

**Introduction:** At the beginning of the Advent season, we consider the coming of the Lord at the end of time. This is because Advent is the experience of all the year round. Every time we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "thy kingdom come", we are living the power of Advent. Christ will come again.

**First Reading** Isaiah 2:1-5

We climb the mountain of God separately, but we meet at the summit.

**Second Reading** Romans 13:11-14

We are in the night, but we can see the dawn is coming.

**Gospel** Matthew 24:37-44

Pray, think, care, and then you will be awake, ready for God in all things.

## DECEMBER

1 Deceased members of the Murray family 2 Dorothy Duffy, Theresa Acken  
3 David Turner, David Hurst 5 Angela Cookson, Freda Burns, Julia Fletcher  
7 David Jackson

	St Andrew's	St Mary's
<b>Attendance/Collection</b>	170/ £470.58	£145.70
Youth Services	£120.21	£35.50

**Special Collection** TODAY for Diocesan Poor Missions Fund

### Join the parish's SVP group – we need you

To find out more contact us, email: [svp@standrewscottam.org.uk](mailto:svp@standrewscottam.org.uk)  
or come along to our regular meetings, each 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in month.

Next Meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm Haydock Room, Cottam.

New members always welcome.

**Confirmation Mass** Bishop Paul will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Andrew's Cottam on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020** at 6.30pm

**Carol Service** The Chaplaincy at HMP Kirkham are holding a Christmas Carol Service at the Welcome Centre, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm for refreshments and 6.45pm for the Service. Please confirm if you wish to attend on 01772 675625 or email [ChaplaincyKirkham@hmps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ChaplaincyKirkham@hmps.gsi.gov.uk). Please note photo-ID (Passport or Driving License) will be required to gain admission.

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

### First Sunday of Advent 1<sup>st</sup> December 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.

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The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator

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The night is far spent;  
the day draws near.

Romans 13:12

**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> November**

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Agnes O'Neill (6581)

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December**

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9.00am (St Mary's) People of the Parish

10.30am (St Andrew's) Janet & Terry Entwistle (6625)

**3.00pm (St Andrew's) NO Afternoon Devotions**

6.00pm (St Andrew's) Joseph & Sarah Kelly (6630)

**MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

9.15am (St Andrew's) Eamon Dillon (6582)

**TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December - St. Francis Xavier (Memorial) NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**St. John Damascene (Opt. Memorial)**

9.15am (St Andrew's) In Thanksgiving to St. Catherine (6583)

**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> December**

8.15am (St Mary's) Fr Ronnie Mitchell (6584)

**FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> December – St. Nicholas (Opt. Memorial)**

9.15am (St Andrew's) Aidan O'Neill (6585)

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> December – St. Ambrose (Memorial)**

9.15am (St Andrew's) Fr John Conway (6629)

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Kathleen Cooper (6587)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's** Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. St Mary's will be open at these times and anyone who wishes to pay a visit and spend some time in prayer are most welcome.

**Friday Adoration** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday 8.00am to 9.00am at St Andrew's, to pray for vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese.

**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.

***IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?***



**ST ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE**



**TODAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER AFTER 10.30AM MASS.**

FATHER CHRISTMAS, CHRISTMAS CARDS, WRAPPING PAPER, DECORATIONS ETC

**Cake makers** - We need people to **bake cakes** for our cake stall at the Christmas Fayre. Please bring in on the day or they can be left on Saturday.

**St Mary's Christmas Raffle** On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December after the 9.00am Mass. Raffle tickets now available. Please sign up on the list in the porch to donate a raffle prize.

**CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING** at St Mary's Annex on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December after the 9am Mass. Cost £5. Limited places. Please sign list at back of church.

**Advent Course - The Mystery of God** by Bishop Barron on the Wednesdays of Advent (December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>) 7.00 - 8.00 p.m., showing two of the sections each evening. In the Haydock Room, Cottam.

**The Mission Group** – Alpha Training on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00pm.

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

**Seekers Youth Group** St Mary's, Lea Town each Friday (Term Time Only) 4pm to 5.30pm.

**Cardinal Newman College Advent Vigil** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30 pm in the College Chapel. Service of prayer and reflection, followed by festive refreshments & Fairtrade Stall.

**Rosary Service** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2pm at The Carmelite Monastery Church, St Vincent's Road. We will pray for all expectant mothers and their unborn children. Guest speaker Fr Paddy Duffy.

**'The God Who Speaks' Advent Series** begins Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**'John 1: The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us'** by Br John Michael OFM who is a Franciscan Friar involved with the THOMAS Project in Blackburn, working with those on the margins of society. 7.30 – 9.30pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston. ALL WELCOME! This coming year the Church in England and Wales is marking a year on the Word entitled 'The God Who Speaks'. Throughout the year, Metanoia will be offering a variety of talks and other initiatives to help us all engage with this theme and hear from our loving God. We will be starting with three fantastic guest speakers who, for the three Thursdays in Advent, will help us to explore the Incarnation – the most profound way that God has chosen to speak to His people.