

# 2/3 March 2024 3 Sunday of Lent Yr B

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

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### Masses and Intentions 2 Mar 2024 – 10 Mar 2024

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

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

Sat 2 March **Confessions** MA 10.30am  
5.30pm (OLW) (*Sung*) Vigil Mass  
Sun 3 9.30am (MA)  
11.15am (OLW) (*Sung*)  
Tues 5 (9.00am *Stations of the Cross*) 9.30am (MA)  
Wed 6 (9.00am *Rosary*) 9.30am (OLW)  
Fri 8 (9.00am *Stations of the Cross*) 9.30am (OLW)  
**Confessions** before Mass

#### 4 Sunday of Lent (Yr B)

Sat 9 4.00pm (OLW) Mass in Polish  
5.30pm (OLW) (*Sung*) Vigil Mass  
Sun 10 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: Keith Sowden, Ruth Walker, Sally Coleman, Sheila Masterson, John Patrick Byrne, Sr Françoise, James Murphy, Marie Smith, Ann Chisholm, Fr Jack Harrison, Anne Clare Parker, Joseph Locke, A Allen, F Catterall, Canon T Kelly, Fr V Fallona, Fr K Hudson, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Latently dead:** Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Constance Barber and Pauline Mary Cannon, late of our parish, and Patrick Boylan, all 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.**

**Hymns at OLW: 212, 184 (Gospel), 204, 611a, 466**

Date for diary: 26<sup>th</sup> March. Special event for Lent at OLW!  
Further information to follow next week.

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, when Rosary is said).

We 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

#### BURNING WITH ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE

From the little information we have from the Gospel accounts it is not a straightforward matter for us to imagine what kind of personality Christ had. On the one hand he seems to be calm and steady, not easily swayed by the events that take place around him.

On the other hand we see him many times working miracles because he was moved by pity. Today, we see Jesus clearly angry with the situation he met in the temple. He drove out the businessmen from the temple and told the sellers at the stalls: 'Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade.' It is clear that Jesus cares deeply for all things concerning the Father: his mission, the revelation of the Father's name and the Father's house; and wishes that the temple would be a fitting place of prayer, devotion and instruction. It was obvious to him from young age: when lost during the pilgrimage to Jerusalem he says to his family 'How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'

Just as it would be inappropriate for us to imagine Christ in a stoic fashion, unaffected by his emotions, so equally it is wrong to ignore our own emotions. They are part of the human nature, the same nature that Jesus fully took upon himself and redeemed. Emotions can be a useful guide in our spiritual life. They can show us what truly matters to us. The thing or matter that is important to us will bring us joy and delight when we achieve it. If the same thing is lost, we are sad. When the object of our desire is threatened, we become angry – and that anger moves us to fight for it.

This is why it is so important for us to *want* God, to desire his presence and his very self. By rationally choosing God as our goal and place of rest and fulfilment we are also guiding our emotions to follow through in the same direction. If we can achieve that, then prayer becomes more enjoyable and we are filled with more energy to strive for justice in this world, when we see others being wronged.

In this way, just like Christ, our Head, we can be devoured by 'zeal for God's house', not only for the places where we worship, but more importantly zeal for our brothers and sisters, who share not just in our common human nature, but also in the call to want God, to desire the presence of our Creator and Saviour.

(Fr Benedict Jonak OP – Torch28/2/24 - website of the Dominican Friars of the English Province)

## Parish News

### FIRST COMMUNION

**First Communion in our parish will take place on 19th May.** Preparation classes will take place on Thursdays, beginning from **7th March at St Cuthbert's Catholic primary school Windermere 3.15 pm till 4.15 pm.**

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.

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Family Fast Day took place on 23 February. ***There is still time to give your offering.*** Please put your envelope (we have spare envelopes in the church entrances too!) in the CAFOD basket. 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!!

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICE TIMES 2024

**We welcome all parishioners and visitors to our Holy Week and Easter celebrations.**

**Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

***Mass of the Lord's Supper***

Mater Amabilis, Ambleside 6.30pm

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Stations of the Cross 9.00am**

At both Our Lady of Windermere and Mater Amabilis, Ambleside at 9.00am

***Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Sung)***

Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert's, Windermere 3.00pm

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert's, Windermere 6.30pm

**Easter Sunday 31 March**

Mater Amabilis, Ambleside 9.30am

Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert's, Windermere, *(Sung)* 11.15am

***Don't forget, Sunday 31 March is also when British Summer Time begins and the clocks go forward!!***

### MUSIC AND LITURGY for HOLY WEEK and EASTER

There will be solemn singing on Good Friday and joyous singing on Easter Sunday morning with the organ in use again after a long absence.

If you sing in the congregation and would like to get more out of your singing this year by getting familiar with a couple of short pieces in advance of Holy Week, **please contact Marian on 0771 958 7181.** All are welcome. You don't have to have a splendid voice, a loud voice, or be able to read music, but if you do, that will be very helpful.

**Items for the newsletter should be sent to the Editor:**

**Deadline Wed lunchtime.**

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