10 February 2024 6 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

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

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Masses and Intentions 10 Feb 2024 - 18 Feb 2024

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

6 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Sat 10 5.30pm (OLW) Vigil Mass

Sun 11 9.30am (MA) (World Day of the Sick) 11.15am (OLW)

Wed 14 ASH WEDNESDAY (Day of Fast and Abstinence)
MASS and DISTRIBUTION of ASHES
9.30am (MA)
11.15am(OLW)

Thur 15 11.00am Requiem for Pauline Mary Cannon (OLW)

Fri 16 (9.00am Rosary) Mass 9.30am (OLW)

1 Sunday of Lent (Yr B)

Sat 17 5.30pm (OLW) Vigil Mass

Sun 18 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 (née* 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: Frederick Baisbrown, Joanne Ogilvy Leech, Fr S Cross, Fr B Shuttelworth, Fr Tony Ashcroft, Jane Nicholson, Alice Breakell, Stanley Proudfoot, John Reid, Ellen Fray, Emma Glistet, Mary Agnes Fleming, Theresa Turner, Elizabeth Jackson, William Mullen, George Bailey, James Flood, Mary and Eileen Kidd, Canon Sewerens, Rev B Cunningham, Canon L Harrison, Rev T Burrow, Rev T Bell SPB, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time. **Lately dead:** Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Pauline Mary Cannon, late of our parish, whose Requiem service will be held at OLW on 15 Feb at 11.00am. May all our deceased loved ones rest in peace and rise in glory.

Hymns for OLW Vigil Mass: 708, 846, 611a, 365

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.

Standing in for Father Ajish this weekend is **Father Noah Monday from the Mill Hill Fathers for our weekend Masses.** Thank you Father Noah!

Father Noah will be giving a Red Box appeal for Mission, the Pope's charity for World Mission. Through the red boxes, direct debits and donations, Missio supports the Church around the world where it is young and in need. There will be a special collection at all Masses this weekend.

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.

Thought for the Week

THE SEASON OF LENT

In the middle of this week, we bid a temporary farewell to our Sundays in Ordinary Time, as we begin the season of Lent, and our 40 days preparation for the great feast of Easter.

Every day of Lent is a day of penance on which "Christ's faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity and to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal).

To give us encouragement and to put us in the right frame of mind, our Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday, which is also a day of fast and abstinence. Today our foreheads are marked with the ashes of last year's palm branches as we listen to the words of the prophet Joel: "Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning....turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent."

Lent is the perfect time for new beginnings, to rededicate ourselves to the great work of the Kingdom of God, which is already with us. St Paul says: "We are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God..... for He says: 'At the favourable time, I have listened to you, on the day of salvation I came to your help'. Well, now is the favourable time; this is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2)

Happy and Blessed Lent!

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.

AND BACK TO THE WINDERMERE CHURCH ROOF

We've had a little rest 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 over £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!!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 2024

ANNUAL PARISH 'CHRISTMAS' & NEW YEAR' LUNCH

Yes! It's getting nearer! Our annual parish lunch!

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. Or you can have a **2-course lunch and coffee** for £20.95 for adults.

The menu is displayed in the entrance of Our Lady's Windermere and Mater Amabilis at Ambleside.

Windermere parishioners: Sign up on the list at Windermere, and give your menu choices, including any dietary requirements. Please put your payment in an envelope with your name and contact details on the front, and pass to one of the stewards at Mass. Deadline for payments is 24th February.

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

Places are limited to 50! Please sign up if you are coming, and give your menu choices.

Please ensure you have paid in full by 24th February. This is the final date to secure your place.

We really, really need more raffle prizes for the event. Can you help with some tempting treats- edible, drinkable or just plain gorgeous? All money raised will go 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.

About the venue: The dining area at the Watermill at Ings is on the ground floor, is wheelchair accessible and has disabled toilet facilities and parking. **We can help with lifts if needed.**

CAFOD - BIG LENT WALK!!

Challenge yourself and take on CAFOD's "The Big Lent Walk"!

Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty.

It is suggested that 200km is walked (but you don't have to do that much!).

Sign up on line at www.walk.cafod.org.uk

Although we are not organising a parish walk this year, please do let the editor know if you are planning to walk and we will let everyone know to help with your sponsorship.

NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

Lancaster Diocesan Directories are available in both parishes at a cost of £6.00 each. In Windermere, please put your money in the wall box labelled Books and Piety.

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

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