

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year C

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

Psalter week 2

Weekdays Year 1



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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
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> March	5:30pm	St Mary's	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	Karen Hodgson RIP
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		Fr John Heaney RIP Rita Johnson RIP Anniversary Mary Bray RIP People of the Parish
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30am	St Mary's	ST PATRICK	Michael Holmes RIP Birthday Memories
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am	St Mary's		JD and Family
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am	St Mary's	ST JOSEPH	Anne Tunn RIP
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am	St Mary's		Sheila Atkinson RIP Birthday Memories
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9:30am	Holy Family		Joan Knott RIP
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	11:00am	St Mary's		For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	5:30pm	St Mary's		Frances Sear RIP
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	People of the Parish Andrew Gawne RIP In Memory L, B, J & S Elsie Hinchcliff RIP

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**, **Frances Sear** and **Sheila Farrelly** whose funeral service will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 11:30am at Thorncleiffe Crematorium.

Please note that Mass at St Mary's on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March is at the later time of 10:30am

**Easter Choir:** Anyone who would like to come and sing in the choir for the Easter services, (even if not a choir member of any church at the moment) is welcome to come and join in. Practices start Wednesday 19th March and then every Wednesday until Easter at **St Mary's church 6:30pm**. Present choir members, please bring any music you already have.

God bless Julia Sharpe

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

Next preparation session – **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 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**.

**St Columba's: Tuesday March 25th 12:30 pm**

All are warmly welcomed to a "Light Lenten Lunch" of soup and sandwiches, at St. Columba's church (in the social area) served by some of our Year 6 school children - hope to see you there!

**Barrow Classical Music Foundation Concerts at St Mary's: This Saturday - 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Friday 21st March is World Downs Syndrome Day. The theme this year is "Improve our support systems"**

In the UK 90% of Downs babies are aborted. In some European countries it is 100%. In the UK a mother has the right to abort a Downs baby up to birth. Pray to improve their lives. Venerable Jerome Lejeune was the scientist who found the faulty gene which causes DS. People often celebrate Downs Syndrome day by wearing coloured mismatched socks. This is because chromosomes look like socks!

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

**IMPORTANT Petition:** Please consider signing the **Care Not Killing petition** which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people - including the elderly and disabled - feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives. Petition Sheets are the back of each Church.

**Lenten Almsgiving:** The Rwanda Group Trust, now under the patronage of **Bishop Paul Swarbrick of Lancaster**, is seeking to raise funds for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. Fr Placide in Cyangugu parish writes: **"In Rwanda, because the rains have been very late, crops were not grown well. Even though they have planted, they are not doing well. Poverty is so prevalent that children in schools are facing serious problems. The rain has been heavy in some places and houses have destroyed. However, people are helping each other to survive. May the Lord bless you."** There are many families, widows, orphans, poor children and sick people in Rwanda who need our help.

Please help us to help them. We have no paid employees or overheads. If you would like further information or to make a donation please contact:

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**Pope Francis Prayer Intention – March 2025**

In March we pray with Pope Francis for families in crisis.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**Mass attendance: -**

**1st Sunday in Lent (9th March)**

Sacred Heart - 110    St Mary's – Vigil -112  11:00am - 265    St Columba's - 111    Holy Family - 159

**Offertory Collection:**

**1st Sunday in Lent (9th March)** - (including standing orders) - £3,636.01. Thanks to all who have contributed.