

# 2/3 December 2023 1 Sunday of Advent Yr B

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

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### Masses and Intentions 2 Dec 2023 – 10 Dec 2023

MA= Mater Amabilis, Ambleside  
OLW = Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert

#### 1 Sunday of Advent (Yr B)

Sat 2 10.30am (MA) **Confessions**  
4.00pm (OLW) Mass in Polish  
5.30pm (OLW) Vigil Mass  
Sun 3 9.30am (MA) (*Christine Canter – sick*)  
11.15am (OLW) (*People of the Parish*)

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Diocesan Poor Missions this weekend**

Tues 5 9.10am Rosary Mass 9.30am (MA)  
Wed 6 9.10am Rosary Mass 9.30am (OLW)  
Fri 8 9.10am Rosary Mass 9.30am (OLW)  
**followed by Confessions**

#### 2 Sunday of Advent (Yr B)

Sat 9 4.00 pm(OLW) Mass in Polish  
5.30pm (OLW)(*Sung*) Vigil Mass  
Sun 10 9.30am (MA)  
11.15am (OLW)

**For those who are sick:** Please pray for Tony Cook, 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: Ethel Habelt, Des Charnley, Mary Lucas, Irene Spencer, Raymond Gardner, Monica Harvey, Bp TW Pearson OSB, Fr D Ryan, Fr John Nicholson, Elsie Greenwood, Margaret Pattinson, Mary McAnelly, Winefride Mary Dunn, Christopher Carus, Graham Bridge, Anthony Wallington, Rev T Verity, Canon W Raftery, Fr E Collins, Fr GA Pennington, Fr B Hearty, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Your prayers** are asked for Brendan Drury and his family at this time, who are mourning the loss of their daughter, Andrea, in a car accident in France.

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

**There will be no organist at OLW on 25/26 Nov and 2/3 Dec.**

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.

### LOST ITEM!

An item was found in church recently. Could it be yours? If you may have lost something while at church, please contact **Caroline** on **07767163479**.

## Thought for the Week

### THE MIGHTY ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT

The 'O' Antiphons are the antiphons of the Magnificat said at Vespers on the seven days before Christmas. Each antiphon is based on an attribute of Christ, as taken from Scripture, and musically, are some of the key features leading up to Christmas. The chants originate from 6<sup>th</sup>c. Italy. They all share a structure which expresses the longing of His people for the coming of the Messiah.

The first two antiphons call to Jesus under his titles of 'O Wisdom' and 'O Adonai'.

This is the English translation:

*O Sapientia ... O Wisdom, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, mightily reaching out from end to end, and ordering all things sweetly, come to teach us the way of prudence.*

*O Adonai ... O Adonai and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and gave him the Law upon Sinai, come to redeem us with your outstretched arm!*

### PREPARING for ADVENT?

Have you thought about a spiritual preparation for Advent? Why not try reading each of the 24 chapters of St Luke's gospel, one for each day of Advent. It's a great way to get to know the Lord in time for the great feast of His birthday.

## Parish News

### NEW PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS

We have changed our parish website address to: [www.ourladyofwindermere.org](http://www.ourladyofwindermere.org) Same website, just a slightly different address!

**Please note: there will be no tea or coffee** after Sunday Mass at OLW on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, due to getting ready for the carol concert.

### CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING AT OUR LADY of WINDERMERE.

There is a rota up in the porch at OLW for church cleaning in readiness for Christmas. If you can spare an hour to help make the church look its best for Christmas, please put your name down on the list. Choose a task on the rota and carry it out in your own time. The church is open from 9.30-3.30pm during the week.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!**

**Friday 1 December**

**St Cuthbert’s School Fair takes place in the Church Hall 3.30pm-5.00pm.**

The parish has a stall at St Cuthbert’s School Fair (Proceeds to the Roof Fund). Donations of cakes, plants and sellable gifts welcome.

**Sunday 3 December 3.00pm.**

At last it’s here! Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert’s **Annual Candlelit Christmas Carol Service** will take place this Sunday at 3pm supported by Burneside Brass Band. Tea/coffee and mulled wine will be available afterwards in the Church Hall. **All proceeds to go to the Mary’s Meals Charity. Please, please, bring donations of mince pies for refreshments. And one or two lovely things for raffle prizes would be much 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 for a fun event, 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 you can help set up in advance for the coffee morning and / or be around to help on the day – please contact Caroline on 07767163479.

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!

**AND THE WINDERMERE CHURCH ROOF ....**

So far, thanks to all your efforts, we have raised over £6500! But we still have a long way to go to meet the full amount needed (£120 - £150k) to repair and replace all areas of the Church roofs and the gutters. But with your help, we can do it! Please do support all our fund-raising efforts, especially on 9<sup>th</sup> December. 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 are still looking for new ideas to get the community together and raise money at the same time, If you have any ideas, would you contact **Caroline at 07767163479**, please?

**STOP PRESS: St Cuthbert's Students' Council** will be joining the church committee shortly to come up with new ideas to raise more money for our Roof Repair Fund, which is very welcoming. Thank you to Mrs Lucy Bone and the team for their support in our fundraising efforts up to now.

**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! 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.

**CAFOD - Supporting CAFOD at Christmas time**

World Gift catalogues will be handed out in our parishes this weekend. You can buy CAFOD’s World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts) or use the order form in the back of the catalogue. This Advent, let’s share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world.

This year, our parishes are inviting you to donate £1.00 to our collection to buy Winter Survival Kits. At a cost of £30.00, this will help a family buy items such as wood, gas heaters, blankets and food.

**TIMES of CHRISTMAS SERVICES in WINDERMERE and AMBLESIDE**

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

**Sat 23 Dec** Vigil Mass (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent) **(Sung) (OLW) 5.30pm**

**Sun 24 Dec** (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent) 9.30am **(MA)**  
**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Mass at 11.15 at OLW this Sunday.**  
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**Sun 24 Dec Christmas Eve** (1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Christmas) 5pm **(MA) ; 7pm (Sung) (OLW)**

**Mon 25 December Christmas Day** (Christmas Day Mass) 9.30 am **(Sung) (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.**  
No Mass at Mater Amabilis on 26<sup>th</sup> December. Other Mass times will be as publicised in the newsletter.

As New Year’s Day (Jan 1) falls on a Monday, there will be a **Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at OLW on Mon 1 Jan at 9.30am and on Tuesday 2 Jan at MA at 9.30am. No Mass at OLW on Wed 3 Jan.**

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