

# 23/24 December and 30/31 December 2023 Nativity of the Lord and The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Yr B

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*you and is very grateful for your generosity and for all your lovely Christmas gifts already received.*



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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## Masses and Intentions

23 Dec 2023 – 31 Dec 2023

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Yr B)

Sat 23 4.00pm Mass in Polish (OLW)  
5.30pm (Sung) (OLW) (*Kendall family*)  
Vigil Mass  
Sun 24 9.30am (MA) (*Newby family*)

### Nativity of the Lord (Yr B)

Sun 24 5.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Christmas (MA) (*Fred & Edna Jones*)  
7.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Christmas (Sung)  
OLW) (*Private intention of Tony Millar*)  
Mon 25 9.30am Christmas Mass in the Day  
(Sung)(OLW) (*Anne Fletcher – sick*)  
Wed 27 9.30am (OLW) (*Robinson family*)  
Fri 29 9.30am (OLW)

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Yr B)

Sat 30 4.00pm Mass in Polish (OLW)  
5.30pm (Sung) (OLW) Vigil Mass  
Sun 31 9.30am (MA)  
11.15am (Sung) (OLW)

**For those who are sick** Please pray for Meg & Tony Daly, Tony Cook, Ruth Gajdowska, and Margaret (Meg) Wood, who are sick. Please pray also for Julie Pomfret (nee\* 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: Veronica Holder, Sheila Rose, Fr D Gallagher, Bishop BC Foley, Sheila Dixon, Joe Marcotto, Lucy Shaw, Bill Glistler, Christiane Doherty, Fr JT Turner, Dorothy Mary Walsh, Winefride Stanton, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.  
*May all our deceased loved ones rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**Hymns at Windermere: 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Advent:** 113, 160, 88, 112. **1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Christmas:** 159, 498 (Gloria), 134, 136, 127, 155.  
**Christmas Mass in the Day:** 159, 498 (Gloria), 118, 136, 127, 156.

**Advance Notice:** Father Ajish will be away visiting India from 9<sup>th</sup> Jan-13<sup>th</sup> Feb – back in time to celebrate Ash Wednesday with us – yes! Easter really is going to be early in 2024!

During his absence, weekend Masses at both churches will be offered by visiting priests of the diocese. There will be no weekday Masses at Ambleside, and weekday Mass on Wednesday only at Windermere.

## Parish News

### MASS TIMES FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

Masses at the usual time for the Saturday Vigil and Windermere and the morning Mass at Ambleside. **BUT THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON SUNDAY MORNING AT WINDERMERE.**

### MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

**The first Mass of Christmas (Midnight Mass) will be celebrated at Ambleside at 5pm and at Windermere at 7pm on SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER.**

**The ONLY Mass on Christmas Day will be at Windermere on MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 9.30am**

**There will be NO MASS at Ambleside on Christmas Day.**

**THANK YOU.....**

### CHURCH CLEANING

Father Ajish thanks all the parishioners who took up their mops and dusters, for their kind efforts in cleaning the church at Windermere in preparation for decorating for the Christmas celebrations. And also thank you to everyone who decorated the church, put up the Christmas tree and prepared the crib. It looks splendid!

*As is customary, the collection at all Christmas Masses is personal to the priest of the parish. Father Ajish thanks*

## CAROL CONCERT

Following the cancellation and rearranging of the annual Carol Concert, a wonderful afternoon of carol singing followed by the eating of mince pies, quaffing of mulled wine and buying of raffle tickets took place on Sunday afternoon.

In the absence of the Brass Band, who sadly had another engagement, Marian, our organist, stepped in to provide the music – and thanks to the Christine, Anne and Theresa for the necessary organ lighting!! The biggest thanks must go to the chief organiser, Bertha Birkett, and her group of willing helpers who decorated the church and prepared the refreshments. A total of £500 was raised for the charity *Mary's Meals*, which will be doubled by government, so everyone's contributions means that the charity will benefit by £1,000. A wonderful effort!



## Thought for the Week

### Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, Love divine;  
Worship we our Jesus:  
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,  
Love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and all men,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.

*Christina Rossetti (1860-1894)*

### DID YOU KNOW?

Father Ajish built and is still supporting, a home in India for poor and needy children. He will be spending a week of his forthcoming visit there. Father provides the regular expenses for 47 children to have food, lodging, medicine, education etc. Father Ajish says: "If anyone would like to give a little donation towards this noble cause, they are welcome to do so as I will take it directly to the beneficiaries on my visit."

Currently, donations for refreshments at Mater Amabilis are given to the support of the children.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the Editor by  
Wednesday lunch time at: [greetingsolw22@gmail.com](mailto:greetingsolw22@gmail.com)

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30 Dec 2023 – 7 Jan 2023

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Sun 31 9.30am (MA)  
11.15am (Sung) (OLW)  
Mon 1 Jan 2024 9.30am (OLW)  
Tues 2 9.30am (MA)  
Fri 5 9.30am (OLW) followed by **Confessions**

#### The Epiphany of the Lord (Yr B)

Sat 6 5.30pm (Sung) (OLW) Vigil Mass  
Sun 7 9.30am (MA)  
11.15am (OLW)

**There is no Mass in Polish until the end of January**

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## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome all our visitors who are joining us for Christmas Masses. It's lovely to see you all!