

# 3 February 2024 5 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

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### Masses and Intentions 3 Feb 2024 – 11 Feb 2024

MA= Mater Amabilis, Ambleside  
OLW = Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert

#### 5 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Sat 3 Feb 5.30pm (OLW) Vigil Mass  
Sun 4 9.30am (MA)  
11.15am (OLW)  
Wed 7 (9.10am Rosary) Mass 9.30am (OLW)

#### 6 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Sat 10 5.30pm (OLW) Vigil Mass  
Sun 11 9.30am (MA)  
11.15am (OLW)

**For those who are sick:** Please pray for Tony and Myra Daly, Tony Cook, Ruth Gajdowska, and Margaret (Meg) Wood, who are sick. Please pray also for Julie Pomfret (née\* 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: Ingeborg Maria Smiddy, Mary Heys, Jeremy Ayrton, Fred Stanton, Raymond Duckworth, James Patrick McGrath, Arthur Turner, Pal Benn, Teresa Dunn, Lilian Thornton, Florence May, Rupert & Martha Wallington, Joseph Michael Garde, Canon E Mitchell, Canon F Gillett, Fr D Gould, Canon J Bibby, Canon EA McManus, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Lately dead:** Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Pauline Mary Cannon, late of our parish, whose Requiem service will be held at OLW on 15 Feb at 11.00am.**

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Confessions usually take place at **Mater Amabilis, Ambleside on the First Saturday of the month at 10.30am.** At Windermere, while Father Ajish is away, Confession is on request before/ after Mass.

While Father Ajish is away, we will be welcoming visiting priests at both Ambleside and Windermere to say Mass for us. This week, we thank **Father Peter Verity from Lancaster for our weekend Masses, and Father Matthew Jakob from Millom for the Wednesday Mass at Windermere.**

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.

Please note that during Father Ajish's absence in India there will be **no** weekday Masses at Ambleside, and weekday Mass on **Wednesday only** at Windermere.

### Thought for the Week

#### ST BRIGIT OF IRELAND

Brigit was the daughter of Dubthach. She used to give to the poor and needy of the Lord from her father's wealth, until her father became displeased and desired to sell the holy Bridget.

He put her in a chariot and said: "Not for honour are you carried in the chariot; but to take you to grind at the quern of Dunlaing, son of the king of Leinster."

When they came to the king's fortress her father went in and left his sword near Brigit in the chariot. A leper came and begged her to give him alms, so Brigit gave him her father's sword.

Meanwhile Dubthach, her father said to the king: "Will you buy my daughter from me?" "Why are you selling your own daughter?" said Dunlaing. "Because she is selling my wealth and bestowing it on wretched, worthless men," said her father. "Let her be brought to us," commanded Dunlaing. Dubthach went to Brigit and when he came to the chariot he saw his sword was gone. Brigit said: "I gave it to a poor man who came to beg of me." Dubthach was mightily angry. When Bridget came before the king he asked her: "Why do you steal your father's property and wealth? Why have you given the sword away?" then said Bridget: "The Virgin's Son knows that if I had your power, and all your wealth, and with all Leinster, I would give them all to the Lord of the Elements." Then the king said to Dubthach, "It's not up to us to deal with this maiden, for her merit before God is higher." So Bridget was saved with from bondage.

Everything that Bridget would ask of the Lord was granted her at once. For this was her desire: to satisfy the poor, to expel every hardship, to spare every miserable man. She was simple towards God, she was compassionate towards the wretched, she was splendid in miracles and marvels, wherefore her name among creative things is: Dove among birds, Vine among trees, Sun among stars.

*Adapted from the Lives of the Saints from the Book of Lismore (as quoted in Margaret Hebblethwaite ed. The Living Spirit).*

### Parish News

#### MISSIO RED BOXES

Fr. Noah from Mill Hill will be the priest taking Masses at both our churches on the **weekend of 10 & 11 February.** Do you have a red collecting Missio box at home? Please return it to either Mater Amabilis or Our Lady of Windermere **before** this date so the boxes can be emptied, and the contents given to Father Noah.

