

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness






Year A
5th April 2026
Easter Sunday
Weekdays Octave

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 4th April	8:00pm	St Mary's	EASTER VIGIL	Julie Cunningham RIP
Sunday 5th April	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	EASTER SUNDAY	Jim Rafferty RIP Ann Craig RIP
Monday 6 th April	10:00am	St Mary's	EASTER MONDAY	Mary Jackson
Tuesday 7 th April	10:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Wednesday 8 th April	10:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Thursday 9 th April	10:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Friday 10 th April	10:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Saturday 11 th April	11:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Saturday 11th April	5:00pm	St Mary's		David Charles RIP
Sunday 12th April	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Jim and Vera Finch Mary McCartney RIP Anniversary

No Confessions on Saturday 11th April

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish: and for those who have died recently especially **Dr Keith Mangal, Patricia Leech, Jennifer Smith** whose funeral service will take place on Tuesday 7th April 2:00pm at St Mary's and **Roger Kendall** whose funeral service will take place on Wednesday 8th April 12:00noon.

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 27th April at 6:00pm.**

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.

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).

Gift Aid: As we approach the new financial year, please, if you are a taxpayer, consider **gift aiding the contribution you make to the Parish collection**. By doing so, the Government will then give the Parish 25% of your contribution. So, for example, if you give £4- we receive an additional £1 from the Government. If you give £10, we receive an additional £2.50. the forms are available at the back of Church or from the Parish office – please complete and then simply return to the office. All information that you give us will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Thank you.

Gift Aid Envelopes: The new envelopes are ready for collection at the back of Church. If you wish to have a box so you can gift aid your offertory contribution, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Standing order: rather than searching for cash each week, you may want to consider setting up a standing order. Please take a form available at the back of Church, fill it in and take it to your bank or building society. This is a much more efficient way to manage our Parish collection. Thank you for all you give and do.

Special Collections: we have a small number of boxes of special collection envelopes available for anyone whose pays their offertory donations by standing order but would like to be able to gift aid their special collection donations. Please contact the office if you would like a box.

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 from the back of Church or the Parish Office.**

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for April:

In April, let us pray with Pope Leo for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

"You who know their struggles and wounds. Renew in them the certainty of your unconditional love. Let them feel they are not mere functionaries or lonely heroes, but beloved sons, humble and cherished disciples and pastors sustained by the prayer of their people."

Mass Attendance: Palm Sunday (29th March 2026) St Mary's – Vigil 173, 11:00am – 279, Holy Family – 200. Total attendance – 652

Offertory Collection: Palm Sunday (29th March 2026) £2095.34 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.

Fr Manny and Deacon Steve wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter and thank you for all your kindness and generosity.