

23/24 September 2023 25 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

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

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Masses and Intentions 23 Sept 2023 – 1 Oct 2023

MA= Mater Amabilis, Ambleside

OLW = Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert

25 Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Sat 23	10.00am (MA) 5.30pm (Sung) (OLW) Vigil (Graham Last – sick)
Sun 24	9.30am (MA) (Albin Binu – starting university) 11.15am (People of the parish) (OLW)
Tues 26	9.30am (MA)
Wed 27	9.30am (OLW)
Fri 29	9.30am (OLW) followed by Confessions

26 Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Sat 30	5.30pm (Sung) (Irene Dempster – thanks) (OLW) Vigil Mass
Sun 1 Oct	9.30am (MA) 11.15am (Sung) <i>Benefactors of the roof fund at OLW</i> (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. 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: John Rabjohns, John Cornforth, Anna Moser, Sigfride Ambrogi, James Craven, George Parker, James Balance, Frank Carr, Mgr Kershaw, Mgr Kenny, Michael (Mike) Barton, Peter Haslam, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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

Hymns for Vigil Mass at Windermere: 683, 603, 720, 725

Second Collection on 23/24 Sept is for the Bishop's administration fund.

A big vote of thanks to Mgr Slattery, who came out from Milnthorpe to say Mass for us last Saturday. Mgr was able to enjoy tea and cake after Mass, along with a good chat parishioners and friends. Thanks to parishioners who laid out the tables, did the tea and coffee, brought the cake, and cleared up afterwards!

The annual Mass count will be carried out on the last two weeks of September and first two weeks in October.

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 Week

Some well-known and lesser known saints have their feast days this coming week. Here's a little about three of them.

Tuesday is the feast of **SS Cosmas & Damian**, early Christians who are mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass. They were Arabian twin brothers who practised medicine in Roman Syria – but without charging a fee! Many miracles cures were attributed to them in their lives. They were martyred under the persecution of Diocletian in 303AD, after which their fame spread throughout the Christian world.

Another well-known saint this week is **St Vincent de Paul**, a French priest born in 1581, who dedicated himself to the service of the poor. During his life, Catholic clergy in France had become lax and ignorant. Vincent set himself to nurture their spiritual life, and somehow also found the time to found several orders and groups of religious and laity, including the Daughters of Charity. Vincent died in 1660.

Let us pray: Almighty God, who blessed the works of charity of your servants Cosmas and Damian with miraculous signs of healing, and of your servant, Vincent de Paul with fruitfulness of charity, grant that we may be inspired by their great love of your Son Jesus, and seek to do Your Will even in the small things of our everyday lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish News

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.

Dried zebra grass for sale in the porch in Windermere this weekend. Suggested donation is £2.00 a bunch – for the Roof Fund.

AND THE NEXT INSTALLMENT OF THE WINDERMERE CHURCH ROOF

Week-on-week, you won't find a great deal of change either in our fundraising, or in the actual work happening. But in both instances – a lot is happening, even if it's under the surface. Like a stately swan, we are gliding serenely through our troubles, with a lot of folk 'paddling' madly underneath the surface!

Yes, we still need to find £120k-£150k to make major repairs and restoration of the roof of the church, and the interconnected hall, which also serves our Catholic school.

While the roof isn't about to fall down on our heads – yet – this week's spell of very wet weather confirms the rightness of our determination to fix the roof, which will help us preserve the rest of the church structure.

What can you do?

Firstly, pray for us. Ask Our Lord to help us repair His House, our sanctuary of 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, we need ideas and support for fundraising. If this is something you can help with, **please contact Caroline Kaye on 07767163479**. Ideas great and small are all welcome! And if you are stuck on ideas – come along and support the activities, e.g. coffee mornings, Sunday refreshments etc.

Thirdly, until we can generate enough money to at least get us going, don't be surprised if you find an extra basket for donations on your way out of church after Mass. In order to be here for our parishioners and many visitors for years to come, we need your support to add to our own fundraising efforts and grant applications. Whatever you can spare to help us will be very gratefully received.

A big thank you to everyone who has already generously donated since we began our little fundraising campaign. **Thanks to you, we have currently raised over £3,000**. We will be designating special Masses for the intentions of our benefactors throughout the year.

We have selected the architectural consultants to work with us on this project, and have met with the Diocesan Property Officer on the next steps.

As things progress, we will be keeping you updated with what's happening.

Want to donate to Our Lady of Windermere roof appeal, but don't carry cash?

Donations can be made directly into the OLW Parish bank account:

Acc. Name: Parish of Our Lady of Windermere and St Herbert

Sort code: 40-27-02

Acc. Number: 41335588

Please put 'ROOF' as your reference.

The parish thanks you for your generosity.

PARISH GARDENING DAY AT WINDERMERE

The church grounds in the car park are looking rather shabby and overgrown and we need your practical help, please!

Father Ajish has agreed for us to have a '**BIG GARDENING DAY**' to tidy it up. This will take place on **7th & 8th of October, from 10 am - 4 pm on Saturday 7th and 12 pm - 4 pm on Sunday 8th both at Our Lady's, Windermere.**

We will need people to prune and weed shrubs, sweep, remove dead branches, bag and transport them to the tip for recycling if possible. If you can spare even an hour to help, or maybe more, please come along. The more, the merrier.

If you are unable to do any 'heavy' work, we also need people to help with refreshments, e.g. tea/coffee and biscuits will be available for the gardeners to keep their strength up!

If you can bring along your own tools, e.g. secateurs, brooms etc., that would be great! For more details, contact **Caroline on 07767 163479**.

Around the Diocese

ANNUAL EDUCATION MASS

The Diocesan Education Mass will be held at **St Peter's Cathedral Lancaster, on Friday 6th October at 6.30pm**. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided after the service at Lancaster Town Hall.

NEWS FROM CAFOD

In the wake of the two recent and overwhelming disasters in North Africa, CAFOD were able to issue a £30,000 grant to a church partner in Morocco to help with the aftermath of the awful earthquake, and have launched an Emergency Appeal to support with the horrific flooding in Libya.

Thanks to your generosity, we have already sent £50,000 to a trusted partner responding in Libya. If you wish to donate to this appeal please visit [Morocco earthquake and flooding in Libya \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Morocco.earthquakeandfloodinginLibya.cafod.org.uk)

Family Fast Day will be on **6th October** and envelopes will be available, as usual. CAFOD is able to allocate some of the funds raised from Fast Days to enable them to respond quickly when an emergency/disaster occurs.

Finally, thank you once again for your fantastic support with our Summer Seeds Campaign. Over 50 parishes held a signing this summer in Lancaster Diocese, with over 500 parishes in total throughout England and Wales. 16 Bishops from England and Wales also signed the letter. CAFOD staff have secured three meetings so far with the World Bank and UK Government staff, as a result of our campaign this year. It's just the start – but our campaign has been noticed. The parish letters will be handed into the World Bank in October, and we'll let you know how that goes. Thank you.