

17/18 February 2024 1 Sunday of Lent Yr B

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

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Masses and Intentions 17 Feb 2024 – 25 Feb 2024

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

1 Sunday of Lent (Yr B)

Sat 17 5.30pm (OLW) Vigil Mass
Sun 18 9.30am (MA)
11.15am (OLW)

Tues 20 (9.00am Stations of the Cross) 9.30am (MA)
Wed 21 (9.00am Stations of the Cross) 9.30am (OLW)
Fri 23 (9.00am Stations of the Cross) Mass 9.30am (OLW)
Confessions before Mass

2 Sunday of Lent (Yr B)

Sat 24 5.30pm (OLW) Vigil Mass
Sun 25 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: Carl Allan John Emery, Fr Brendan Monaghan, Fr John Danson, Aubrey Percy, Robert Haslam, Irene Beatrice Goodwin, Bridget Edwards, Fr Robert Magner, Joan Yvonne Williams, Fr A Coia, Peter John Patric Sheehan, John Monaghan, Margaret Anthony, Canon McMarney, Fr W Cross, Rev T Calderbank, Rev C Fleming, Rev VRH Carr, Fr Joseph Gallagher, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Latently dead: Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Pauline Mary Cannon, late of our parish, whose Requiem service was held at OLW last week.**

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

Welcome back Father Ajish!

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 on **Friday before Mass.**

Throughout Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at both Mater Amabilis and Our Lady of Windermere before weekday Masses.

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.

Thought for the Week

We grieve and confess that we harm and have been harmed, to the third and fourth generations, that we are so afraid of pain that we shield ourselves from being vulnerable to others, and refuse to be open and trusting as a child ...

O God of Wholeness, we rest in you ...
You listen with us to the sound of running water, you sit with us under the shade of the trees of our healing, you walk once more with us in the garden in the cool of the day.

The oil of your anointing penetrates the cells of our being, the warmth of your hands touches us kindly, steadies us and gives us courage. O God of Wholeness, we rest in you...

Jim Cotter (1942-2014) from Prayer at Night's Approaching

Parish News

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 2024

ANNUAL PARISH 'CHRISTMAS' & NEW YEAR' LUNCH

Yes! It's getting nearer! Our annual parish lunch!

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 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 24th February.

Ambleside parishioners: Please email 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 sign up if you are coming, and give your menu choices.**

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

We really, really need more raffle prizes for the event. Can you help with some tempting treats- edible, drinkable or just plain gorgeous? All money raised will go 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. **We can help with lifts if needed.**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Family Fast Day takes place this year on Friday 23 February. Envelopes are being handed out this weekend and the appeal and collection will take place next weekend, 24/25 February.

This year, the appeal will help people like James.

James told us that when his family had no food, he faced a terrible choice: stay home and stay hungry or put everything on the line to go out onto the water in his small canoe. Five fishermen a month – many he called ‘brothers’ – were dying in storms at sea. Just like him, they couldn’t afford the life jackets, compasses and other equipment they needed to stay safe at sea and get a good catch.

Your support for CAFOD this Fast Day helps hardworking people like James to return home safely and feed their families for good.

Thank you for all your support!

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 £11,200!!** 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!!

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.

A DAY of RENEWAL is taking place on **Saturday 2 March 2024 10am-4pm at St Clare’s Church Parish Hall, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9HH.**

Led by Gary Stephens, the leader of the Prince of Peace Community and the CEO of New Dawn, Walsingham.

Bring a packed lunch – tea and coffee provided. For more information contact Christine: 07745009694 or Annette: 07954429333.

FOR MUSIC LOVERS....

A free benefit concert – drop in, drop out, listen to an eclectic afternoon of music and enjoy refreshments – on **Saturday 24 February at St Anne’s Church Ings 1.30-4.30pm**. (refreshments open at 1.00pm) Featuring talented amateur and semi-professional musicians including Harps North West. And yes! It’s all free! Donations welcome to support Musicians of the Ukraine and Parkinsons UK.

Come and support these charities and enjoy beautiful music.

<p>Items for the newsletter should be sent to the Editor: Deadline Wed lunchtime. Email: greetingsolw22@gmail.com</p>
