

23/24 March 2024 Palm Sunday Yr B

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

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Masses and Intentions

23 Mar 2024 – 31 Mar 2024

MA= Mater Amabilis, Ambleside

OLW = Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert

Palm Sunday (Yr B)

Sat 23 4.00pm Mass in Polish (OLW)
5.30pm (OLW) (Sung) Vigil Mass
Sun 24 9.30am (MA)
11.15am (OLW)
Tues 26 (9.00am Stations of the Cross) 9.30am (MA)
6.30pm Adoration, Devotions & Benediction (OLW) (Sung)
Wed 27 (9.00am Rosary) 9.30am (OLW)
Thur 28 **Maundy Thursday**
6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (MA)
Fri 22 **Good Friday**
(9.00am Stations of the Cross) (OLW)
3.00pm Solemnity of the Lord's Passion (OLW)

Easter Sunday (Yr B)

Sat 23 **Holy Saturday**
6.30pm Easter Vigil (OLW)
Sun 31 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: Winifride Maria Boxcer, Mary Theresa Josephine Beetham, Jack Howson, Christina Roberts, Sr Peter Heery, Ada Lennon, Algy Lucas, Gladys Margaret Wilcock, William Fisher, Mary Isobel Hodson, Harold Mighall, Mary Duffy, Frank Rourke, John McAnelly, Thomas Sharrock, John Rigg, William Smith, Thomas Thompson, Agnes O'Halloran, Fr J McElroy, Fr A Quinn Fr T Gore, Fr B Whiteside, Fr F Moah, Fr W Hannigan, Canon H Tootell, Cannon J Bamber, Fr R Howarth, Canon Prescott, Fr A Howe, Fr G Horricks, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Lately 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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a 2nd collection this Sunday for Easter flowers.

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Don't forget, 2.00AM Sunday 31 March is also when British Summer Time begins and the clocks go forward!!

DATES for YOUR DIARY:

On Tuesday, 26th March, there will be a special service in preparation for Lent at **Our Lady's in Windermere at 6.30pm.** There will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk for Lent, and the opportunity for individual Confession. The evening will close with Benediction. Please come to spend time with the Lord!

Parish News

CAN YOU HELP TO GET OUR CHURCHES READY FOR EASTER?

Help is needed to clean and prepare our churches for Holy Week and the Easter feasts. Cleaning will take place **Mon-Thurs (25-28 March)** at Our Lady of Windermere. If you can help, please put your name down on the form in the church entrance. At Mater Amabilis in Ambleside, parishioners are invited to come on **Good Friday (29 March) after 9.30am** to help. If this isn't a good date for you, any day during this week will also be possible. Just let us know what you can do.

ACTIVATING THE CHURCH CAR PARK AT WINDERMERE OVER EASTER

We are hoping to raise money for the church roof by opening the car park to visitors over the Easter weekend.

We will need some volunteers to help with the collecting - it would be especially great to have some men involved! It's not as hard as it sounds, just teams of two being on duty in the car park for a couple of hours collecting the fee of £5 per day.

We will also need a couple high vis vests. Can anyone loan one or two to us?

If you can help, please contact Caroline 07767163479 or Bertha 07879962960 for find out what is involved.

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

OFFERTORY GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The Gift Aid envelopes for the new year starting on 7th April are available for you to collect from the back of both churches. Please let us know if you do not currently use these envelopes but would like to do so for your future Offertory donations.

Please also let us know if you would prefer to donate via standing order or BACS transfer. If you are a UK taxpayer and have not yet signed a Gift Aid declaration, do please consider doing so.

The additional income we receive from Gift Aid is a most welcome boost to our income at both churches. Thank you for all your offerings at both churches during the past year, your generosity is much appreciated.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

The parishes of Ambleside and Windermere are both in urgent need of more help. The people who are currently volunteering are overloaded!

Below is list of tasks where a need has been identified right now. But, if you feel you have talents that you could bring to our church community, please feel free to offer your help in any area that interests you.

Some jobs are occasional, some requiring only a few hours per month, and some can be done remotely. The more people we have to spread the load means that the workload will be lighter for everyone.

If you are a frequent visiting worshipper at either of our parishes, perhaps you could consider occasional help for us too?

Windermere

1. An additional CAFOD representative (appeals are generally just twice a year)
2. Co-editor for the newsletter (this job can be done from your home)
3. Help setting up and clearing the altar for weekend and weekday Masses
4. Flower Rota. This could be as a flower arranger or as someone who clears away old flowers and washes vases etc.
5. Singing/musician volunteers for major feasts e.g. Christmas /Easter etc.
6. Help removing candle wax from the altar carpet
7. Assisting with thorough church cleaning prior to Easter and Christmas. The more people we can get for this, the smaller the time commitment for everyone. The Easter list is currently in the porch.
8. Tidying the pews after weekend Masses.

Ambleside

1. Sacristan
2. Counting and banking collection monies
3. All rota duties: Flowers, cleaning, greeters, tea & coffee after Mass

Sign-up sheets will be available in the Sacristies of both churches. You can also speak to Father Ajish to let him know of your interest.

HAVE A CUPPA AFTER MASS on SUNDAY!

Parishioners and visitors both! Don't forget refreshments are served after Sunday Mass at both Mater Amabilis and Our Lady of Windermere. Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits are yours. No charge,

but donations welcome which benefit many charities throughout the year, including CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need and Mary's Meals. At Windermere, donations are currently going towards the church roof fund.

AND BACK TO THE WINDERMERE CHURCH ROOF

Thanks to all the fundraising efforts we have now raised just **over £12,010** - an amazing amount!! 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.

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. 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!

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. 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.

Tuesday 26th March

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Lenten Preparation

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

Maundy Thursday 28th March

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Mater Amabilis, Ambleside 6.30pm

Good Friday 29th 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 30th 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