

**Introduction:** The apostle Thomas would only believe in the resurrection of Jesus after he had seen and touched the body of the risen Lord. What are the sources of our faith? Why do we believe today? It is because we are a community who believe that the Lord comes to us as we work and pray together in his name.

**First Reading** Acts 5:12-16 - The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

**Second Reading** Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19 - John's vision of the risen Lord: the Living One, who was dead and is now to live for ever.

**Gospel** John 20:19-31 - Thomas was not with the disciples the first time the risen Lord appeared; eight days later, he sees, he touches and he believes.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

**APRIL**

29 Leonard Hallmarsh

**MAY**

2 Sarah Kelly 4 Geoff Plumb, Francis Potts

	St Andrew's	St Mary's
<b>Attendance</b>	290	65

Canon Adrian is very grateful to all parishioners for their kind Easter greetings and generous Easter offerings.

**Join the parish's SVP group – we need you** To find out more contact us on SVP email: [cottamsvp@outlook.com](mailto:cottamsvp@outlook.com) or come along to our regular meetings.

**Next Meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** in the Haydock Room at 7pm.

**SVP Request for Help** – If parishioners know of anyone who would like a visit or any help in any way all they need to do is contact the parish SVP by emailing [cottamsvp@outlook.com](mailto:cottamsvp@outlook.com) or put a note in an envelope in the box marked 'SVP REQUEST'. All information will be kept confidential.

**Parishes of  
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,  
and St Mary, Lea Town**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
28<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

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Baptisms and Marriages by Arrangement.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday(4.30pm to 5pm) or on request.

Please call in to the Presbytery or speak to Canon Adrian before or after Mass.

**NEW WEBSITE: [www.standrewscottam.org.uk](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)**

The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator

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I once was dead,  
but now I am  
alive forever.

Revelation 1:18

## EASTER SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> April

4.30pm – 5.00pm (St Andrew's) Confessions

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Vigil Seamus McCluskey (6256)

### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April – Day of Divine Mercy

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9.00am (St Mary's) Francis Kerfoot (6423)

10.30am (St Andrew's) Gerard Edward Dickinson (6445)

**3.00pm (St Andrew's) Solemn Exposition**

**Closing service and Benediction**

6.00pm (St Andrew's) People of the Parish

## MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> April – St. Catherine of Siena (Feast)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Special Intentions of Jim Lowery (6450)

## TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April – St George (Solemnity) NO MASS

## WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May – St Joseph the Worker (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Benefactors of the Parish of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock (Annual Mass)

**7.00pm (St Andrew's) SVP Festival Mass**

For Shaun Aspden and all retired members of the SVP,  
in thanks for years of service.

## THURSDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> May – St. Athanasius (Memorial)

**8.15am (St Mary's)** Martin Hughes (6257)

## FRIDAY – 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Sts. Philip & James (Feast)

8.00am (St Andrew's) **Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

9.15am (St Andrew's) Jim Joe Kelly (6258)

## SATURDAY – 4<sup>th</sup> May – The English Martyrs (Feast)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Holy Souls

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Joe Kane (6259)

**Mass Intentions** All Mass offerings and intentions are most welcome. If you require a Mass on a particular day, please let Canon Adrian know or place the intention, offering and details in an envelope on the collection plate at the back of church.

## Annual Solemn Exposition and Divine Mercy Sunday

It will begin after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April and end with the closing service at 3.00pm. Please sign up on the list at the back of church for watching.



### St Andrew's Gardening Saturdays

We have a small team of volunteers who maintain the grounds & cemetery. If you want to spend some time outdoor and have a spare hour on any Saturday morning please come along anytime between 10am and 12noon. No experience necessary.

In return we will give you tea/juice and biscuits.

**Thank You** to Deacon John and everyone involved in the Holy Week & Easter Services: readers, ministers, singers & musicians, collectors, altar servers, flower arrangers, cleaners, gardeners, sacristans, all 'behind the scenes' and everyone who came along to celebrate Easter at St Mary's and St Andrew's. May we all be richly blessed by our Risen Lord !

**Special Thanks to Pauline** for providing the Easter eggs for the children on Easter Sunday.

**SVP Festival Mass** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm at St Andrew's, Cottam and will be followed in the Haydock room by a presentation by the SABS sisters on Kerala, which is where our parish have a twinned SVP group (conference), and information on their SABS order. A free Hotpot/Butterpie supper will be available afterwards.

### Parish Social Evening

In the Haydock room at 7.00pm on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.**

Indian dance display, Indian vegetarian food.

Tickets £10 available after weekend Masses.



**First Holy Communion** Next preparation session **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.15pm** in the Haydock Room.

**Confirmation Mass at St Andrew's, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 6.30pm.**

Application forms at the back of church or from website.

**Chat & Play** (St Andrew's) meet at 10.00am Fridays (term time only).

**Sick or Housebound** – If you are sick, housebound or in hospital please ask your family to inform Canon Adrian, so that he can arrange for you to be visited and, if you wish, to receive Holy Communion.