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HERBERT AND MATER AMABILIS,  
AMBLESIDE**

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## Today's Gospel

In today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word apostle is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR July:**  
**Social Friendship**  
We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

## Parish News

**Moving on:** it is with sadness that I inform you that I will be leaving the parish in mid-September to become parish priest of St John Henry Newman Parish in Morecambe. I know a number of people had already commented that I would not be here for long, but I did myself think it would have been at least a year. As a parish we have achieved a lot in the last seven months, but there is still a lot to do over the next nine weeks. I am really grateful for the support I have received since arriving, this support is greatly needed in the coming weeks to achieve all that has been set out. As yet there is no word on who your new parish priest will be. As soon as there is I will let you know. I know it is customary for the parish to organise a collection when a priest leaves, but could I please ask that this does not happen. I have only been here a short time and I have not really done much to warrant your generosity. All I ask is for your prayers for me in the coming weeks, as I pray for you all each day.

**A 'thank you' to our school** This week our school closed for the summer holidays. We wish all our pupils and staff a very happy, safe and restful holiday after another difficult but productive year. Our thanks go to Mrs Charnley and all the staff at St Clare's for their outstanding work through the pandemic. It is amazing to see how well all the children have coped through much change and uncertainty, helped by the love of their families and the reassurance, guidance and support of their teachers and school friends.

**Booking in for Mass:** people are still requested to book in for Mass at Ambleside, but from next weekend there will no longer be the requirement to book in for Mass at Windermere. People are still asked to scan the QR code or write their names and contact details on the sheets to maintain track and trace. To help with this the standard weekly printed list will be available each week. If for some reason you attend weekly and your name is not on the list please email:

[southlakesbooking@gmail.com](mailto:southlakesbooking@gmail.com)

**Confirmation:** Calling all young people in year 7 and above who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Fr. Darren the cut-off date is Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**Red boxes:** Please bring your red mission boxes to Church next weekend so that they can be emptied and the money sent to the missions. If you are not currently attending Mass, and would like your box collected, please let Fr. Darren know and he will come and collect it from you.

**GOOD SHEPHERD FUND COLLECTION:** There is a collection today as you leave Mass for the Good Shepherd Fund which will support Bishop Paul's initiatives in the diocese

**KEYS:** you are a key holder to any church property, please give Fr Darren your contact details and which keys you hold. If you hold keys which you no longer use, please pass to Fr Darren and not to a third party, for security purposes. If you have passed your keys to another, please give details.

**CHURCH IS OPEN:** for private prayer Mon-Sat times may vary but in general from 9am till 4pm.

**HOLY ROSARY:** The Holy Rosary will be before 9.30 am on Wednesdays and Fridays. The rosary will

start at 9:10 am and will take place in the main body of the Church due to Covid 19 restrictions.

**Holy Communion for the sick and housebound at home:** If you know of any Catholic in the parish who is housebound, isolating or sick, please let me know, or make contact with them to ask if they would like to receive Holy Communion at home. I would hope that we can be in a position by the beginning of August for ministers to take Holy Communion to those at home.

**Our Lady of the Wayside Church:** on Monday this week the contents of the Church were removed and relocated to John Henry Newman School in Carlisle. This included the benches, statuary items and sacristy items and the stations of the cross. Arrangements need to be made for the altar to be removed and also the slate background with the statue of Our Lady of the Wayside. It is my intention to relocate the slate background and statue to Mater Amabilis and the altar possibly to Our Lady & St Herbert's.

**Our Lady of the Wayside Bungalow:** the bungalow has been completely ripped out and an internal wall has been removed to create open living with much need natural light. The bungalow is currently undergoing a complete electrical rewire due to the fact the sockets and lights originally fitted where instilled to suit an office and a dining room, which have now become two bedrooms. It was more cost effective to rewire than to make all the changes that where required. Once completed the bungalow will be three bedroomed, with open plan kitchen, dining area and through lounge. The electrics will be completed at the end of next week and the internal redecorating can begin, my hope is that the bungalow will be on the rental market in about four weeks' time. This will still leave the external painting to take place and some final touches to the ground works. whilst on the rental market.

**Our Lady & St Herbert Church:** A number of issues have been identified with regard to the flat roof about the sacristy and the main entrance of the Church. Work will be carried out in the near future once the bungalow has been completed.

**End of year accounts:** sorry for the delay in making these accounts available, I am currently still

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working on then and will keep you all informed as I progress in the coming weeks.

**Windermere Presbytery & Flat:** the family in the presbytery have settled in well and are enjoying the property. This week a bigger gas meter has been fitted to allow the separation of the water and heating systems. Now that the meter has been fitted, we can now begin work on install the flat with a separate boiler, with its own hot water and heating system. The electricians have already been separated with its own meter and consumer unit. I would hope that work will begin with this in two weeks' time.

