

24/ 25 June 2023 12 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

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

Fr Ajish Kumpukkal, Parish Priest
Tel. 015394 33027
Email: southlakesrc@gmail.com
www.ourladyofwindermere.co.uk

St. Cuthbert's Primary School

Head Teacher: Lucy Bone
Princes Road, Windermere LA23 2DD
Tel. (015394) 48125 admin@st-cuthberts-windermere.cumbria.sch.uk; www.st-cuthberts-windermere.cumbria.sch.uk

Masses and Intentions 24 June 2023 – 2 July 2023

MA= Mater Amabilis Ambleside

OLW – Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert

12 Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Sat 24	4.00pm Mass in Polish (OLW) 5.30pm (<i>Sung</i>) (OLW) Vigil Mass
Sun 25	9.30am (MA) 11.15am (<i>Sung</i>) (OLW)
Wed 28	9.30am (OLW) (<i>Fr Des Seddon – better health</i>)
Thur 29	9.30am (OLW) Feast of SS Peter & Paul Holy Day of Obligation
Fri 30	9.30am (OLW) followed by Confessions

13 Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Sat 1 July	(MA) Confessions @ 10.30am 4.00pm Mass in Polish (OLW) 5.30pm (<i>Sung</i>) (OLW) Vigil Mass
Sun 2 July	9.30am (MA) 11.15am (OLW)

The livestream is back up and running. The link for the livestream is: <https://www.churchservices.tv/windermere>

For those who are sick:

Please pray for Fr Bernard Partington, Ruth Gajdowska and Rose Crowe who are sick. 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: Phillip Cottam, Andrée Gibson, George Thompson, Gordon Mooney, Ellen Stephenson, Alec Chisholm, Margaret Phair, Alice Mary Ockden, Marcelle Germain Marison, Mary Jane Morgan, Elsie Wallington, Mary Rooney, Canon Rawlionson, Canon Begley, John McGurk, Brigid Monks, Fr C Curtis, Fr T Harrison, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Lately dead: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Patrick Brosnan, Brenda Stephenson and Christopher Goodwin lately dead.

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

Hymns at Windermere Masses Sat/ Sun: 456, (Gloria 527), 627, 660, 970.

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.

This Thursday, 29th June is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of SS Peter and Paul. There is one Mass today at Windermere at 9.30am.

Can't make this time? Other Masses on 29th June nearby are:

Kendal, Holy Trinity & St George: 12 noon and 7.00pm

Lancaster Cathedral: 12.15 (*Day Chapel*) and 6.30pm

Keswick, Our Lady of the Lakes: 5.30pm

Penrith, St Catherine: 9.15am

Thought for the Week

At a time when the seasons move into a steady point – Midsummer – we celebrate a saint who is unique among saints, in that he is the only one, apart from Our Lord and Our Lady, whose birthday we celebrate. He is St John the Baptist.

Both liturgically and seasonally, for many hundreds of years, this used to be a major feast accompanied by traditions and festivals. In our post-industrial world, we have lost many of the observances and customs associated with St John's Birthday, or transferred them to the summer solstice. Which is a pity, because in losing them, we also lose some of the significance of the feast, and how our ancestors understood it.

In England and Wales, celebrations included bonfires, feasting and dancing around the maypole. It is said that roses gathered on St John's Eve would bloom until Christmas. In Scandinavia, St John's Eve is still a national holiday!

An Anglo-Saxon poem, the *Menologium*, composed in the second half of the 10thC, catalogues the seasonal year and the saints' feasts associated with various key moments in the agricultural calendar. Of St John it says this:

'Then, after thirteen and ten nights [i.e. on 24th June] the thegn of glory, the Prince's darling, John, was born in days of old; we keep that feast at Midsummer, with great honour.'
(Translation by Dr Eleanor Parker, from 'A Clerk of Oxford' blog).

St John was the herald of the Lord, and in himself the summary of all the prophets who had gone before him, and the first to point the way to Christ.

As Jesus says in St Luke's gospel: 'What then did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who are gloriously apparelled live in kings' courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face who shall prepare thy way before thee"' (Luke 7:25-27)

St John the Baptist, we give thanks for your life, and your intercession. We thank God for all those who point us in the right direction, and pray that we too, might point others towards the right direction, who is Christ. Happy Feast Day!

Parish News

ALTAR SERVERS ARE NEEDED

You may have noticed that we have a lack of altar servers in our parish, at both churches!

Both young people and adults are encouraged to come forward to serve at the altar. This is a wonderful way of participating more closely in the Mass. Of course, training will be given! Give the commitment you can. Serving every weekend is not a requirement – we can have a rota.

If you are interested, do contact Father Ajish, either in person after Mass, or on 015394 33027, or via email: southlakesrc@gmail.com

HAVE A CUPPA AFTER MASS on SUNDAY!

Parishioners and visitors both! Don't forget refreshments are served after Sunday Mass at both Mater Amabilis and Our Lady of Windermere. We are a sociable lot, and love to meet folks from near and far.

Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits are yours. No charge, but donations welcome which benefit many charities throughout the year, including CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need and Mary's Meals.

FATHER BERNARD

Thanks to some last minute monies, a representative of the parish was able to take nearly £400 to Father Bernard as our gift to him. A card was also given on behalf of the parish, and the children of St Cuthbert's School had made a lovely card, which was also taken to him.

Father Bernard is not back to health, but is doing better. He was very touched by our concern and by the generous gift. Please still remember him in your prayers.

Around the South Lakes

FLOWER FESTIVAL at St MARY'S CHURCH, WINDERMERE

Our neighbours at St Mary's Church Windermere are holding a Flower Festival 23-25 June on the theme of 'Seasons of the Church's year'.

Come along and enjoy the beautiful displays. Everybody welcome.

Opening times are:

Friday 23rd and Sat 24th 10.00am-4.00pm

Sunday 25th 2.00-4.00pm

A MUSICAL BENEFIT FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE and to support Music for Cancer

On Saturday 1 July 1.00-4.00pm at St Anne's Church, Ings, local musicians and singers (some from our own parish) will once again be offering their talents to provide an afternoon of free musical entertainment. Refreshments provided.

Teas begin at 1.00pm and the Music starts at 1.30.

Donations are welcome, but there is no entrance fee.

...AND AROUND THE CHURCH

THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE AT STONYHURST

The Centre, which is separate from, but based in the grounds of Stonyhurst College, offers a variety of courses throughout the year to foster deeper spiritual and intellectual engagement with the Christian Faith, and inspired by the wealth of Christian heritage housed at Stonyhurst College.

The Centre provides opportunities and facilities for education and study, for Christian leadership formation, and for religious retreat.

Forthcoming courses include: Praying with the saints; Human nature, gender and identity through the lens of St Thomas Aquinas; Marriage preparation. Prices are reasonable, and there are bursaries for those who would like to attend a course, but are in need of financial support to do so.

Contact: events@christianheritagecentre.com

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the Editor by Wednesday lunch time at:

greetingsolw22@gmail.com