

14/15 Oct 2023 27 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

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

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Masses and Intentions

14 Oct 2023 – 22 Oct 2023

MA= Mater Amabilis, Ambleside

OLW = Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert

28 Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Sat 14	10.30 (MA) Confessions 5.30pm (<i>Sung</i>) (OLW) (<i>Deceased members of the McCullough family</i>) Vigil Mass
Sun 15	9.30am (MA) (<i>Alan and Pauline Prichard</i>) 11.15am (OLW) (<i>Richard Harold & Nancy Miriam Bolton</i>)
Tues 17	<i>Rosary at 9.10</i> 9.30am (<i>Martha Klein – sick</i>) (MA)
Wed 18	<i>Rosary at 9.10</i> 9.30am (OLW)
Fri 20	11.00 Funeral of Rose Crowe (MA) Please note the change of Mass times and venue

29 Sunday of the Year (Yr A)

Sat 21	5.30pm (<i>Sung</i>) (OLW) (<i>Robert Wooll</i>) Vigil Mass
Sun 22	9.30am (<i>Deceased members of the Roach family</i>) (MA) 11.15am (OLW)

For those who are sick: Please pray for Ruth Gajdowska and Margaret (Meg) Wood 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: Winifred Bather, Robert Wooll, Norah Dixon, Mary Nield, Robert Hall Mary Thompson, Leonard Neal, James Catterall, Mary McCaffrey, Delia Wilson, Edward Rogan, Esther Hughes, Jenny Crinnion, Robert Rowe, Thomas Nicholson, Francis Sutcliffe, Teresa Holden, Louise, Moore, A Rezel, Fr T Sowerby, Fr J Humphreys, Canon A Fleming, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Lately dead: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Rose Crowe**, who died recently. **Her funeral will take place at Mater Amabilis on Friday, 20 October at 11.00am.**

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

Hymns for Vigil Mass at Windermere: 456, 604, 478, 806

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.

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

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

October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary and to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.

Coincidentally, **Wednesday 18 October** is the feast day of **St Luke** the evangelist, to whom we owe most of the references to Our Lady that occur in the New Testament. Tradition has it that St Luke, a man of many talents, was not only a Gospel writer, but a doctor and an artist. Tradition has it that he travelled to the Holy Land and met and spoke with Our Lady. It was from her that he learned the details of her experiences which are only recorded in his Gospel. – the fruits of Our Lady ‘pondering these things in her heart’. According to various traditions there are four icons of Our Lady in her role as *Theotokos* or *God-bearer* which exist today, and which were painted by St Luke. Here are two of them:

In the 5thc., a Byzantine Empress brought one of these from Jerusalem to Constantinople, where the Hodegon monastery was established to house it. Although the original is believed lost in the Middle Ages, many copies of the icon were made, known as the *Hodegetria*.

Another famous icon brought to Rome by St Helena, is now housed in the church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, and is invoked as *Mary, Protectress of the Roman People*. Pope Francis prays and offers flowers before this icon before he embarks on a pontifical journey, and again to give thanks when he returns.

During the month of October, at 9.10, before weekday Masses in both Windermere and Ambleside, the Rosary will be said. If, for any reason there is no Mass on that day, there will be no Rosary.

Perhaps we can all say a decade of the Rosary each day during October, making it our own ‘appointment with Mary our Mother’, as the young Millennial saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis, did?

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. No charge, but donations welcome which benefit many charities, including CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need and Mary's Meals. At Windermere, donations are currently going towards the church roof fund.

ADVANCE NOTICE: November 1st is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at MA 09.30am and OLW 11.15am

AND THE WINDERMERE CHURCH ROOF

A big thank you to everyone who has already generously donated towards our fundraising campaign. Thanks to you, the amount now raised has grown to a few pounds short of **£5000**. We are designating special Masses for the intentions of our benefactors throughout the year.

We still have a large amount to raise (£120 - £150k) to repair and replace all areas of the Church roofs and the gutters, this includes the Church Hall, which serves the Catholic School daily, for their activities and lunch. **Look out for news of some fundraising activities in the run up to Christmas. We'll be calling all gardeners, cake bakers, and looking for other contributors too!**

Our Church was built in 1962 and while the roofs have served us well up to now, they are showing wear and tear on the pitched roofs and the flat roofs, of which there are six, are failing dramatically.

What you can 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.

Secondly, we need ideas and support for fundraising. Please contact **Caroline Kaye on 07767163479** with your ideas, great or small are welcome.

And thirdly, donate any spare change or notes you have, please! If you don't use cash, we now take credit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay too! Our fundraising collectors will be waiting after every Mass to collect your kind donations. Whatever you can spare to help us, will be gratefully appreciated. Where possible, would you kindly gift aid your donations by filling in your details on the envelopes at the church entrance? Thank you.

You may also prefer to pay directly into our Parish account 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.

The next stages...

We met last week with our architectural consultants and the Diocesan Property Officer to establish what we, as a parish, need to do next. First is an asbestos survey. Which might involve a 'cherry picker' helping a survey of the roof area!

PARISH GARDENING DAY AT WINDERMERE

Fr Ajish and the Parish Steering Group would like to thank everyone who helped with the Gardening Day last Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to good weather, we had a great turnout and the results are amazing! We can't thank you enough for all that you did on these two days – it was a big job, but you set to with a will! A big thanks to those who helped with supplying the workers with refreshments throughout both days. They were very welcoming and much appreciated!

God bless you all!

Ed's Note: And thanks to Caroline who organised everything!

NEWS FROM CAFOD

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you for your generous donations. Together, we are supporting local experts to get help to families and communities when they need it most.

The combined total for our parishes was **£674.20**. You may still donate this weekend, by putting a CAFOD envelope in the general collection or donating on-line at cafod.org.uk.

News from St Cuthbert's School

Would you be interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, Windermere? Full training and support would be given. Governors meet on a half termly basis. If you are interested please contact Lucy Bone, Headteacher via admin@st-cuthberts-windermere.cumbria.sch.uk 01539448125

Could you offer St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School advice and support in Health and Safety issues? Would you be interested in visiting the site and advising Governors and staff on ways to ensure our site is safe? If the answer yes and you could offer a few hours a term on a voluntarily basis, please contact our school office. admin@st-cuthberts-windermere.cumbria.sch.uk 01539448125. Your help would be most appreciated.

Around the Diocese

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their **Internship Programme**. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

The Church in the World

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, this week asked the faithful to pray for peace in the aftermath of the attack by Palestinian militant group Hamas on Israel from Gaza.

Cardinal Nichols said: "Today I ask your prayers that, at the intercession of Mary, the Holy Spirit may be a bringer of peace in the conflicts spreading at this time in Israel and Gaza.

Violence is never a solution. Retribution is never a contribution to peace. Please pray today for that peace. Pray for all who have lost their lives and for the immediate release of those taken hostage.

Pray especially for the small but active Catholic community in Gaza City who at this moment will be reaching out courageously to their neighbours, trying to offer shelter and support. Please pray the great prayer of the Rosary that this conflict, in the homeland of Mary herself, will quickly come to an end."

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