

13/14 April 2024 3 Sunday of Easter Yr B

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

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Masses and Intentions 13 April 2024 – 21 April 2024

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

3 Sunday of Easter (Yr B)

Sat 13 4.00pm (OLW) Mass in Polish
5.30pm (OLW) (*Sung*) Vigil Mass (*Bill Barnes RIP*)
Sun 14 9.30am (MA)
11.15am (OLW) (*Sung*)
Tues 16 (*9.10am Rosary*) 9.30am (MA)
Wed 17 (*9.10am Rosary*) 9.30am (OLW)
Fri 19 (*9.10am Rosary*) 9.30am (OLW)
Confessions before Mass

4 Sunday of Easter (Yr B)

Sat 20 4.00pm (OLW) Mass in Polish
5.30pm (OLW) (*Sung*) Vigil Mass
Sun 21 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: Fr Fabian Radcliffe OP, Bill Barnes, Thomas Anthony Routledge, Cornelius (Con) J'Neil, Dorothy Vallance, Joan Hardy, Dorothy Wearing, Michael Donnelly, Mary Donnelly, Mary Rose Fitzgibbon, Alice Carruthers, Tessa Nichols, Mary Christine Wallington, Mary Nolan, Canon McGough, E Whiteside, Mgr Lockwood, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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.**

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.
Next **Sunday, 21 April**, there will be a second collection for the **Ecclesiastical Education Fund.** This fund supports young men training for the priesthood in England and Wales.

He is Risen! Risen Indeed!



Parish News

DATES for YOUR DIARY:

Friday 14th June 2024 marks the **60th anniversary** of the dedication of Our Lady of Windermere & St Herbert's! To celebrate our Jubilee, there will be a special Mass at **6.30pm pm** that day, followed by refreshments after Mass in the form of a **Jacob's Join** in the church hall, at approximately **7.30pm**. So put that date, **Friday 14th June** in your diary.

All parishioners of Our Lady of Windermere and Mater Amabilis in Ambleside, are most welcome to the Mass, as are visitors and all who love our church. The Bishop will be concelebrating Mass with Fr Ajish and former parish priests.

But before we get to this auspicious date, some work needs to be done so as to make this very special one-off event a wonderful experience for all. Some jobs need to take place well in advance, and some near to, or on the day itself. **A special insert for the newsletter with more details about arrangements and how you can help will appear in the next couple of weeks.**

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 child 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.

OPENING UP THE OLW CAR PARK

Such was the success in opening up the car park that we are going to do it again on the **Saturday and Sunday of May Day Bank Holiday (4 & 5 May)**. If everybody who volunteered at Easter can help again – that would be grand! We are still short of two people to join the team. Apparently, it was fun meeting visitors, for whom our car

park was a real find. Please contact Caroline 07767163479 or Bertha 07879962960 for more details.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF A CAR BOOT SALE IN SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

Fancy some Spring cleaning? Realise you have a lot of stuff you want to get rid of from on top of those wardrobes, closets, garage and sheds? Sort them out and save them up for **27th May, when we will be holding a grand Car Boot Sale at Our Lady's in Windermere.** Cars in the car park or tablespots in the church hall, both **£10 per car or table.**

Refreshments to be available. The parish will have a couple of tablespots in the hall, so if you have any items which can be sold for additional money for the Roof Fund, please bring these on the day. (Ed. Says: I'm donating a hardly-used branded rucksack, and a couple of pairs of as new walking boots – and probably half my paperback library too!!)

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.

RAISING THE WINDERMERE CHURCH ROOF!!

Thanks to all the fundraising efforts (including the car park initiative) we have now raised just **over £15,357** - an amazing amount!! Can we make it to £16k by the end of April? 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.

Why do we need to raise such a large sum of money? The parish is now well aware, but our visitors may like to know that our Church was built in 1962 and while the roofs have served us well up to now, they are now, not surprisingly, showing wear and tear. 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!!

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 the 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 is to cover rare weeks when the editor is unavailable.** This job can be done from home by anyone who can type a Word document with one finger or ten!
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. **We're putting a hold on this until Advent 2024**
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.

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