

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year A

15th March 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalter week 4

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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 14 th March	5:00pm	St Mary's	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Karen Hodgson RIP Birthday Memories
Sunday 15 th March	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's		Margherita Mascaghi RIP Murphy and Harper Families
Monday 16 th March	10:00am	St Mary's		Special Intention
Tuesday 17 th March	9:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Wednesday 18 th March	10:00am	St Mary's		Michael Holmes RIP Birthday Memories
Thursday 19 th March	10:00am	St Mary's	ST JOSEPH	Mary Nelson RIP
Friday 20 th March	10:00am	Holy Family		Susan Green (nee Dunne) RIP
Saturday 21 st March	11:00am	St Mary's		Anne Rogers RIP
Saturday 21 st March	5:00pm	St Mary's		People of the Parish
Sunday 22 nd March	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Anthony Burden RIP Anne Turner 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 **Bryan Mills; Paul Scott; Paul Lashmar, 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) and **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)

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

Please note that there is no Mass on Tuesday 17th March but there will be a Mass on Wednesday 18th March instead.

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 23rd March 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.

Lourdes: We still have a few spare places for our pilgrimage to Lourdes. This 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) as soon as possible please.

Odd Socks Day: World Downs Syndrome Day - Saturday 21st March.

Theme- 'Together against loneliness'. We wear odd socks to mark the day.

For more, read page 2 of the March issue of the Catholic Voice.

Barrow Classical Music Foundation:

Next Concert: 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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for March:

In March, let us pray with Pope Leo that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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.

Mass Attendance: Third Sunday in Lent (8th March 2026) St Mary's – Vigil 137, 11:00am – 243, Holy Family – 178.
Total attendance – 558

Offertory Collection: Third Sunday in Lent (8th March 2026) £3,789.40 (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.