

# 16/17 December 2023 3 Sunday of Advent Yr B

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### Masses and Intentions 9 Dec 2023 – 17 Dec 2023

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

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

Sat 16	4.00pm (OLW) Mass in Polish 5.30pm (OLW) ( <i>Sung</i> ) Vigil Mass
Sun 17	9.30am (MA) 11.15am (OLW) 3.00pm Candlelit Carol Concert
Tues 19	9.10am Rosary Mass 9.30am (MA)
Wed 20	9.10am Rosary Mass 9.30am (OLW)
Fri 22	9.10am Rosary Mass 9.30am (OLW) <b>followed by Confessions</b>

#### 4 Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve (Yr B)

Sat 23	4.00 pm(OLW) Mass in Polish 5.30pm (OLW)( <i>Sung</i> ) Vigil Mass
Sun 24	9.30am (MA) (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent) NO MASS THIS MORNING AT OLW 4.00 pm (MA) First Mass of Christmas 7.00pm (OLW) ( <i>Sung</i> ) First Mass of Christmas

**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: Canon Marsden, Kathleen Mullorley, Dennis Driscoll, Dennis Fernley, Margaret Woodhouse, James Shaw, Mary Gallagher, Sheila Cusack, Mary Pritchard, Richard Cookson, Frank McMahon, John William, Patrick McVey, Maura Farley, John Dickinson, Leslie Fletcher, Henry Howson, Francis Allen Fr V Baron, Hilda Wilson, 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.**

Hymns at OLW Vigil Mass: O Oriens, 94, 118, O Rex Gentium, 607, 109

Words of the verses for Offertory Hymn 118: 1) Tempus ad est gratiae/hoc quod optabamus/carmina laetitiae/devote redamus.

2) Deus homo factus est/ natura mirante/ Mundus renovatus est/a Christo regnante.

3) Ezechielis porta/ clausa pertransitur/ unde lux est orta/ salus invenite.

### 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.

### TAKE CARE IN THE GROUNDS OF BOTH OUR CHURCHES

While we do what we can with salt spreading and other measures to keep our church grounds and car park areas safe, the recent very bad weather means we must ask everyone to take extra care coming to church. Father Ajish stresses that no one should take unnecessary risks coming to Mass while this inclement weather persists. Stay safe!!

### Thought for the Week

### THE MIGHTY ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT

This week we reach Gaudete Sunday = named after the opening line of the Introit of the day – ‘*Gaudete in Domino semper*’ ‘*Rejoice in the Lord always*’. Indeed the Lord is near. Our ‘O Antiphons’ this week celebrate the Lord as ‘O Oriens’, ‘Dayspring’, one who brings the light, and ‘Rex Gentium’ ‘King of the Nations’, the desire of the peoples, and the Saviour.

This is the English translation of what you will hear:

*O Dayspring, brightness of eternal light and sun of justice: come and illumine those sitting in darkness and the shadow of death.*

*O King of the Nations, and the desire thereof, the capstone who makes of two things one: come and save man whom you formed out of the mire!*

### 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!

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

The week before Christmas is the final push to get our churches ready for the great feast! 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.

### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

As is the custom in Windermere, poinsettias donated by parishioners are placed in the church and around the crib to remember loved ones.

If you would like to donate a poinsettia this year, please bring it in during this coming week, and leave it by Our Lady's altar for the flower arrangers to place.

OLW is open during the week during daylight hours. Latest time to bring in is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

The carol concert (see below) is a great chance to exercise those vocal chords in time for Christmas Masses at OLW (Christmas Eve 7pm and Christmas Day 9.30am).

We will be singing carols in place of hymns at both services, and parts of the Mass will be sung too on Christmas Day, when the Gloria from the *Missa de Angelis* will be a feature. And sung in Latin! (Don't worry, the words and music too are in the hymn book!)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

**Sunday 17 December 3.00pm**

Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert's **Annual Candlelit Christmas Carol Service** will take place next Sunday, at 3pm 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.**

### AND a BIG THANK YOU...

.... To all who contributed, volunteered, and came to our two fundraising events: the stall at St Cuthbert's School Fair, and our own Christmas Coffee Morning last weekend. We raised an amazing £650, which is especially impressive considering the dreadful weather last on Sat/Sun. Thank you everyone!

### AND THE WINDERMERE CHURCH ROOF ....

So far, thanks to all your efforts, we have raised over £8,300! 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 as we celebrate our church's Jubilee Year in 2024. 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?

**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 are still available 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 December 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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