

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year C

14th September 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Psalter week 4

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Office hours:

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00 – 3:15pm

Deadline for newsletter: Thursday
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Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Sat 13th September	5:30pm	St Mary's	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	Phil Tully 90 th Birthday Thanksgiving
Sun 14th September	9:00am	Holy Family		Anne Walsh
	9:30am	St Columba's		Netsy and Michael Holmes RIP
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		Wedding Anniversary
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of the Parish
Mon 15 th September	9:30am	St Mary's	Our Lady of Sorrows	Pearl Knight RIP Anniversary
				Helen (Nellie) Coulton RIP Birthday Memories
Tues 16 th September	9:30am	St Mary's	Sts Cornelius and Cyprian	Elizabeth Anderson RIP Anniversary
Wed 17 th September	9:30am	St Mary's		Safe Delivery
Thurs 18 th September	9:30am	St Mary's		Tommy and Family
Fri 19 th September	9:30am	Holy Family		Fr Leo Bamber RIP
Sat 20 th September	11:00am	St Mary's	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions	Maria and Peter Huntington Diamond Wedding Anniversary
Sat 21st September	5:30pm	St Mary's		Mary Cunningham RIP Birthday Memories
Sun 25th September	9:00am	Holy Family	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
	9:30am	St Columba's		Raymond Thomson RIP Anniversary
	11:00am	Sacred Heart		Thelma Cullen
	11:00am	St Mary's		Josie Southall 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.

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.

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish: and for those who have died recently especially **Eileen Williams, Peter Vince, Barbara Ireland** whose funeral service will take place on Tuesday 16th September 1:15pm at St Columba's, **Karen Smith** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 18th September 1:30pm at St Columba's, **Eveleen Cottam** whose funeral service will take place on Monday 22nd September 11:00am at St Mary's, **Thomas McCowan** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 22nd September 1:00pm at St Mary's and **Patrick Dolan** whose funeral service will take place on Thursday 25th September 11:00am at St Mary's

Church Closures: Bishop Paul has issued the decrees pertaining to the closures of Sacred Heart and St Columba Churches. The date of issue was the 10th September 2025 and the final Masses are proposed for **Sunday 28th September**.

Parishioners have a right to appeal the decision within 10 working days and appeals must be made for a compelling reason. The decrees are posted on the noticeboards at the back of all Churches and individual copies are also available.

New Mass Times: Our new Mass times, as from **Saturday 4th October** will be:

Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm

Sunday 5th – 9:30am Holy Family, 11:00am St Mary's.

We also propose to move the **weekday Mass time to 10:00am** instead of 9:30 to better facilitate the attendance of the children from our schools.

Confessions on Saturday will be moved to before Mass at **10:15am until 10:55am**. Then **Mass at 11:00am**.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **45 minutes before each Mass** on weekdays and Saturdays.

Sacred Heart Farewell Gathering – Friday, 26th September from 6:00pm. All past and present parishioners from the Sacred Heart Community are invited to come and meet up to share memories of life, worship, and celebrations at Sacred Heart church. We hope our newer parishioners will come and join us. Food will be provided, but please bring your own drinks. If you have any photographs or memorabilia that we can display, please contact Ann Newby on 07544 713240. For more information, please look at the posts on the parish website or Facebook page.

RCIA: There will be a meeting for anyone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church or who wish to enquire on Thursday 24th September at 6:30 in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

St Bernard's Catholic High School:

Open Evening - **Thursday 25th September 6:00 – 8:00pm**

Come and see our amazing Catholic High School and see our pupils and staff in action.

School tours can also be booked between **29th September – 23rd October**. Please call the school office on **01229 814560**.

Sacred Heart School: will be having a Harvest festival celebration after Mass on Thursday 25th September. All are welcome to join us for biscuits and songs for our final celebration in Sacred Heart Church.

Ministries: **Saturday 27th September 12 noon. Sacristans, Cleaners and Flower Arrangers** are invited to meet with Fr Manny. In the Parish Centre.

Please can I stress the importance of these meetings in helping us to reset our parish and I ask all ministers please to attend if possible.

Stop assisted suicide - further action needed!

As the assisted suicide Bill progresses through the Lords, Peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will have the most influence at this stage of the process. Right To Life UK has launched a new *EasyAction* tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

Mass Attendance: - Twenty Third Sunday in OT (7th September) St Mary's – Vigil 106, 11:00am – 160, St Columba's – 89, Sacred Heart – 92, Holy Family - 144

Offertory Collection: Twenty Third Sunday in OT (7th September) £3,528.70 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.

Baptism: We congratulate **Nevaeh Mariya Melwin** and **Jesse Ren Kaighan** who were baptised last weekend. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.