#### AND BACK TO THE WINDERMERE CHURCH ROOF ....

We've had a little rest over Christmas with so much charity fundraising, but the bad weather sends us a timely

reminder that the church roof at Windermere still needs fixing!

Thanks to all the fundraising efforts we have currently raised just over £10,000!! Check out the Fund Thermometer in the church entrance to see how far we have got, and how far we have to go to reach our target of £120k.

This year, 2024, is the Jubilee Year of the church. Wouldn't it be great to use this anniversary to secure our House of God until the next Jubilee? With your help, we can do it! **Our Church was built in 1962 and while the roofs have served us well up to now, they are showing wear and tear and the flat roofs, of which there are six, are failing dramatically.**

Donations will be collected after every Mass, and for your convenience we have a credit card machine for those preferring to make a card donation. Every contribution, regardless of the amount, will be greatly appreciated and help us to reach our goal.

Your generosity will enable our church to continue serving our community and visitors for many years to come. We want to express our gratitude for your support and thank you for your contribution. Donations may also be made 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.

If you would like to Gift Aid your donations, please fill in a gift aid envelope (available in the church), write 'ROOF' on the envelope and pop in the black wall box in the church entrance, also marked ROOF. Thank you again!!

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**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 2024**

**ANNUAL PARISH 'CHRISTMAS' & NEW YEAR' LUNCH**

Following the success of last year's event, we will be once again holding a Parish Lunch for all parishioners from both churches. Father Ajish will be back from India to join in!

The venue this year is **The Watermill, at Ings** village (on the A591) **on Sunday 3 March 2024**. Arrive at 12.30pm for 1.00pm. The cost for a **3-course lunch and coffee** is: £24.95 for adults; £17.95 for children. Or you can have a **2-course lunch and coffee** for £20.95 for adults.

The menu is now displayed in the entrance of Our Lady's Windermere and Mater Amabilis at Ambleside.

**Windermere parishioners:** Sign up on the list at Windermere, and give your menu choices, including any

dietary requirements. Please put your payment in an envelope with your name and contact details on the front, and pass to one of the stewards at Mass. Deadline for payments is 24<sup>th</sup> February,

**Ambleside parishioners:** Please email [carolinekaye3@yahoo.com](mailto:carolinekaye3@yahoo.com) with your menu choices, etc. or put these in an envelope, with your name, address, and any dietary requirements written clearly on the front, and give to one of the stewards at Mater Amabilis, to pass on to Caroline Kaye at Windermere.

Places are limited to 50!

**Please ensure you have paid in full by 24<sup>th</sup> February. This is the final date to secure your place.**

There will be a raffle (of course!), with any monies raised going towards the Roof Fund. So, this is your chance to declutter, and pass on any excess-to-requirements Christmas gifts! Thanks to those who have already donated items – your generosity is much appreciated.

**About the venue:** The dining area at the Watermill at Ings is on the ground floor, is wheelchair accessible and has disabled toilet facilities and parking.

**CAFOD – BIG LENT WALK!!**

Challenge yourself and take on CAFOD's "The Big Lent Walk"!

Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty.

It is suggested that 200km is walked (but you don't have to do that much!).

Sign up on line at [www.walk.cafod.org.uk](http://www.walk.cafod.org.uk)

Although we are not organising a parish walk this year, please do let the editor know if you are planning to walk and we will let everyone know to help with your sponsorship.

**NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES**

Lancaster Diocesan Directories are available in both parishes at a cost of **£6.00 each**. In Windermere, please put your money in the wall box labelled Books and Piety.

**NEW PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS**

We have changed our parish website address to: [www.ourladyofwindermere.org](http://www.ourladyofwindermere.org) Same website, just a slightly different address!

**Items for the newsletter should be sent to the Editor:  
Deadline Wed lunchtime.  
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