

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year A

1st February 2026

4th Sunday in OT

Psalter week 4

Weekdays Yr 2

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
Saturday 14th February	5:00pm	St Mary's	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Eileen and Sidney Harkin RIP
Sunday 15th February	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's		Kathleen Ryan RIP Anne Fitzpatrick RIP Anniversary
Monday 16th February	10:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Tuesday 17th February	10:00am	St Mary's		
Wednesday 18th February	10:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's	ASH WEDNESDAY	Kathleen and Gerard Downing RIP Brendan Keogh
Thursday 19th February	10:00am	St Mary's		
Friday 20th February	10:00am	Holy Family	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Saturday 21st February	11:00am	St Mary's		
Saturday 21st February	5:00pm	St Mary's		
Sunday 22nd February	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	Joan and John Speakman RIP Wedding Anniversary Memories Mary Adair RIP

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 **Fr Peter Foulkes and Isabelle Oliver** and Maureen Mullen whose funeral service will take place on Tuesday 17th February 11:00am at Thorncliffe Crematorium.

Lent: begins with **Ash Wednesday on 18th February**. Mass and distribution of Ashes will be in **St Mary's** at **10:00am** and **6:00pm**

Stations of the Cross: these will take place every Friday at 12:30pm in St Mary's beginning 20th February.

First Holy Communion: This will take place in all churches on **Sunday 7th June 2026**.

The **parents** of those children who wish to make their First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) are invited to the introductory and registration meeting in the **Parish Centre** on **Monday 23rd February at 6:00pm**.

Easter Choir: The first rehearsal for the Easter Choir will take place on **Wednesday 25th February 6:30pm at St Mary's**. All are welcome to join.

Barrow Classical Music Foundation:

Furness Festival Strings concert Friday 27th February 7:00pm at St Mary's Church.

The Orchestra, led by Sam Kane, will be playing Grieg, Bach and one of Sam's own compositions called 3 Northern Landscapes for Orchestra, Solo Soprano, Horn and Harp. Fr Manny will be joining with the Orchestra for a performance of Bach's First Piano Concerto. This will be a varied and beautiful concert – not to be missed!

Teresa O'Dea and Frances Ryan would like to earnestly thank parishioners for their abundant love, kindness and friendship during their heartbreak, losing dear Kathleen. Thank you to everyone who attended her beautiful Reception and Requiem Mass, ministered by Canon Manny, with Deacon Steve – or for keeping us your prayers, if you weren't able to attend – making it, the sacred, special day it truly was. Thank-you also, for your contributions towards Our Lady of Furness and Fr Raymond McKee (Oldham), in Kathleen's memory and your continued prayers today. We thank God for being part of such a wonderful Parish community.

Youth Club: The youth team at Castlerigg have been in touch with us to see if they could help us establish a youth club here in our Parish Centre. In order to do this, we need volunteers to run the club. The Castlerigg team will provide training and back up initially. It is hoped that the club run fortnightly. The parish meeting, led by the Castlerigg team has been postponed till a later date to give us time to recruit some volunteers. **If you are willing to volunteer or would like more information, please let us know in advance of the meeting.**

Day of Renewal: 'Unpacking the Paschal Mystery – to get the best Celebration of Easter'.

Led by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy (Congregation of the Holy Spirit)

Saturday 28th February 2026, 10:00am – 4:00pm. The day starts with Mass at 10:00am at **St Clare's Church, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood Preston PR2 9HH.**

Please bring a packed Lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

For more information contact **Christine 07745009694** or **Annette 07954429333**

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Catholic Family Retreat at Castlerigg Manor // March 27-29th // £160-230 per family- For the first time since Covid, Castlerigg Manor are bringing back their popular family retreats. There will be streams for different ages and fun activities for everybody including Mass in the evening and time to explore Keswick. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> events

May Half Term B&B Stays at Castlerigg Manor - In May half-term, Castlerigg Manor (Catholic retreat centre in Keswick, Cumbria) will once again be opening their doors for B&B stays. A great way for families, groups of friends, and individuals to get an affordable stay in Keswick. Mass will be provided on site. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> stay with us

Pope's Prayer Intention for February:

In February, let us pray with Pope Leo that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Mass Attendance: Fourth Sunday in OT (1st February 2026) St Mary's – Vigil 129, 11:00am – 260, Holy Family – 210.

Total attendance – 599

Fifth Sunday in OT (8th February 2026) St Mary's – Vigil 141, 11:00am – 252, Holy Family – 187. Total attendance – 580

Offertory Collection: Fourth Sunday in OT (1st February 2026) £2,857.22 (including standing orders).

Fifth Sunday in OT (8th February 2026) £3,628.43 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.