

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

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1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

Psalter week 2

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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 28 <sup>th</sup> February	5:00pm	St Mary's	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	Sally and Henry Roche RIP
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's		Rita Johnson RIP Anniversary Peter Flood
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10:00am	St Mary's		Peter Daw RIP Birthday Memories
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10:00am	St Mary's		Carol Penellum
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	6:00pm	St Mary's		Benedict Gaynor
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00am	Holy Family		Dinah Canott
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00am	St Mary's		Peter McIntyre
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	5:00pm	St Mary's		Kathleen Ryan RIP
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	Fr Peter Foulkes RIP Neil McMillan

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 **Anne Rogers (nee Poole)**; **Kathleen (Pat) Sheppard** whose funeral service will take place on Monday 2nd March 1:00pm in the Trevelyan Chapel; **Bernard Quinn** whose funeral service will take place on Thursday 5th March 12:00pm in Thorncliffe Crematorium; **Bryan Mills** whose funeral service will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2:30pm in the Trevelyan Chapel and **Paul Scott** whose funeral service will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 1:00pm in St Mary's Church.

**Stations of the Cross:** these will take place every **Friday in Lent 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.

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

The next preparation meeting will take place in the **Parish Centre on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm.**

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://castleriggmanor.com) >> stay with us

**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 Attendance: First Sunday in Lent (22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026)** St Mary's – Vigil 138, 11:00am – 271, Holy Family – 185. Total attendance – 594

**Offertory Collection: First Sunday in Lent (22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026)** £2,625.24 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.