

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year A
22nd March 2026
Fifth 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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All Masses at St Mary's are live streamed. Visit www.ourladyoffurness.org.uk and follow the instructions on the website.

Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Saturday 21st March	5:00pm	St Mary's	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd March	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's		Anthony Burden RIP Anne Turner RIP
Monday 23 rd March	10:00am	St Mary's		Stephen Fitzpatrick RIP Birthday Memories
Tuesday 24 th March	10:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Wednesday 25 th March	11:00am	Holy Family Schools attending	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	James, Marie and Peter Millar RIP
Thursday 26 th March	10:00am	St Mary's	Requiem Mass	Jim Rafferty RIP
Friday 27 th March	11:00am	St Mary's	Requiem Mass	Mary Nelson RIP
Saturday 28 th March	11:00am	St Mary's		Frances Ballantyne
Saturday 28th March	5:00pm	St Mary's		Keith Vincent RIP Birthday Memories
Sunday 29th March	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	PALM SUNDAY	Dom Ruscillo RIP Sheila Taylor 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 **Jim Rafferty** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 26th March 10:00am at St Mary's (Jim will be received into Church on Wednesday 25th March at 5:00pm); **Mary Nelson** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 27th March 11:00am at St Mary's (Mary will be received into Church on Thursday 26th March at 5:00pm) and **Patricia Leech** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 30th March 12noon at St Mary's.

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

CHRISM MASS: This will be held on **Thursday 2nd April 11.30am** at **St. Peter's Cathedral Lancaster**. This Mass is open to parishioners.

Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Followed by watching until **10:00pm**.

Please note there is **No MASS** at St Mary's on Holy

Thursday morning.

Holy Saturday:

10:00 am: Morning Prayer

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Good Friday:

10:00 am Morning Prayer

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Easter Day: Both Masses are as on a normal Sunday

9:30am Holy Family

11:00am St Mary's

Altar Servers: All altar servers are requested to serve at all of the Holy Week Services. There will be practices at the following times: **Holy Thursday 6:15pm; Good Friday 10:30am; Holy Saturday 10:30am**. Thank you.

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

The next preparation meeting will take place in the **Parish Centre** on **Monday 20th April at 6:00pm**.

St Mary's Easter Clean: if anyone could lend a hand with the Church cleaning ready for Easter which will take place on **Tuesday 31st March after 10:00 Mass** – it would be very greatly appreciated.

We are still in need of extra volunteers to help with the regular Church cleaning once a month. If you would be willing to put your name on the rota, please contact the office with your details.

Mass Intentions: Recently an opportunist thief came through the Church into the Parish office and stole our diary containing all our Mass intentions and some cash. In consequence, we do not have any record of our forthcoming Mass intention requests. If you have put in a Mass intention and are waiting for it to be said, please will you email the parish office to let us know what date and time you requested, the Church and the name of the intention. We will endeavour to then recompile the Mass diary and celebrate the intentions when requested if possible. Please do not be paying any money – the loss of the stipends is our responsibility. It goes without saying that we are reviewing security in the presbytery and office. We ask you please to be vigilant in noticing suspicious behaviour around the Church. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

Lourdes: We only have 5 places left for our pilgrimage to Lourdes. This will take place from **Friday 28th August to Wednesday 2nd September 2026**. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in coming.

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).

Barrow Classical Music Foundation:

Next Concert: This Saturday 28th March 2:30pm in St Mary's

Distinguished Hungarian Pianist – Daniel Lehardt will perform music by Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin and Schubert. All are welcome, admission is free but there will be a retiring collection.

Parish Quiz: at Holy Family Hall - Friday 17th April at 7:00pm

Charge £7 per person, which includes a buffet with tea and coffee. Other beverages will be available.

Please bring your friends or family. Book early to avoid disappointment. **Tickets will be available from 22nd March.**

Also donations for the raffle will be appreciated: Diamonds, Pearls, that sort of thing.

All profits will go to **Marys Meals**.

Feel free to ring **Ann Newby** on **07544713240** (or email me at ann.newby@btopenworld.com) or **Liz Nugent** on **0785750709** for more information.

Mass Attendance: Fourth Sunday in Lent (15th March 2026) St Mary's – Vigil 133, 11:00am – 265, Holy Family – 186.
Total attendance – 584

Offertory Collection: Fourth Sunday in Lent (15th March 2026) £2486.71 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.

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.