the **Verna Trio (Piano, Violin and Cello)** from the Royal Northern College of Music playing:
Haydn Piano Trio No 39 in G Major, Hob. XV:25: 'Gypsy'
Ravel Piano Trio
Arvo Part Mozart – Adagio for Piano Trio
Grieg Sonata No 3 for Violin and Piano

Craft Group Easter Raffle: the craft group will be selling tickets at the back of Church on the weekends of **29th/30th March** and **5th/6th April, £1.00 per ticket**. Raffle will be drawn on **Palm Sunday, 13th April**

Pope Francis Prayer Intention – April 2025

In April we pray with Pope Francis for the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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.

Mass Attendance: - 3rd Sunday in Lent (23rd March) Sacred Heart – 111, St Mary's – Vigil 110, 11:00am – 206, St Columba's – 90, Holy Family – 159.

Offertory Collection: 3rd Sunday in Lent (23rd March) - £2,992.36 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.