

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year A

22nd February 2026

First Sunday in Lent

Psalter week 1

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 21st February	5:00pm	St Mary's	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	John Harrison RIP Birthday Memories
Sunday 22nd February	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's		Joan and John Speakman RIP Wedding Anniversary Memories Mary Adair RIP
Monday 23rd February	10:00am	St Mary's		
Tuesday 24th February	10:00am	St Mary's		
Wednesday 25th February	10:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Thursday 26th February	6:00pm	St Mary's		
Friday 27th February	10:00am	Holy Family	LENT FAST DAY	Holy Family School and Nursery
Saturday 28th February	11:00am	St Mary's		
Saturday 28th February	5:00pm	St Mary's		
Sunday 1st March	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	Rita Johnson RIP Anniversary Peter Flood

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 **Maureen Mullen, Bryan Mills and Kathleen Sheppard.**

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

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.

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.

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**.

Hindpool Lunch Team – Afternoon Tea:

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event a great success and to everyone who came along to support it. £1,000 was raised for Furness MND which is a wonderful amount. Well done to everyone.

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!

Hospital Visitors:

If anyone is willing to become a hospital visitor and to take Holy Communion to the sick, **please contact the clergy or the Parish office**.

FGH will provide induction and training. To make the task not too daunting, we would simply assign one ward to each volunteer and ask if they could pay a weekly visit. This would be a great help in enabling us to fulfill our chaplaincy ministry in the hospital.

Thank You

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**

Furness Churches United Choir:

'Greater Than Gold' The story of Mary Jones and her Bible

Friday 20th March 7:30pm St Mark's Church Barrow.

Admission is free with a retiring collection to support Christian Music Ministries and St Mary's Hospice

SPUC: The House of Lords is currently debating an extreme amendment to the Government's Crime and Policing Bill, which would allow women to self-induce their own abortions for any reason, and at any gestation. The last chance to remove this amendment will be at Report Stage, expected on the 11 or 17 March.

Please act now to stop this barbaric proposal. Find out more and use SPUC's tool to write to members of the House of Lords by going to <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/>

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: Sixth Sunday in OT (15th February 2026) St Mary's – Vigil 132, 11:00am – 258, Holy Family – 187.
Total attendance – 577

Offertory Collection: Sixth Sunday in OT (15thFebruary 2026) £2,620.77 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.