

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year A

14th December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Psalter week 3

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Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00 – 3:15pm

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12:00pm



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Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Sat 13th December	5:00pm	St Mary's	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Karen Hodgson RIP
Sun 14th December	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's		Veronica and George Lavender RIP Stephen Evans Birthday Memories
Mon 15 th December	2:30pm	St Mary's	Requiem Mass	Christina Watts RIP
Tues 16 th December	10:00am	St Mary's		Norman Gardner and Family RIP
Wed 17 th December	10:00am	St Mary's No Mass	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	
Thurs 18 th December	10:00am	St Mary's		Mike Mills RIP Birthday Memories
Fri 19 th December	2:00pm	Holy Family	Mass for the Sick and Housebound	Joan Cockin RIP
Sat 20 th December	11:00am	St Mary's		Brian Mellen RIP
Sat 20th December	5:00pm	St Mary's		John Manning RIP Anniversary
Sun 21st December	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Len Kittley RIP Phyliss Steel RIP Anniversary

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 **Christina Watts** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 15th December 2:30pm at St Mary's and **Kevin McCracken** whose funeral service will take place on Monday 29th December 2:00pm at St Mary's.

Please note that Mass on Monday 15th December is at 2:30pm and is a Requiem Mass. Thursday 18th December Mass is at 10:00am instead of 6:00pm. On Friday Mass is at 2:00pm and is for the sick and housebound.

Christmas service for the Bereaved – Monday 22nd December 6:30pm at St Mary's

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

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

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.

Sandra White's Craft Group: have recently given the fantastic amount of **£1455.00 towards Parish funds**- raised from their craft sales, raffle, parish fayre, tombola and cake sales. We thank them for all their hard work and wonderful support to the parish throughout the year.

Barrow Classical Music Foundation:**Candlelit Christmas concert in St Mary's - Friday 19th December at 6:30pm**

Violinist Sam Kane and the Agogo Quartet will be playing a wonderful selection of beloved Christmas music in the beautiful candlelit setting of St Mary's.

Favourites pieces include Vivaldi's Winter from the Four Seasons, Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Sleigh Ride, White Christmas, Let it Snow etc.

Come along and enjoy some warm mulled wine, mince pies and festive music.

Admission is free but donations gratefully received.

Lourdes: This year's Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **Friday 28th August to Wednesday 2nd September 2026**. We will be travelling to Stansted on **Thursday 27th August**, staying overnight and flying to Lourdes the next day. The cost is approximately **£775 per person sharing or single room rate** approximately **£960**. Price includes transfer to and from Stansted, overnight stay at Stansted on the outward journey, flights (Ryan Air) with priority boarding and 2 bags, hotel with **half board** and transfer between Lourdes airport and Hotel Alba in Lourdes. Booking forms are available from the Parish office or via email (requests to office@olof.org.uk) and should be returned with a **non-refundable deposit of £200** per person (payment details are on the booking form) by **Friday 27th February 2026** please.

Walney Churches Together Choir raised the wonderful amount of **£1242.00 for Furness Homeless Support Group**.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the concert and for your great generosity. Congratulations to Julia and all the wonderful performers. It was a great concert.

Debbie and Peter Morris would like to thank the parishioners who donated towards the upkeep of the three girls at St Joseph's – their fees for the year are now covered. God Bless.

Spirit of Christmas: Wednesday 17th December 2025 5:00pm at St Bernard's School.

This is the perfect way to embrace the magic of Christmas with joyful music, beautiful moments and a welcoming atmosphere.

All are welcome to join us.

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 and Anointing of the Sick 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.

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: Second Sunday of Advent (7th December) St Mary's – Vigil 136, 11:00am – 192, Holy Family – 188.

Total attendance – 516

Offertory Collection: First Sunday of Advent (7th December) £3,153.83 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.

Baptism: We congratulate **Iraah Mac Allington** who was baptised last weekend. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.