#### Other news

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS:**

On January 31, 2021, Pope Francis announced a new celebration in honour of all grandparents and the elderly, who are so important to our communities and our Church. This new World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday in July. The Vatican has released Pope Francis' message for the first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be celebrated on Sunday, July 25th. Pope Francis has also granted a plenary indulgence to grandparents, the elderly, and all those who participate in a solemn celebration of this day as well as to those who spend time (actually or virtually) with an elderly brother or sister in need on this day. To read the Pope's message, visit

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-06/popefrancis-world-day-grandparents-elderly-message.html>

**CATHOLIC VOICE FOR JULY:** The July edition of our diocesan newspaper is available online.

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year B**

#### **Masses and Intentions**

Sat 5:30 pm (W) ) People of the Parishes  
Sun 9.30 am (A) Elizabeth Rabjohns, RIP  
Sun 11.15 am (W) Gladys Greenwood, RIP  
Mon Wedding Ambleside  
Tue No Mass  
Wed 9.30 am (W) Edith Worsley, Bill Worsley, Frances & Teresa Harrison & Judith Gregory  
Fri 9:30am (W) Volunteers at Grasmere  
Sat 5:30 pm (W) Des French  
Sun 9:30 am (A) People of the Parishes  
Sun 11:15 am (W) People of the parishes

**Sick:** Bernard Hanson, Margaret Simon, Rose Crowe and Anne Sowerby

**Anniversaries:** Mary Berrie, Val McVey, Fred Wunderlich, Margaret Sowerby Snr, Mrs Fitzjames, Robert Parr, Martha Wilson, Winifred Kennedy, Fr. M Gill, Joseph Patrick McCarthy, James Foran, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Walter White, John Murphy, Grace McCullough, Eva Holdsworth, Edith Haldane, William Chaplin, Wilfrid Downey, Cornelia Jones, Canon Clegg, Fr. Pearson, Fr. Bickerstaff, Fr. John Hawkins, Elizabeth Rabjohns, Debbie Owen.

Please send bulletin items to Fr. Darren Carden at [southlakesrc@gmail.com](mailto:southlakesrc@gmail.com) by 12 noon on Wednesdays.

## COVID – update

### General Guidance:

1. Face coverings should still be worn by all those coming to a church service (exemptions for medical reasons excluded). Those who do not wish to wear a covering should not be barred from entering, but they should be encouraged to sit a distance away from other people.

2. Social distancing will not be mandatory in our churches; however larger churches might consider still keeping some social distancing in place. Alternatively, if you have a building that can keep a section for those who would feel safer and less vulnerable by maintaining socially distanced sitting, then you could do so.

**We will maintain social distancing in parts of our Churches, in Windemere the left side looking from the altar will remain socially distance. In Ambleside the side benches will remain for socially distancing. This will be reviewed in early August.**

3. Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive.

4. The numbers for weddings, funerals and baptisms are limited by the capacity of each building.

5. There is no longer a requirement to clean benches etc. between services. However, it will remain best practice to at least clean bench tops if there are two services on the same day. Frequently-touched surfaces, such as door handles, should continue to be cleaned regularly.

### Liturgical issues:

1. Holy Communion (in the hand) should be restored to its traditional place, and with a Communion procession (trying to accommodate those who wish to retain social distancing.) It is recommended that stewards are used to invite people to the Communion procession row by row.

**This will be very difficult at Ambleside due to the size of the Church; therefore, we will continue to distribute communion at the end of Mass. This will be reviewed in early August. However, at Windemere we will restore the Communion procession.**

2. Communion on the tongue is permissible, and it should take place at the end of Communion, rather than after Mass. The priest must use sanitiser after each communicant has presented themselves.

**If anyone wishes to receive communion on the tongue, they must see Fr Darren prior to Mass to arrange this.**

3. Holy Communion under both kinds will not be re-introduced at this time.

4. Singing can be restored, though you may need to consider if this works with face coverings. C.B.C.E.W. recommends a phased re-introduction of singing. Hymn books and service books can be used once in a day.

**Hymn books will be out for next weekend and we will begin to sing from that weekend with limited hymns and verses. Volunteers will be needed to lead the singing, please see Fr Darren.**

5. The collection basket/plate should still not be passed around, though collectors may move around with baskets, as previously advised.

**We will continue to take the collection as people are leaving or entering the Churches**

6. The Procession of Gifts may be reinstated.

**At this time, we will continue without the procession of the gifts**

7. The Gloria, Creed, Prayers of the Faithful and Second Reading should be re-introduced if any of these has been omitted. However, Mass should still not be unnecessarily long.

8. A Sign of Peace involving contact with other persons should remain suspended.

9. We need to wait a little longer before the re-introduction of holy water in the stoups.

10. The dispersal of people immediately after Mass should be orderly.