

**Introduction:** God is doing a new deed – God’s mercy is flowing like a river in the desert of people’s lives. We gather to give thanks and to rejoice in God’s tender compassion.

**First Reading** Isaiah 43:16-21

God’s love and grace will flow like a river through the desert.

**Second Reading** Philippians 3:8-14

Paul no longer relies on his own efforts, only on his faith in Christ.

**Gospel** John 8:1-11

Jesus refuses to be coerced. God’s mercy will not be thwarted.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

**APRIL**

**8** Nora Fern **9** Pam Haslem, Eileen Beckett **10** Sylvester Lakeland,

**10** Joseph Vincent Holden, Olive Noblett, Charles Gerard Ethrington

**11** Tom Green, Francis Sydney Love, Beatrice Langtree

**12** William Wood, Joseph Dawson **13** Michael Haughey, Janina Wyzinska

Marie Walls, May Poulton, Helena Watts, Margaret Pearce, Mary Brierley.

	<b>St Andrew’s</b>	<b>St Mary’s</b>
<b>Attendance/Collection</b>	181, (£480.00)	50, (£120.95)
<b>Annual Mission Appeal</b>	£659.75	£138.32

**GIFT AID** Please pick up your envelopes from the back of church.

Would you like to increase the value of each £1.00 you put in the parish collection? The Church is a charity, we can reclaim **25p** for every £1.00 a **taxpayer** donates. Tax can be reclaimed on whatever you give, you do not have to commit to a regular weekly amount, even a one off donation of £20.00 would allow us to reclaim £5.00. All you have to do is fill in a Gift Aid declaration, we will then issue you with a box of envelopes to put your collection money in. Please take a form from the back of church, and return to Canon Adrian. **Please note** if you already have Gift Aid envelopes and are still a taxpayer, then you do not need to fill in another form. **If you have moved house during the tax year please ensure that you have notified us.**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> May** 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**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
7<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

Tel: 01772 728433. Website: [www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

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**Nor do I condemn you**

John 8:11

## SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> April

4.30pm – 5.00pm (St Andrew's) Confessions  
5.30pm Vigil Annie Burns (6249)



### Easter Flowers

Donations towards flowers will be gratefully received.



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9.00am (St Mary's) People of the Parish  
10.30am (St Andrew's) Gertie Jackson (6450)

3.00pm (St Andrew's) **Stations of the Cross & Benediction**

6.00pm (St Andrew's) Paul Stanley – Anniversary (6437)



### St Andrew's Church Cleaning for Easter

We want the church to look beautiful for Easter. If you can help with the cleaning and polishing please come along at 10am on Holy Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

## MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April

9.15am (St Andrew's) Ester Dalton's Intention (6448)

## TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April – NO MASS

## WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April

7.30am (St Andrew's) Jim Lowery (6440)

## THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April – St. Stanislaus (Memorial)

8.15am (St Mary's) Cicily Greaves (6444)

## FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April

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

9.15am (St Andrew's) Special Intention (6447)

## SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> April – St. Martin I (Opt Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Christopher Murphy (6261)

5.30pm Vigil (St Andrew's) Dan & Madge Scott (6253)

**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.

**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.



Welcome to Ariya Ivy Bowerman who will be baptised at St Mary's today.

**Thank you** from Sr Aurora Salgado de Abreu, for your welcome and generous donations to the Comboni Missionary Sisters.

**Lenten Wednesday Evenings at St Andrew's Cottam** The last session will be this **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm until 8pm**. See handout for details.

**First Holy Communion** Now taking a break until **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 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.

**Date for your diary:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 7pm in the Haydock Room, St Andrew's. Social Evening with Indian food and dancing.

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

**OLSE Ladies Group** The AGM will be held at 8pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. followed by a Hotpot Supper of either beef or cheese and potato. Cost £4.00

**Doxa: Reaching Out** Friday Night 12<sup>th</sup> April 7-10pm. This Lent we will be going out onto Fishergate and inviting people in from the streets to light a candle and join us in prayer at St Wilfrid's. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. There will be refreshments in the Narthex and teams reaching out on the streets. Please come and pray with us for the whole time or drop in for a little while. WE NEED LOTS OF CLEAN, LABEL-FREE GLASS JARS FOR THIS EVENT TOO IF YOU HAVE ANY SPARE! More info from Joe/Ruth team@metanoiaproject.co.uk 07957 566741.