

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year B

18th February 2024

First Sunday in Lent

Psalter week 1

Weekdays Year 2



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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
Sat 17 th February	5:30pm	St Mary's	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	John Harrison RIP Anniversary
Sun 18 th February	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's		People of the Parish Andrew Jackson RIP Joan Chew Marjorie McEwan Birthday
Mon 19 th February	9:30am	St Mary's		Peter Keleher RIP
Tues 20 th February	9:30am	St Mary's		Birthday Thanksgiving for B & D (94 and 95 years)
Wed 21 st February	9:30am	St Mary's		Stephen Shields RIP
Thurs 22 nd February	12:00pm	St Columba's Requiem Mass	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE	Joe Kaye RIP
Fri 23 rd February	9:30am	St Columba's	LENT FAST DAY	Private intention (MM)
Sat 24 th February	11:00am	St Mary's		Brian Crowe RIP Birthday Memories
Sat 24 th February	5:30pm	St Mary's		Cath and Wilf Jesson RIP Anniversary
Sun 25 th February	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Family St Columba's Sacred Heart St Mary's	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	John Burns-Sweeney RIP People of the Parish Mary Goligy RIP Birthday Memories Mr and Mrs Boynes

Confessions are available after 11am Mass every Saturday or after Mass during the week on request.

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish: and for those who have died recently, especially **David Hunt; John Burns-Sweeney; Mike Noglik** and **Joe Kaye** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 22nd February 12 noon at St Columba's.

Stations of the Cross:

Every **Wednesday** in Lent **6:00pm** at **St Columba's Church**.

Every **Thursday** in Lent **6:00pm** at **Sacred Heart**

Every **Friday** in Lent **12:30pm** at **St Mary's**

First Holy Communion: This will take place in all churches on **Sunday 12th May 2024**.

The parents of those children who wish to make their First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) are invited to the introductory and registration meeting in the **Parish Centre** on **Monday 19th February at 6:00pm**.

Lourdes: Due to the cost of the flights to Lourdes being more expensive than we anticipated, we have decided to change the dates of our pilgrimage to **16th – 21st September**. If these new dates are better for you and you would like to go then please contact the office – preferably by email - by the end of this week. Anyone deciding to go after all the places have been taken will have to book their own flights separately. Thanks

Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment:

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action: Collect a postcard today** from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment.

SHEC Sounds Seventies Music Quiz.

Theme tunes from TV series and films from the 1970's. Fun for all the family!

Light refreshments served during the interval, raffle and wine!

Wednesday February 21st 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Social Area.

Ticket event only – tickets £5 for adults, £2.50 for children.

Available from **Soraya**. Please contact **07596269397**. All proceed to Parish Maintenance Fund.

Date for your Diaries: St Patrick's Shillelaghs and Shamrocks Sing-a-Long, March 15th. Details to follow.

Furness Bach Choir & Ensemble Laus Deo: Joseph Haydn Seven Last Words

Sunday 17th March 2024, 7:30pm at St Mary's Church

Tickets £15 (includes free programme) reserve on the website furnessbachchoir.co.uk also available from Sutton's Bookshop or call 01229 587757 or 01229 837680

Sandra White's Craft Group: Will be selling **raffle tickets for £1** each at the back of the churches during the month of February in aid of **PARISH FUNDS**. We have some very nice prizes including a **beautiful quilt** made by a Parishioner and a **voucher for a car service** plus many more items. We are always very grateful for all your generous donations and do appreciate your continued support. Thank you once again in anticipation of another successful raffle.

SHM Extended Family – Upcoming Events

- 1. Monday, 19th February at 7pm – our February Prayer meeting**, which is being led by Geraldine on the theme of "Love". All are welcome.
- 2. Saturday, 24th February at 4pm to 5pm – an international Zoom gathering** to Celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Institute. All are welcome to join us. Meet in the Parish Centre or, if you want to join in by Zoom from home, please contact John Newby for the link.
- 3. Noddfa 24 Gathering – Friday, 17th May to Sunday, 19th May.** The theme is "Renew the face of the Earth". There are only 30 places available. Not been before? Why not this year?

Lenten Almsgiving

The Rwanda Group Trust, now under the patronage of Bishop Paul Swarbrick, is seeking to raise funds for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. Serious flooding in some areas has destroyed houses, roads and crops and famine continues. There are many families, widows, orphans, poor children and sick people in Rwanda who need our help. Please help us to help them. £30 pays for a goat or a pig; £1.10 buys a kg of rice. Our funds also help with medical costs, housing and school fees. We have no paid employees or overheads.

If you would like further information or to make a donation please contact:

Michael Donlan (Trustee) Tel: 07864 990941 or email rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com www.rwandagrouptrust.org

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.

Baptism: we congratulate **Grace Bradley, Oscar Bradley, Lola Moxam** and **Gino Zaccarini** who have been baptised recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.