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**Masses and Intentions**

**13 Jan 2024 – 21 Jan 2024**

**MA= Mater Amabilis, Ambleside**

**OLW = Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert**

**2 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)**

Sat 6 10.30am (MA)

 5.30pm (OLW) *(Sung)* Vigil Mass

Sun 7 9.30am (MA)

 11.15am (OLW)

Wed 10 (*9.10am Rosary)* Mass9.30am (OLW)

**3 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)**

Sat 13 5.30pm (OLW*) (Sung)* Vigil Mass

Sun 14 9.30am(MA)

 11.15am (OLW)

**For those who are sick**: Please pray for Tony and Myra Daly, 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: Therese Mary Edsforth, John Chisholm, Dora Edwards, Margaret Fleming, Fr George Atkinson, Michael Rooney, Fr F O’Neill, Canon Mason, Fr P Smythe, Fr F McKenna, Fr L Bamber, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Lately dead: Your prayers** are asked for Brendan Drury’s daughter Andrea, Phil Bennett and Pat Whitworth who died recently.

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

**Hymns at OLW Vigil Mass:** 167, 865,171, 154

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

Confessions usually take place at **Mater Amabilis, Ambleside on the First Saturday of the month at 10.30am**. At **Windermere , while Father Ajish is away, Confession is on request before/ after Mass.**

**While Father Ajish is away, we will be welcoming visiting priests at both Ambleside and Windermere to say Mass for us. This week, we thank Father Jerome Ainsworth for our weekend Masses, and Father Matthew for the Wednesday Mass at Windermere.**

**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.**

**Please note that during Father Ajish** ‘s absence in India

there will be **no** weekday Masses at Ambleside, and weekday Mass on **Wednesday only** at Windermere.

**SUNDAY 14 JANUARY IS WORLD DAY OF PEACE**

Pope Francis’s message focuses on the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in peace-making.

The Holy Father writes of the “remarkable advances made in the field of artificial intelligence” and how these “are having a rapidly increasing impact on human activity, personal and social life, politics and the economy.”

In this context, Pope Francis calls “for an open dialogue on the meaning of these new technologies, endowed with disruptive possibilities and ambivalent effects.” His message calls for the use of artificial intelligence in a responsible way aimed at the service of humanity and the protection of our common home.

**Thought for the Week**

The common thread running through the readings this weekend is one of calling. The call that comes from the lord is to people who, by divine providence, happen to be at the right place at the right time. It doesn’t come to people who are well-formed, well-prepared or well-educated.

Samuel, despite his place of upbringing, has ‘no knowledge of the lord,’ and ‘the word of the lord had not yet been revealed to him.’ yet he receives the call. Simon Peter, Andrew and the other unnamed disciple may have heard John the Baptist, and even seen him point out the ‘Word of the Lord’ and ‘the Lamb of God’, but they don’t know very much about Jesus. They don’t even know where he lives!

But look what happens to these four people. Samuel goes on to become a great prophet, the last of the judges of Israel and the ‘kingmaker’, anointing in the Lord’s name first Saul and then David. Peter becomes the leader of the apostles, ultimately taking the gospel to Rome, capital of the known world. Andrew too was a great preacher of the gospel, traditionally credited with founding the church at Byzantium.

There is, however, a third disciple mentioned in today’s gospel, like Andrew a follower of John the Baptist. Who is this? It could be that this is the first appearance of the ‘beloved disciple’ who appears throughout the fourth gospel and is its source. That is possible.

Or perhaps *you*are that unnamed disciple. Your name may not be recorded in the scriptures, but Christ called you by name at your baptism to ‘come and see’ where He lives.

*Father Benjamin Earl OP: Torch Homilies 10 January 2024*

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**UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES**

Did you buy a raffle ticket for the December coffee morning, either at the event, or at church that weekend? A list of winning numbers is in the church entrance, **and two prizes have yet to be claimed!! Contact the stewards at Windermere to collect.**

**Parish News**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Father Ajish built and is still supporting, a home in India for poor and needy children. He will be spending a week of his forthcoming visit there. Father provides the regular expenses for 47 children to have food, lodging, medicine, education etc. Father Ajish says: “Thinking ahead, If anyone would like to give a little donation towards this noble cause, they are welcome to do so as I can ensure it goes directly to the beneficiaries when I visit.”

Currently, donations for refreshments at Mater Amabilis are given to the support of the children.

**WEEK of PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 - 25 January**

Churches Together in Ambleside District are organising a collective service in which the various churches will be taking part. This will take place on **Sunday, 21st January, at 11am at St Mary’s C of E Church, Ambleside.**

Everybody most welcome! Refreshments provided. If you would like to more information about this service, or the other events being held during the week, please contact Anne Corin (annecorin@btinternet.com) or 015394 33944.

**AND BACK TO THE WINDERMERE CHURCH ROOF ….**

We’ve had a break over Christmas with so much charity fundraising, but the bad weather sends us a timely reminder that the church roof at Windermere still needs fixing!

Thanks to all the fundraising efforts we have currently raised just under £10,000!! Check out the Fund Thermometer in the church entrance to see how far we have got, and how far we have to go to reach our target of £120k.

This year, 2024, is the Jubilee Year of the church. Wouldn’t it be great to use this anniversary to secure our House of God until the next Jubilee? With your help, we can do it! **Our Church was built in 1962 and while the roofs have served us well up to now, they are showing wear and tear and the flat roofs, of which there are six, are failing dramatically.**

Donations will be collected after every Mass, and for your convenience we have a credit card machine for those preferring to make a card donation. Every contribution, regardless of the amount, will be greatly appreciated and help us to reach our goal.

Your generosity will enable our church to continue serving our community and visitors for many years to come. We want to express our gratitude for your support and thank you for your contribution.

Donations may also be made 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.

If you would like to Gift Aid your donations, please fill in a gift aid envelope (available in the church), write ‘ROOF’ on the envelope and pop in the black wall box in the church entrance, also marked ROOF. Thank you again!!

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**COMING SOON!**

**ANNUAL PARISH ‘CHRISTMAS’ & NEW YEAR’ LUNCH**

Following the success of last year’s event at the Craig Manor Hotel, the organisers are in discussions over arrangements for our 2024 Parish Lunch.

The date and place will be confirmed shortly. There will be a raffle (of course!), with any monies raised going towards the Roof Fund. So, this is your chance to declutter, and pass on any excess-to-requirements Christmas gifts!

Details will follow in future newsletters.

**CAFOD – WINTER SURVIVAL KIT COLLECTION**

We would like to thank Windermere parishioners and visitors who raised £60.00 for this project.   The money has been sent to CAFOD for two winter survival kits to be purchased.

**WINDERMERE AND BOWNESS FAIRTRADE GROUP**

Coffee morning at the **Marchesi Centre** on **Saturday 20th January, 2024 from 1000 until 1130.**

Come and join us for the first of our events

this year to celebrate our 20th anniversary! Entry £2.00.  Raffle tickets on sale.

**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!

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

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