

# The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year A

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalter week 1

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](http://www.ourladyoffurness.org.uk) and follow the instructions on the website.

## Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	5:00pm	St Mary's	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	David Charles RIP
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's		Benedict Gaynor Mary and John Wallace
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	St Mary's	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	Julie Cunningham RIP
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	St Mary's		Brenda May Daw RIP
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	St Mary's		Successful Operation
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Holy Family		Iris and Tony Danker RIP Birthday Memories
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	11:00am	St Mary's		George Loughran Rip Anniversary
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	5:00pm	St Mary's		Lara Cunningham RIP
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Jim Rafferty RIP Fr Frank Flynn RIP

*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** and **Peter Downing**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6:00pm.**

**Holy Day of Obligation:** Advance notice – there will be a **vigil Mass at 6:00pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** and **morning Mass at 10:00am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Barrow Classical Music Foundation:**

Next Concert – **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mary's Meals:**

**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.

**'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.

**Gathering for Catholic Doctors:**

**Lancaster Cathedral 6<sup>th</sup> June 1:00pm**

An opportunity for Catholic doctors to meet and support each other in their faith, and in the vocation as doctors. There will be a light lunch in the Cathedral library followed by a talk on 'The Art of Dying Well' by Dr Amy Gadoud. Please email [cathedral@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:cathedral@lrcd.org.uk) to confirm attendance

**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](https://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](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> **stay with us** or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> **join the team**

**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: Fourth Sunday of Easter (26<sup>th</sup> April 2026)** St Mary's – Vigil 128, 11:00am – 247, Holy Family – 198. Total attendance – 573

**Offertory Collection: Fourth Sunday of Easter (26<sup>th</sup> April 2026)** £2,414.72 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.

**Baptism:** We congratulate **Joely Wren Moore and Stuart Owusu Gyamfi** who were baptised last weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.