# 20 January 2024 3 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

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

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Masses and Intentions 20 Jan 2024 – 28 Jan 2024 MA= Mater Amabilis, Ambleside OLW = Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert

# 3 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Sat 20	5.30pm (OLW) <i>(Sung)</i> Vigil Mass
Sun 21	9.30am (MA)
	11.15am (OLW)
Wed 24	(9.10am Rosary) Mass 9.30am (OLW)

## 4 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Sat 27 5.30pm (OLW) Vigil Mass Sun 28 9.30am (MA) *(Souls in purgatory)* (Nicholas's birthday – altar server at 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: Padraig Mc Donagh, Mary Monica Cookson, Mary Dunn, Mary Baines, Mary Smith, Andrew Pattison, Mary Dawson, Doreen Pendlebury, Canon McManus, Fr Carr, Mgr J McKenna, Fr I Stott, Betty Yates, Elaine Winstanley, Bishop H Lindsay, Liam FitzPatrick, 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: 406, 600, 627, 870

# 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 Norman Johnston from Carlisle for our weekend Masses, and Father Matthew from Millom 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.

From 27 January there will be a temporary absence of the organ at all Masses at OLW while the organist recovers from eye surgery. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible

# Thought for the Week

#### JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Year of Jubilee will take place in 2025. A Jubilee happens every 25 years, and is an opportunity for renewal and a conduit of grace within the Church and in the lives of its people. It's a time to reestablish a proper relationship with God, with each other, and with the whole of creation.

The theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope', and Pope Francis has asked Catholics throughout the world to use this year, 2024, as a year of prayer to prepare for the Jubilee. This is what he has said:

"In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great "symphony" of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him.

Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to protect it.

Prayer as the expression of a single "heart and soul" (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread. Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart.

Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. In a word, may it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God's grace and to make the "Our Father," the prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples.

I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to accompany the Church on the journey of preparation for the grace-filled event of the Jubilee, and to you and your co-workers, with gratitude, I cordially send my Blessing."

(Pope Francis, St John Lateran, 11 February 2022)

You can find more information on the Jubilee and the Year of Prayer of preparation through the web pages of the Catholic Bishop's Conference. This includes free downloads of useful resources for prayer, including a prayer guide from the Jesuit Fathers called 'Pilgrims of Prayer', <u>Pilgrims of Prayer - Catholic</u> <u>Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)</u>

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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**

#### **MISSIO RED BOXES**

Fr. Noah from Mill Hill will be the priest taking Masses at both our churches on the weekend of 10 & 11 February. Do you have a red collecting Missio box at home? Please return it to either Mater Amabilis or Our Lady of Windermere **before** this date so the boxes can be emptied, and the contents given to Father Noah.

#### 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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### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 2024

#### ANNUAL PARISH 'CHRISTMAS' & NEW YEAR' LUNCH

Following the success of last year's event, we will be once again holding a Parish Lunch for all parishioners from both churches. Father Ajish will be back from India to join in!

The venue this year is **The Watermill, at Ings** village (on the A591) **on Sunday 3 March 2024**. Arrive at 12.30pm for 1.00pm. The cost for a 3-course lunch and coffee is: £24.95 for adults; £17.95 for children.

The menu will be displayed in the entrance of Our Lady's Windermere and Mater Amabilis at Ambleside. You can sign up on the list at Windermere, and give your menu choices, including any dietary requirements.

Ambleside parishioners: could you email <u>carolinekaye3@yahoo.com</u> with your menu choices, or put these in an envelope, with your name, address, and any dietary requirements written clearly on the front, and pass to one of the stewards at Mater Amabilis, to pass on to Caroline Kaye at Windermere.

Places are limited to 50!

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! Thanks to those who have already donated items – your generosity is much appreciated.

#### 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.

#### **NEW PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS**

We have changed our parish website address to: <u>www.ourladyofwindermere.org</u> Same website, just a slightly different address!

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the Editor: Deadline Wed lunchtime. Email: greetingsolw22@gmail.com