

26/27 August 2023 21 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

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

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Masses and Intentions

26 August 2023 – 3 Sept 2023

MA= Mater Amabilis, Ambleside

OLW = Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert

21 Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Sat 26	5.30pm (Sung) (OLW) (<i>Jeff Henry RIP</i>) Vigil Mass
Sun 27	9.30am (MA) (<i>K O'Neill – In gratitude</i>) 11.15am (Sung) (OLW) (<i>Lilian Barnes RIP</i>)
Tues 29	9.30am (MA) (<i>John and Anne Newby & family</i>)
Wed 30	9.30am (OLW) (<i>Jean Murphy</i>)
Fri 1 Sept	9.30am (OLW) (<i>Delaney family</i>) followed by Confessions

22 Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Sat 2 Sept	10.00am (MA) Confessions 5.30pm (Sung) (OLW) (<i>Isobel Merritt</i>) Vigil Mass
Sun 3	9.30am (MA) 11.15am (OLW)

Mass in Polish is now on a summer break until September.

For those who are sick: Please pray for 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: , Lilian Barnes, Margaret Antionette (Toni) Cornforth, Colin Rigby, Elsa Beryl Dixon, Kathleen Kershaw, Helen and Andrew Tkachuk, John Slater, Bridget Batey, Teresa Robinson, James Pearson Thierons, Helen Birkett, Kevin Thomas, Richard Ellwood, Phyllis Cooper, Hugh Hannon, Clare Fisher, Mary Bullen, Philip Brogan, Mary Jones, Henry Parker, Jane and Albert Birkett, Mgr P Dunne, Rev G Farnworth, Rev C Crombleholme, Canon J Britt, Fr Tom Walsh, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Lately dead: Of your charity, please pray for the souls of Jeff Henry and Fr Duncan Grant OP, lately dead. **May all our deceased loved ones rest in peace and rise in glory.**

On Saturday, we welcome our new (well, nearly new) organ, which will be blessed at Vigil Mass!

Hymns for Sat/Sun Masses at Windermere: 910, (Gloria 527), 603, 944, 837

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the Editor.

Deadline Wed lunchtime.

Email: greetingsolw22@gmail.com

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.

Thought for the Day

On Wednesday of this coming week we celebrate the feast of three of our English martyrs: St Margaret Clitherow, St Anne Line and St Margaret Ward.

Margaret Clitherow is perhaps the best known. Wife, mother, and business woman she looked after a house, family and servants, and was the central figure in a circle of recusant Catholics in York who sheltered priests and organised Mass. The Catholic women of York were capable and courageous, and Margaret was their leader. She was arrested on the evidence of a frightened child, and refused to plead, knowing that if she did so, her children and friends could be tortured to provide evidence against her. She was crushed to death at York in 1586. You can visit her shrine in The Shambles there today. Legend has it that her body was secretly buried at Strid Chapel near Ribchester in Lancashire.

Anne Line was born in Essex. She married young, and she, her brother and her husband converted to Catholicism and were shunned by their families. Her husband was forced into exile abroad, and died there, leaving Anne a widow with little support. She became a housekeeper to the Jesuits in London, sheltering priests and serving the local poor. She was caught as people arrived at a secret Mass for Candlemas in February 1601. The priest escaped into a hiding place Anne had prepared, but she was arrested, tried and sentenced to be hung. Her health was so poor, she had to be carried to the scaffold in a chair. When her turn came to die, she kissed the scaffold, and declared: "I am sentenced to die for harbouring a Catholic priest, and so far I am from repenting for having so done, that I wish, with all my soul, that where I have entertained one, I could have entertained a thousand."

Cheshire-born **Margaret Ward** was a servant in an aristocratic household in London when she heard of the sufferings of an imprisoned priest in the Bridewell prison. She obtained permission to visit him, and eventually, on one of these visits, smuggled in a rope which the priest used to escape. Unfortunately, Margaret was immediately suspected, as was the boatman, John Roche, who had agreed to help her. Margaret was flogged, hung in manacles but refused to answer questions only saying that she rejoiced in "having delivered an innocent lamb from the hands of those bloody wolves". She and John Roche were hung at Tyburn on 30 August 1588.

