

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year A

26th April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalter week 4

Weekdays of Easter



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Office hours:

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00 – 3:15pm

Deadline for newsletter: Thursday

12:00pm

Please note: CCTV cameras are used in the church and areas surrounding it.

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 25 th April	5:00pm	St Mary's	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Bill Evans RIP Anniversary
Sunday 26 th April	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	Vocations Sunday	Iris and Tony Danker RIP Kathleen Morris RIP Anniversary
Monday 27 th April	10:30am	St Mary's	Requiem Mass	Dr Keith Mangal RIP
Tuesday 28 th April	10:00am	St Mary's		JS Thanksgiving
Wednesday 29 th April	10:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Thursday 30 th April	6:00pm	St Mary's		Teresa and Kathleen's Birthday
Friday 1 st May	10:00am 12:30pm	Holy Family St Mary's	Requiem Mass	Tommy McCowan RIP Perter Downing RIP
Saturday 2 nd May	11:00am	St Mary's	St Athanasius	Joseph and Norah Anderson
Saturday 2 nd May	5:00pm	St Mary's		David Charles RIP
Sunday 3 rd May	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Benedict Gaynor Mary and John Wallace

Next Sunday is Communications Day – Special Collection.

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 **Dr Keith Mangal** whose Requiem Mass is on Monday 27th April, 10:30am at St Mary's and **Peter Downing** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 1st May, 12:30pm at St Mary's (Peter will be received into Church on Thursday 30th April at 4:00pm).

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.**

Parish Quiz:

A great big thank you to all who helped make the quiz night a great success. **£605 was raised for Mary's Meals.** So many people offered to help for the night, and we are very grateful to all of you.

God bless,
Ann and Liz. Xxx

Yalumba School, Chadiza in Zambia is the school which the parish have been so generously sponsoring. The sponsorship for this current year to feed the 243 children is £4653, and the fundraising period is due to end on 2/2/27. Below is the link to the parish online project page for the current year's sponsorship that you can donate directly to if you so wish.

[Our Lady of Furness Church - Fundraising - Mary's Meals](#) Many thanks for your ongoing support and generosity.

Barrow Classical Music Foundation:

Next Concert – **Friday 8th May 7:00pm at St Mary's.**

Fr Manny and Sam Kane playing Brahms Violin Sonata No 1, Vivaldi Spring (Four Seasons), Rachmaninoff and Schubert.

'Day for Discerning Vocation to the Priesthood'

Bishop Paul invites you to join him at Lancaster Cathedral, along with others from across our diocese, at the next 'Day for Discerning Vocation to the Priesthood': **Saturday 30 May beginning with Mass at 12.15pm.** He looks forward to joining you for lunch and the opportunity to talk and reflect together.

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly.

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: *"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."*

Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.castleriggmanor.com >> **stay with us** or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / **017687 72711**

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. **Interested?** Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com >> **join the team**

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for May:

In May, let us pray with Pope Leo that everyone might have food:

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Mass Attendance: Second Sunday of Easter (12th April 2026) St Mary's – Vigil 134, 11:00am – 274, Holy Family – 184. Total attendance – 592

Third Sunday of Easter (19th April 2026) St Mary's – Vigil 132, 11:00am – 234, Holy Family – 212. Total attendance – 578

Offertory Collection: Second Sunday of Easter (12th April 2026) £2,582.84 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.

Third Sunday of Easter (19th April 2026) £2878.99 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.