

29/ 30 April 2023 4 Sunday of Easter Yr A

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Masses and Intentions 29 April 2023 – 7 May 2023

4 Sunday of Easter (Yr A)

Sat 29 4.00pm Mass in Polish (OLW)
5.30pm (Sung) (OLW) Vigil Mass (*Rose Levison*)
Sun 30 9.30am (MA)
11.15am (OLW)

5 Sunday after Easter (Yr A)

Sat 6 May **Confessions** at Mater Amabilis, Ambleside
4.00pm Mass in Polish (OLW)
5.30pm (Sung) (OLW) Vigil Mass
Sun 7 9.30am (MA)
11.15am (OLW)

For those who are sick: Please pray for Ruth Gajdowska and Rose Crowe who are sick. We hold in our prayers all parishioners who are sick at this time, and those caring for them.

Anniversaries. Of your charity, please pray for the souls of: Richard Anthony Valentine Kirk, Sheila Detamaso, Eva Burns, Winifred Lowe, Eric Worrall, Patrick Kennedy, Eileen Wilson, Bruce Dixon, John Smith, Mary Agnes Wareing, Erika Scott, Thomas Hannson, Sir William Geraghty, Doris Ward, Arthur Marshall Taylor, Amy Wareing, Albert Watson, William Anthony Lynch, Mrs Jennings, John Coia, Clare Haslam, Elizabeth Catlow, Margaret Milroy, Helen Blackledge, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Lately dead: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Levison, lately dead.

May all our deceased loved ones rest in peace and rise in glory.

Windermere Sat/Sun Mass hymns: 806, 607, 701, 865
Response to the Psalm: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

The organist will be playing next on 20th May.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Confessions take place at Mater Amabilis, Ambleside on the First Saturday of the month at 10.30am. At Windermere Confession is every Friday after Mass at 10.00am. Check the newsletter, as there will be no Confession at Windermere if, for some reason, there is no Mass on that Friday.

He is Risen! Risen Indeed!



Don't forget! The glorious Easter season continues until Trinity Sunday in June!

May, the month particularly associated with our Blessed Lady begins this coming week! Hurrah! Let us rejoice in these special days of our holy Patroness, Our Lady of Windermere.

Thought for the Week

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, as you might have guessed from the Gospel reading today.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI dedicated this Sunday as Vocations Sunday, which this year also marks the 60th Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

In 2022, Pope Francis gave an address on this day, which includes the following extract:

The word "vocation" should not be understood restrictively, as referring simply to those who follow the Lord through a life of special consecration. All of us are called to share in Christ's mission to reunite a fragmented humanity and to reconcile it with God. Each man and woman, even before encountering Christ and embracing the Christian faith, receives with the gift of life a fundamental calling: each of us is a

creature willed and loved by God; each of us has a unique and special place in the mind of God....

We are called to be guardians of one another, to strengthen the bonds of harmony and sharing, and to heal the wounds of creation lest its beauty be destroyed.

Within this great common vocation, God addresses a particular call to each of us. He touches our lives by his love and directs them to our ultimate goal, to a fulfilment that transcends the very threshold of death. Michelangelo is said to have maintained that every block of stone contains a statue within it, and it is up to the sculptor to uncover it.

If that is true of an artist, how much more is it true of God! In the young woman of Nazareth he saw the Mother of God. In Simon the fisherman he saw Peter, the rock on which he would build his Church. In the publican Levi he recognized the apostle and evangelist Matthew, and in Saul, a harsh persecutor of Christians, he saw Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles. God's loving gaze always meets us, touches us, sets us free and transforms us, making us into new persons.

Vocation, like holiness, is not an extraordinary experience reserved for a few. Just as there is a "holiness of the saints next door" (*cf. Gaudete et Exsultate, 6-9*), so too there is a vocation for everyone, for God's gaze and call is directed to every person.

Pope Francis, 59th World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2022

Parish News

NEWSLETTER NEWS

There will be no newsletter on May 7th and 14th while the editor is away. Weekend Masses will be the same as on this newsletter, but be aware that weekday Masses may be subject to change.

HAVE A CUPPA AFTER MASS on SUNDAY!

Parishioners and visitors both! Don't forget refreshments are served after Sunday Mass at both Mater Amabilis and Our Lady of Windermere. Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits are yours. No charge, but donations welcome which benefit many charities throughout the year, including CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need and Mary's Meals.

Around the South Lakes

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Every **Wednesday**, there is **COFFEE AND A CHAT** at Windermere Methodist Church on the corner of Main Road/ College Road in Windermere, with a warm space, coffee and / or soup to residents and visitors. This ecumenical initiative is staffed by a rota of volunteers from our local churches. If you would like to join us, we welcome volunteers. Please phone Barbara on 015394 42120 or just drop in on a Wednesday **between 10.30-1.30pm**.

...AND AROUND THE CHURCH

LIGHT OF TRUTH ON-LINE COURSES FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION FOR EVERYONE

The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph offer on-line opportunities to learn more about our Faith. They have courses suitable for individuals, groups and schools. Courses last from 2-5 sessions depending on the content, and range from understanding the Bible, learning about the sacraments, and there are even courses for Church readers! To find out more, visit www.lightoftruth.uk. The Sisters welcome donations, suggested at £5 per person per session, but no one should feel they can't afford to participate. Visit the website to find out more!

GOSPEL SHARING GROUP MEETING ONLINE

On Thursdays 8.00pm to 9.00pm. An opportunity to reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel. If you are interested please email **Ann-Marie Houghton on catehist@lancastercathedral.org.uk** for further details and a link to the meeting.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 July 31-Aug 6 The diocese are taking a small group to Lisbon to join World Youth Day with Pope Francis and a few million others. There are still spaces left. World Youth Day is a chance to meet young Catholics from all over the world and to deepen your faith in the middle of a huge international festival. For more information, head to www.castleriggmanor.com. Open to anyone aged 18-35.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the Editor by Wednesday lunch time at: greetingsolw22@gmail.com