

Introduction: Today we celebrate the revealing of God's plan to the Gentile nations: the magi represent those non-Jewish peoples who accept the Gospel of Jesus, and with the magi we can give thanks that we have been included in the offer of the Good News.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

The light of the Lord's glory shines out and draws people from all over the world: they come to worship and to praise the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

The writer tells how the non-Jewish nations now share in the same inheritance and promise as the chosen people, through Christ Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12 - The magi, who represent the Gentile nations, come to Jerusalem as they search for the recently born king of the Jews; they are sent on to Bethlehem, the city of King David.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

JANUARY

6 Mary Ventimiglia **7** Thomas McConnell

8 Canon Thomas Mason (former Parish Priest of Cottam) **11** Victor Wells

	St Andrew's	St Mary's
Attendance/Collection	189/ £761.54	57/ £185.46

Join the parish's SVP group – we need you

To find out more contact us, email: svp@standrewscottam.org.uk or come along to our regular meetings, each 2nd Monday in month.

New members always welcome.

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

First Holy Communion Details of the preparation programme & Application forms are now at the back of church.

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

**The Epiphany of the Lord
5th January 2020**

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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.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator

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They paid him homage.

Matthew 2:11

SATURDAY 4th January

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Gerry Ward (6655)

SUNDAY 5th January

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

10.30am (St Andrew's) Kaitlin Glackin (age 9) sick (6659)

3.00pm (St Andrew's) Afternoon Devotions & Benediction

6.00pm (St Andrew's) Fr Charles Praeger SJ (6661)

MONDAY 6th January

9.15am (St Andrew's) Janet & Terry Entwistle (6634)

TUESDAY 7th January – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 8th January

9.15am (St Andrew's) Bridget McNulty (6639)

THURSDAY 9th January

8.15am (St Mary's) Cissie Kelly (6594)

FRIDAY 10th January

9.15am (St Andrew's) Louis Campbell (6596)

SATURDAY 11th January

9.15am (St Andrew's) NO MASS

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Repose of the souls of
Norman & Mary Blocksidge (6660)

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. of church.

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.

The ALPHA Course starting on Tuesday 14th January. **ALPHA is FREE** and is for **EVERYONE**; whether you are a daily Mass attender or have never entered a church. It enables people to ask their questions, share ideas, build friendships and experience the love of God. Each session starts with food followed by a short film and good conversation. Faith is renewed, rekindled or takes root. Sign up on the website or fill in a form from the back of church.

The Mission Group – Planning meeting on Tuesday 7th January at 7.00pm.

First Holy Communion There is a meeting for the parents (and the children) on **Thursday 9th January at 6.15pm in the Haydock Room**. Please complete a form if you have a child who is wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2020.

Congratulations to the winners in the December 100 Club Draw:

£100 No 32 Canon Towers **£50** No 82 S.Stoker **£25** No 26 P. Devine

100 Club Would people wishing to continue to be in the 100 Club please signify their intent by placing a payment envelope in the box as early in January as possible. Anyone who no longer wishes to continue please put a note to that effect in the box as soon as possible.

Anyone who wishes to **join the 100 Club**, then please fill in a form, available in the porch, choosing a number from the list of numbers available.

Please cross off the number chosen so that others do not apply for it. Please place the form the next week, in an envelope, in the 100 club collection box with a payment based on £1.00 per week for the period you wish to cover at this time (eg monthly (£4) , 3 monthly (£12), yearly (£52))

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.

Rosary Service Tuesday 7th January 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 Ernest E. Attah.

Rewilding Experiences - Fr Peter Randall SJ spent a week in the Scottish Highlands rewilding and is giving a presentation about his experience in St Wilfrid's Parish Centre on Monday 10 February 2020 (7pm for 7.30pm start)

Vacancy – Lead Diocesan Education Officer 0.8 FTE Term time only - Leadership salary £40,987 to £45,220 - required for Easter 2020. Closing Date: 12:00 noon Friday, 1st February 2020. A Job Description, Person Specification and Application Form can be obtained by telephone 01524 841190 or email educationservice@lancasterdiocese.org.uk.