

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

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**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

Psalter week 3

Weekdays Year 1



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**Office hours:**

**Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00 – 3:15pm**

Deadline for newsletter: Thursday

12:00pm

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 22nd March</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	Frances Sear RIP
<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am</b>	<b>Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's</b>		People of the Parish Andrew Gawne RIP In Memory L, B, J & S Elsie Hinchcliff RIP
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am	St Mary's		Deceased Members of the Millar Family RIP
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am	St Mary's	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>	Ged Egan RIP
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am	St Mary's		Eileen Fogharty RIP Birthday Memories
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>		Anne Calvert RIP
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>St Columba's</b>		Keith and Cliff Vincent RIP
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00am	St Mary's		Thonisson Family RIP
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>		Anne Tunn RIP
<b>Sun 30th March</b>	<b>9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am</b>	<b>Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	Stewart Sheehan RIP Pauline Crossfield RIP People of the Parish Sheila Atkinson 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 **Sheila Farrelly** whose funeral service will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 11:30am at Thorncliffe Crematorium.

**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.

**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 are 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**.

**Gift Aid:**

There will be a **Gift Aid appeal** on behalf of the Finance committee at the end of all Masses this weekend. Tax can be reclaimed @ 25p in the pound on whatever you give, however big or small. Example: If you donate £10, the tax paid on that (£2.50) can be reclaimed back for the benefit of the Parish. The more Parishioners who pay tax and allow us to claim tax back, the greater the benefit for the parish. Thank you to everyone who already contributes.

Gift Aid and Standing Order forms will be available at the back of each Church if you should wish to sign up and there will be a member of the Finance committee available to speak to if you have any questions.

**St Columba's: Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> April**. It promises to be a wonderful evening and you are all warmly invited.

**Parish Afternoon Tea:**

Join us at the Parish Centre (Nelson Street entrance) on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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** will be much appreciated.

**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**

**CAFOD:** In order to celebrate and commemorate the Jubilee Year, CAFOD and the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have commissioned an icon from Ethiopian artist, Mulugeta Araya. The icon depicts the scene of Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth, from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 4, announcing the year of the Lord's favour. The icon will visit **Lancaster Diocese from 26<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April** and will be on display in the **Lady Chapel at St Peter's Cathedral in Lancaster**. Accompanying the icon are resources for reflecting on different aspects of Jubilee from the scriptures and their relation to stories of people around the world today. Please do come along and visit the icon while it is with us in Lancaster Diocese and spend time in meditative and contemplative prayer, allowing God to speak to us in this Holy Year. To help you to reflect on the meaning of this special year, CAFOD will be hosting a short prayer and reflection time with the icon in the **Lady Chapel after the 12.15pm weekday Mass on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March, Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> March, Mon 31<sup>st</sup> March and Tues 1<sup>st</sup> April**. Please come along and bring a friend, all are welcome, no preparation is required. To find out more about the Jubilee icon visit <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-icon>

**Mass attendance: -**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (16<sup>th</sup> March)**

Sacred Heart - 117    St Mary's – Vigil -109 11:00am - 154    St Columba's - 99    Holy Family - 149

**Offertory Collection:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (16<sup>th</sup> March)** - (including standing orders) - £2,833.80. Thanks to all who have contributed.