

4/5 November 2023 31 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

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Masses and Intentions 4 Nov 2023 – 12 Nov 2023

MA= Mater Amabilis, Ambleside

OLW = Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert

31 Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Sat 4 10.30am (MA) **Confession**
4.00pm (OLW) Mass in Polish
5.30pm (*Sung*) (OLW) (*Deceased family & Friends of M Carey*) Vigil Mass

Sun 5 9.30am (MA)
11.15am (OLW)

Tues 7 9.30am (MA)

Wed 8 Mass 9.30am (OLW)

Fri 10 9.10am *Rosary* 9.30am (OLW) (Mass for the Holy Souls) followed by **Confession followed by blessing of graves at Bowness Cemetery**

32 Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Sat 11 4.00 pm(OLW) Mass in Polish
5.30pm (*Sung*) (OLW) Vigil Mass

Sun 12 9.30am (MA)
11.15am (OLW)

For those who are sick: Please pray for Ruth Gajdowska and Margaret (Meg) Wood 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: Lena Carty, Martin Hargreaves, Bernard Michael Stoppani, Mary Lennox, Mary Napier, Margaret McGrath, Margaret Frost, Teresa McGriskin, Gerald Mackereth, Louis Birkett, Lilian Buckshall, Kathleen Etherington, Adrian Broderick, Canon Q Klomp, Frs T Carey and P Eccles, Bp TB Pearson, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Lately dead: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Rose Crowe**, who died recently.

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

Hymns for Vigil Mass at Windermere: 922, 604, 938, 837

On **Friday, 10 November**, following a special **9.30am Mass at OLW** for all deceased loved ones of parishioners, Fr Ajish will go down to the Catholic section of Bowness Cemetery for a short service of blessing.

There will be a box on the altar steps in both our churches where parishioners can put the names of those deceased loved ones for whom they wish prayers during the month of November.

If you wish a Mass said for a deceased loved one, or a group of deceased family/ friends, please do complete the envelopes available in the entrances of both churches, add your Mass offering and hand to either Fr Ajish or one of the stewards at Mass. During November it won't be possible to select a specific date, but all requests will be honoured.

Remembrance Day is on Saturday 11th November, and **Remembrance Sunday** commemoration takes place on 12th November.

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.

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 Week

Feast of All Souls

We are inspired by hope in the Mass readings of All Souls Day: hope that a good life will not be forgotten but be rewarded with glory on Judgment Day. Hope also that Christ has died for us and reconciled us to God, giving us joyful trust in Him who we know as our Father. Jesus promises us that if we follow Him, He will shoulder our burdens and give us rest, as we journey from this life to the next. We receive hope from our readings for both ourselves and for our loved ones who have died: their faith and good deeds will be remembered by the Lord and where they have failed they will be forgiven. Let us pray for them as we carry on our pilgrimage to the Eternal City and we will join them one day.

(From the Facebook account of Mount St Bernard Abbey – Monks of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance 2nd November 2023)

"We have loved the departed during life; let us not abandon them until we have conducted them, by our prayers, into the house of the Lord." St Ambrose of Milan.

Parish News

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Here is advance notice of events in our parish in the run up to Christmas. Exact dates to come next week!

Late November – we are hoping to have a stall at St Cuthbert's School Fair (Proceeds to the Roof Fund). Awaiting confirmation of the date.

Sunday 3 December

Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert will be holding their **Annual Christmas Carol Service** with the Burneside The candlelit service begins at 3pm. Tea/coffee and mulled wine will be available

afterwards in the Church Hall. **All proceeds to go to the Mary's Meal Charity. Donations of mince pies for refreshments would be gratefully appreciated.**

Saturday 9 December 10.00am - 12.00pm
Christmas Coffee Morning at Our Lady of Windermere (in the Church Hall). All proceeds to the Roof Repair Fund. **Entrance Fee £1.50 which includes tea or coffee and a mince pie!**

There will be a raffle and lots of lovely items on sale. A great opportunity for parishioners, visitors, family and friends to come together before Christmas and at the same time raise money for the church Roof Repair Fund.

As well as coming along on the day, we need raffle prizes and quality items to sell such as: jewellery, gift items (e.g. candles), non-perishable foods, chocs and confectionery, wine and spirits, games and toys in very good condition, new clothes, homemade preserves and cakes.

If there is anything which can be dropped off in advance, please bring to either of the churches after Mass and hand to a steward. Please don't leave anything in the churches, as sadly we have already had items stolen. Contact Caroline on **07767163479** for **more details and if you need items collected.** Many thanks!

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. No charge, but donations welcome which benefit many charities, including CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need and Mary's Meals. At Windermere, donations are currently going towards the church roof fund.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN AMBLESIDE CINEMA CLUB

The next meeting of this friendly and welcoming group will be on **Wednesday, 8th November**, when we will be watching *Typist Artist Pirate King*, by the British filmmaker, Carol Morley. Meet in the bar (upstairs) at Zeffirelli's at **5.25pm**.

Our meal will be served afterwards - this is the Early Bird one course meal deal - pasta or pizza. The price including the film is - £19.95, which you pay after the meal. Drinks and additional dishes are extra.

If you would like to attend, **please let Anne Corin know by 12 noon on Monday 6th November** - annecorin@btinternet.com.

AND THE WINDERMERE CHURCH ROOF

A big thank you to everyone who has already generously donated towards our fundraising campaign. Thanks to you, the amount now raised has now reached **£5345**. We are designating special Masses for the intentions of our benefactors throughout the year.

We still 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. **Look out for news of some fundraising activities in the run up to Christmas. We'll be calling all gardeners, cake bakers, and looking for other contributors too!**

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.

NEWS FROM CAFOD

Thank you to everyone who donated to Family Fast Day. A total of £740 was raised by our parish.

TIMES of CHRISTMAS SERVICES in WINDERMERE and AMBLESIDE

Sat 23 December (4th Sunday of Advent) **(OLW) 4pm Polish Mass TBC**

Sat 23 Dec Vigil Mass (4th Sunday of Advent) **(OLW) 5.30pm**

Sun 24 Dec (4th Sunday of Advent) 9.30am **(MA)**

Sun 24 Dec Christmas Eve (1st Mass of Christmas) 5pm (MA) 7pm (OLW)

Mon 25 December Christmas Day (Christmas Day Mass) 9.30 am (OLW)

Please Note: On Christmas Day there will be one Mass only – at Our Lady & St Herbert in Windermere. There will be **NO MASS on Christmas Day at Ambleside.**

Around the Diocese

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their **Internship Programme**. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the Editor:
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