

# 24/25 February 2024 2 Sunday of Lent Yr B

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MATER AMABILIS, AMBLESIDE**

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## **Masses and Intentions 25 Feb 2024 – 3 Mar 2024**

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

### **2 Sunday of Lent (Yr B)**

Sat 24 5.30pm (OLW) Vigil Mass  
Sun 25 9.30am (MA)  
11.15am (OLW)  
Tue 27 (9.00am Stations of the Cross) 9.30am (MA)  
Wed 28 (9.00am Rosary) 9.30am (OLW)  
Fri 1 Mar (9.00am Stations of the Cross) 9.30am (OLW)

**Confessions before Mass**

### **3 Sunday of Lent (Yr B)**

Sat 2 Confessions MA 10.30am  
4.00pm (OLW) Mass in Polish  
5.30pm (OLW) (Sung) Vigil Mass  
Sun 3 9.30am (MA)  
11.15am (OLW) (Sung)

**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: James Ashworth, Eamonn Monks, Mary Patricia Dorgan, Neil Colin Macbean, Sean Patrick Kavanagh, Philip Lowe, Sandra White, Dorothy Roberts, Maureen Matthews, Maureen Hodgson, Fr E McCarten, Anne Dent, Elizabeth Howson, Emily Noblet, Rotha Winefride Wilson, Ann Mulgrew, Christopher May, Ann Dunn, Moira Carroll-Hair, Cuthbert Thompson, Ursula Phyllis Crompton, Ann Cooke, Eliza Golding, Fr C Fitzsimmons, Fr J McQuade, Fr F Hamer, Canon Clayton, Fr M Timon, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Lately dead:** Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Pauline Mary Cannon, late of our parish, and Patrick Boylan, both of whom died recently.

**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, 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 (but not Wednesday at OLW).

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.

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

**First Communion in our parish will take place on 19th May,** and the preparations will be done at St Cuthberts School

If there is anyone not at the catholic school who would like to make their First Communion this year at Windermere or Ambleside, please contact Father Ajish to arrange catechism classes.

Parents and guardians! Please support your children taking part in this holy Sacrament! Come along with them to Sunday Mass.

### **Thought for the Week**

In today's Gospel we are given St Mark's account of the Transfiguration. The dramatic nature of the event and the vivid picture Mark paints may incline us to think of this as a grand piece of theatre - Jesus, the Son of God, showing Peter, James and John who He really is. The main difference between this and normal theatre being that here Jesus is not pretending to be someone else, but appearing as His True Self...

While it is true that Jesus does manifest His true glory, viewing the Transfiguration as a piece of theatre fails to understand what is happening here. Once we see the Transfiguration in the context of ritual, we can gain a deeper insight into the mystery Mark narrates.

The ascent of the high mountain and the transformation of Jesus bring to mind Moses' ascent to receive the law of God. Peter's reaction in offering to build three tents recalls the Jewish feast of booths, remembering when Israel dwelt in tents. The cloud descending and covering them in shadow also recalls Israel's journey through the wilderness, led by the cloud that was the presence of God. These are all made present in the Transfiguration through the person of Jesus Christ. Whereas other priests enact rituals to make a reality present, Christ is the reality made present through the sacraments. He is the source of all true ritual. When Christ manifests His glory in the Transfiguration, He is doing more than just showing us who He is; He is making Himself present to each one of us. Through participating in the sacraments of the Church, Christ is made present to all his faithful.

As they come down from the mountain, Jesus warns the three disciples to tell no one of what they have seen until the Son of Man rises from the dead... it is only after the Resurrection and through the Resurrection that the disciples come to understand that Jesus, in His life, death and Resurrection has made present the saving power of God. The Transfiguration provides a foretaste of the

mysteries Christians come to share in through the rituals of the Church.

From: "Transforming Rituals by Fr David Goodhill OP (Torch website 19 Feb 2024)

## Parish News

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 2024  
ANNUAL PARISH 'CHRISTMAS' & NEW YEAR' LUNCH**

**\*\*\* Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, this Weekend is the LAST opportunity to sign up for the parish lunch, make your choices and pay your money!!\*\*\***

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 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 sign up if you are coming, and give your menu choices, and ensure you have paid in full by 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

**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 travel to the venue if needed.**

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### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Family Fast Day took place last Friday, 23 February. The envelopes handed out last week will be collected at Masses this weekend. There will be an appeal by our CAFOD representatives and you will be able to make your donation

via debit or credit card, if you prefer. We still have envelopes available and please Gift Aid your donation if you are able, it makes a big difference to CAFOD.

*This year, the appeal will help people like James, a poor fisherman in Liberia.*

*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!

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### 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!!

**Items for the newsletter should be sent to the Editor:  
Deadline Wed lunchtime.  
Email: [greetingsolw22@gmail.com](mailto:greetingsolw22@gmail.com)**