

30 Sept/ 1 Oct 2023 26 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

**OUR LADY OF WINDERMERE & ST HERBERT AND
MATER AMABILIS, AMBLESIDE**

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Masses and Intentions 30 Sept 2023 – 8 Oct 2023

**MA= Mater Amabilis, Ambleside
OLW = Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert
26 Sunday of the Year (Yr A)**

Sat 30 5.30pm (*Sung*) (OLW) Vigil Mass (*Irene Dempster*)
Sun 1 Oct 9.30am (*Nicola Shaw*) (MA)
11.15am (*Sung*) (OLW) (*Benefactors of the Roof Fund at OLW*)
Tues 3 *Rosary at 9.10 9.30am (Rebekah Shaw)* (MA)
Wed 4 *Rosary at 9.10 9.30am (Marie Garde RIP)* (OLW)
Fri 6 *Rosary at 9.10 9.30am (OLW) followed by Confessions*

27 Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Sat 7 10.30 (MA) **Confessions**
5.30pm (*Sung*) (OLW) Vigil Mass
Sun 8 9.30am (MA)
11.15am (OLW)

Mass in Polish is on a summer break.

For those who are sick: Please pray for Ruth Gajdowska and Rose Crowe who are sick. Please pray also for Julie Pomfret (neè* Fleming) who is recovering in hospital after a stroke. 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: Marie Garde, Elizabeth (Doreen) Sandwell, Robin Norman Dean, Norman Lang, Gordon Kidd, Martin Harrison, Fr Kevin Lowry, Marie Gilchrist, Thomas Cullinane, John & Mary Nolan, Oswald Miller, Richard Eaves, Margaret Fisher, Gerald Mackereth, Carlos Cantero, Rita Dobson, Austin Brennan, Rev F Lea, Fr A Foulkes, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.
May all our deceased loved ones rest in peace and rise in glory.

Hymns for weekend Masses at Windermere: 708, 607, 714, 767

We now have a card machine for donations at Windermere! Please see the Stewards in the church entrance as you come in or leave. This can be used for your weekly offering, or for special collections or the Roof Fund.

The annual Mass count will be carried out on the last two weeks of September and first two weeks in October.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Confessions usually 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.

Thought for the Day

October, which begins this weekend, is the month of the Holy Rosary, and dedicated to Our Lady.

According to pious tradition, Our Lady gave the Rosary to St Dominic during a vision he experienced in 1214. Since that time, devotion to the Rosary, and to **Our Lady as Queen of the Most Holy Rosary**, spread throughout Christendom. Our Lady herself chose to feature the Rosary in many of her appearances. St Bernadette, and the child visionaries of Fatima said the Rosary with Our Lady. St Maria Goretti said the Rosary frequently in her parish church, and Blessed Carlo Acutis prayed the Rosary every day, calling it his 'appointment' with Mary, and one that he would not miss.

"Praying the Rosary is entering into a dialogue with God. The Lord's Prayer and the first part of the Hail Mary are part of the Gospel, the Word of God. Praying them allows us to listen, to ponder God's Word in our hearts... Dialogue changes us, opens our horizon of understanding... Mary was 'changed' in her loving dialogue with God, she became Mother of God, intercessor and disciple, our Mother. When we enter into a dialogue with God, we enter into prayer, a profound conversation with God that leads to a profound change, or in other words a conversion."
(Fr Gerard Timoner III OP, Master of the Order of Friars Preachers, from: the forward to Mysteries made visible: praying the Rosary with Sacred Art, by Lawrence Lew OP)

During the month of October, at 9.10, before weekday Masses in both Windermere and Ambleside, the Rosary will be said. If, for any reason there is no Mass on that day, there will be no Rosary.

Perhaps we can all say a decade of the Rosary each day during October, making it our own 'appointment with Mary our Mother', as Blessed Carlo did?

Parish News

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. At Windermere,

donations are currently going towards the church roof fund.

AND THE WINDERMERE CHURCH ROOF

A big thank you to everyone who has already generously donated towards our fundraising campaign. Thanks to you, we have now raised over **£3500**. We are designating special Masses for the intentions of our benefactors throughout the year.

We do have a large amount to raise (£120 - £150k) to repair and replace all areas of the Church roofs and the gutters, this includes the Church Hall, which serves the Catholic School daily, for their activities and lunch.

Our Church was built in 1962 and while the roofs have served us well up to now, they are showing wear and tear on the pitched roofs and the flat roofs, of which there are six, are failing dramatically.

What you can do ...

Firstly, Pray for us. Ask Our Lord to help us repair His House, our sanctuary of the Holy Eucharist and a meeting place for His people in Windermere.

Secondly, we need ideas and support for fundraising. Please **contact Caroline Kaye on 07767163479** with your ideas, great or small are welcome.

And thirdly, donate any spare change or notes you have, please! If you don't use cash, we now take credit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay too! Our fundraising collectors will be waiting after every Mass to collect your kind donations. Whatever you can spare to help us, will be gratefully appreciated. Where possible, would you kindly gift aid your donations by filling in your details on the envelopes at the church entrance? Thank you.

You may also prefer to pay directly into our Parish account by bank transfer. Here are the details.

ACC Name: **Parish of Our Lady of Windermere and St Herbert**

Sort code **40-27-02**

Acc Number: **41335588**

VERY IMPORTANT! Please put 'ROOF' as your reference. Thank you.

The next stages...

We have selected the architectural consultants to work with us on this project along with the Diocesan Property Officer. Going forward, the Working Group will be meeting up with them on the 10th of October where we will discuss mainly the priorities of the repairs and the finance. We will keep you posted on our progress.

PARISH GARDENING DAY AT WINDERMERE

The church grounds in the car park are looking rather shabby and overgrown and we need your help, please!

Volunteers are needed to cut back overgrown branches and shrubs and a general tidy up please. Come with your pruners, gardening gloves, tools and gardening sacks/ rubbish bags. Tea, coffee and biscuits available for the hard workers!!

Saturday 7th October 10am - 4pm & Sunday 8th October 12.30pm - 4pm.

If you are able to spare an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks from the Parish Steering Group. **For more details, contact Caroline on 07767 163479.**

NEWS FROM CAFOD

CAFOD Family Fast Day is next Friday, 6th October.

Envelopes will be handed out at Masses this weekend and our collection will take place on the weekend of **7/8 October**. Don't forget, you can donate by cash and card at Church.

This week's CAFOD story.....

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church, the QR code or give online at cafod.org.uk

News from St Cuthbert's School

Would you be interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, Windermere?

Full training and support would be given. Governors meet on a half termly basis. If you are interested please contact Lucy Bone, Headteacher via admin@st-cuthberts-windermere.cumbria.sch.uk 01539448125

Around the Diocese

ANNUAL EDUCATION MASS

The Diocesan Education Mass will be held at **St Peter's Cathedral Lancaster, on Friday 6th October at 6.30pm**. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided after the service at Lancaster Town Hall.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the Editor: Deadline Wed lunchtime.
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