

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

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**30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Psalter week 1

Weekdays Yr 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
<b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Bill Evans RIP
<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>11:00am</b>	<b>Holy Family</b> <b>St Mary's</b>		People of the Parish Anne Fieldhouse
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> December	10:00am	St Mary's		Barbara Kendall RIP Anniversary
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	10:00am	St Mary's	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	Thanksgiving for 1 year Marriage Anniversary Anthony Burden
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>		
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	10:00am	St Mary's <b>No Mass</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary</b>	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>5:00pm</b>	St Mary's		Mary McGuinness
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>		Derrick Walsh RIP
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>11:00am</b>	St Mary's		Family Intention
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>		Pat Wayne
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Charles Johnson and Bertha Whittam RIP People of the Parish
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>		

**Confessions are available 10.15am – 10.55am every Saturday or after Mass during the week on request.**  
**Eucharistic Adoration takes place 45 minutes before each Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.**

**Please pray for those who are sick in our parish:** and for those who have died recently especially, **Anthony Burden** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 12:00pm at Holy Family.

**Please note:** Mass on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December is at the earlier time of **5:00pm** because of the Schools Advent service and Christmas Fayre.

**Advent calendars, Christmas cards etc** will be available on sale on weekends **29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> November** at 5:00pm Saturday and 11:00am Sunday Masses. Available also during the week on request.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:**

<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b> (Christmas Eve)	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b> (Christmas Day)	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>

**St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)** - Altar Servers: Mass will be at **11:00am** at **St Mary's**. All Altar servers are invited to attend this Mass to renew your promises as Altar Servers and members of the Guild of St Stephen.

**Tea, coffee and play:**

Tea and coffee will be served after 11:00am Mass every Sunday in the Parish Centre. There will be activities for the children so please come along if you can.

**St Columba's School:** Open Christmas Craft evening for perspective parents of nursery or reception children at St Columba's Catholic Primary School on **Monday December 1st between 4:00pm and 6:00pm**. Christmas crafts and snacks and meet the staff.

**Christmas Fayre and Switching on of the Lights**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 6:00pm at St Mary's.**

There will be an opportunity to enjoy our annual fayre with food, mulled wine, crafts and fun stalls. I hope as many of the Parish as possible will join together for a fun evening with all proceeds going towards Parish Funds.

**Light switch on:**

Children from our primary schools will be doing an advent service before the light switch on and Christmas fayre. The service will start at **5.30pm**. Please come along if you can.

**Walney Churches Together Choir:** Christmas Concert. **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm at St Mary's Church Duke St.** Music and songs by our amazing choir and soloists. Refreshments served. No door charge, however, **donations would be appreciated for Furness Homeless Support Group.**

**Advent Reconciliation Service:** Fr Ajish will be joining us to hear confessions - **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm.**

**St Mary's Christmas Clean:** if anyone could lend a hand with the Church cleaning and decoration for Christmas on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December after Mass** – it would be very greatly appreciated.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate any of the churches in memory of a loved one would you please leave it at the back of church after Mass on **13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you.

**An Invitation to all our Sick and Housebound Parishioners.**

You are warmly invited to a special Mass at **Holy Family Church, 2.00pm on Friday 19th December**. Mass will be followed by carols and refreshments.

Your Eucharistic Minister can arrange a lift for you with the help of the parish office.

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating together.

**Debbie and Peter Morris** would like to thank all those who supported the Afternoon Tea. A total of £290 was raised in addition to £100 donation from a parishioner for the upkeep of one of the girls in school. Thanks for all your support.

**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: Christ the King (23rd November)** St Mary's – Vigil 138, 11:00am – 228, Holy Family – 186. Total attendance – 552

**Offertory Collection: (23rd November)** £2,479.63 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.

**Baptism:** We congratulate **Hazel Ann Adarsh** who was baptised last weekend. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.