

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

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**6<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Psalter week 1

Weekdays Year 1

**Office hours:**

**Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00 – 3:15pm**

Deadline for newsletter: Thursday  
12:00pm



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## Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> April	5:30pm	St Mary's	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Julie Cunningham RIP Birthday Memories
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		Edward Crayston RIP Frances Sear RIP For Persecuted Christians in Syria People of the Parish
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am	St Mary's		Mary Maginess RIP
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am	St Mary's		Norah and Joseph Anderson RIP
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am	St Mary's		Patricia Brennan RIP
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am	Sacred Heart		Mary Abraham RIP
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am	St Columba's		Ann Craig RIP
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> April	11:00am	St Mary's		Deceased members of Mellen and Gardner Families RIP
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> April	5:30pm	St Mary's		Mary McCartney RIP
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Bernard McGuire RIP People of the Parish David Charles RIP Peter McIntyre

**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 8<sup>th</sup> April 12:15pm at Thorncliffe Crematorium.

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

Next preparation session – **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. 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**.

**Polish Blessing of the Easter baskets: St Mary's Church on Holy Saturday - 17<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon.**

Everyone is welcome to come and take part in the celebration.

**St Mary's Easter Clean:** if anyone could lend a hand with the Church cleaning ready for Easter which will take place on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April after 9:30 Mass** – it would be very greatly appreciated.

We are still in need of extra volunteers to help with the regular Church cleaning once a month. If you would be willing to put your name on the rota, please contact the office with your details.

**Online Giving:** We now have a SumUp, Online giving account, where you can click on this link

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QFWNNVXN> or scan this QR Code to donate to 'Our Lady of Furness' Catholic Parish. This link will appear each week on the front page of the newsletter.

Thank you for all you give and do.



**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.

**Hindpool Afternoon tea:** – Thank you to everyone who attended this lovely event last week and a big thanks especially to the volunteers for all their hard work preparing it and to Nostalgia for the wonderful entertainment. **£278 was raised for Mary's Meals.**

**CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal:**

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at [cafod.org.uk/myanmar](http://cafod.org.uk/myanmar) or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

**CAFOD Lent Appeal – Thank you!**

Thank you for giving generously to CAFOD's Lent Appeal. In troubling times for our world, your donations this Family Fast Day help people like Lokho in Kenya build a safety net and prepare for whatever comes. In giving to support our sisters and brothers, we are truly pilgrims of hope in the Jubilee year. Find out more at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

**Canon Manny:** as you are aware Fr Manny is being formally installed as a Canon on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon at Lancaster Cathedral**. Several people have expressed an interest in attending so we were wondering about the possibility of coordinating some transport. If you would like to attend and need transport please let the office know as soon as possible.

Also – just as date for your diary – we are organising a night for our Parish to celebrate. There will a **Mass at St Mary's, followed by a Ceilidh and food in the Parish centre on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May**. More details to follow soon.

**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:** - **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (30<sup>th</sup> March)** Sacred Heart – 107, St Mary's – Vigil 108, 11:00am – 185, St Columba's – 80, Holy Family – 142.

**Offertory Collection: 4th Sunday in Lent (30th March)** - £3,107.80 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.

**Baptism:** We congratulate **Ellanora Maggie Wise** who was baptised last weekend. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.