Like the women of the early Christian church, our martyrs represent the thousands of Catholic women who through the centuries handed down the faith through their families, friends and communities. Their fidelity was not necessarily through martyrdom, but through witnessing in their domestic life to the truth of the gospel – the faith of our mothers!

Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, play for us!

Parish News

SUNDAY ROTA AT AMBLESIDE

The latest rota for church duties at Ambleside has just been drawn up, covering greeting, reading, flowers, cleaning, and coffee after mass on Sunday. A very big thank you to the small but faithful band of volunteers who share this work between them every single week of the year.

However, some additional volunteers would be very welcome - for any or all of these duties. If you are able to help in any way, please let Anne Corin know - annecorin@btinternet.com / 015394 33944. The more people we have on the rota, the less often you have to take your turn!

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. 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. At Windermere, donations are currently going towards the church roof fund.

AND TALKING OF THE WINDERMERE CHURCH ROOF

It's not easy for a parish as small as ours to find money for big building projects. Fortunately, the roof at Windermere has protected us for a good 50 years with only a little make do and mend along the way.

But there comes a time in every building, when it becomes dangerous to ignore the warning signs. And that's where we are at now. We need to find £120k-£150k to make major repairs and restoration of the roof not only of the church, but also the interconnected hall, which also serves our Catholic school.

What can you do?

Firstly, pray for us. . Ask Our Lord to help us repair His House as a sanctuary for the Holy Eucharist and a meeting place for His people in Windermere. And also ask Our Blessed Lady to put in a good word with the Father on our behalf.

Secondly, if you have skills and ideas that might help us in fundraising, do make yourself known to Father Ajish.

Thirdly, don't be surprised if you find an extra basket for donations on your way out of church after Mass. We want to be here for our parishioners and our many visitors for years to come. But we need your support, to add to our own fundraising and grant applications. Whatever you can spare to help us will be very gratefully received.

A big thank you to everyone who has generously donated since we began our little fundraising campaign. Thanks to you, we have currently raised over £800. We will be designating special Masses for the intentions of our benefactors throughout the year.

Around the Diocese

NEWS FROM CAFOD

For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds to produce food and maintain biodiversity. More recently, farmers have also developed seeds that ensure crops are resilient to climate change. However, their right to choose what seeds they use is increasingly under threat as new laws are introduced across the world that limit what small farmers can do with their seeds.

These laws, which are being brought in with the support of global financial institutions such as the World Bank, overwhelmingly favour large agricultural businesses. Instead of being able to choose their own seeds, small farmers must purchase commercial seeds – something that is good for big business but not good for the small farmers. Protecting the freedom of farmers to choose seeds is a right we must all stand up for if we are to tackle global poverty.

This weekend parishioners and visitors will be invited to add their names to a letter being sent to the World Bank ahead of their meeting in Morocco this October. Our parish CAFOD Representatives will be available as you leave church today and the letter will remain available for signing next weekend also.

Around the South Lakes

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!

It's lovely to see visitors returning to the Lakes, and to our churches over this summer. You are all very welcome! We wish you a restful/exciting holiday and hope that being here in this beautiful landscape will send you back home refreshed.

For anyone travelling around the Lakes while on holiday, a reminder that you can find **Mass times** and other information for our sister parishes online. Here are website details for our closest neighbours:

KENDAL (also serves SEDBURGH):

<https://kendalcatholicchurch.uk>

KESWICK (also serves COCKERMOUTH):

<http://cockermouthandkeswickcatholicchurch.co.uk>

CONISTON (also serves MILLOM): <https://saintfranciscumbria.com>

PENRITH: <https://stcatherinepenrith.org.uk>

BARROW in FURNESS: <https://ourladyoffurness.org.uk>

ULVERSTON (also serves DALTON in FURNESS):

<https://stmarysrulverston.weebly.com>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST MARY'S CofE CHURCH, WINDERMERE

A series of events will be held at St Mary's CofE Church in Windermere:

Thurs 31 August 7.00pm, 'Wordsworth and Coleridge - Finding God in the Mountains' a talk by Diana Marsham

Sat 21 Sept 6.00pm 'Talking Heads – a monologue'

17 Sept 2.00pm, 'Capello – a concert'

For more information contact the **Parish Office 015394 44176**.