

Introduction: Today we hear about God's Law, that it is primarily about genuine love of God and love of others.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 - We are taught to keep the commandments, for behaving faithfully is within our power.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 - Paul warns believers against basing their faith on human wisdom instead of God's wisdom.

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37 - Jesus did not reject the Jewish scriptures but brought them back to basics: love of God and of neighbour. Our lives should reflect this love.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

FEBRUARY

17 Ann Newton **19** David Bailey, Ann Myerscough

20 Margaret Connolly, Bert Holtom **22** Pat Ellis

21 Fr Edmond McCartan (pp), John O'Brien, Agnes Hind, Marjorie Shaw

| | St Andrew's | St Mary's |
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| Attendance/Collection | 160/ £547.11 | 40 / £106.00 |

Many thanks for your generosity.

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

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

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th February 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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Before us are life
and death; whichever
we choose shall be
given to us.

Sirach 15:17

SATURDAY 15th February

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Burrow Family (6701)

SUNDAY 16th February

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

10.30am (St Andrew's) Margaret, Joe & Richard Miller and
John Whalley (6693)

NO Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm (St Andrew's) Mgr Provost Peter Cookson RIP (6689)

MONDAY 17th February

9.15am (St Andrew's) Bill & Elizabeth Mercer (6704)

TUESDAY 18th February NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 19th February

9.15am (St Andrew's) Service of the Word with Exposition
(Deacon John)

THURSDAY 20th February

8.15am (St Mary's) **NO MASS**

FRIDAY 21st February – St. Peter Damian (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Mgr Provost Peter Cookson RIP (6690)

SATURDAY 22nd February

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (Feast)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (6671)

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Fred Bateman – Lately Dead (6703)

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.

The ALPHA Course continues on Tuesday 18th February 7pm to 9pm.

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion The next preparation session for the children is on **Thursday 27th February at 6.15pm to 7.30pm** when the children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

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.

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.

The God who Speaks – Series Two. Thursdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm, continuing Thursday 20th February at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. Each week we will study and pray with the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Week 2 Joseph White.

Vocations Weekend for young women Discernment and Vocation 28th Feb - 1 March 2020 in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Day of Renewal Led by the Franciscan Sisters of Renewal, 'Be Renewed In The Lord'. Saturday 29th February 10am - 4pm at St Clare's Church, Fulwood. Starts with Mass at 10am. Please bring packed lunch, Tea & Coffee available. For details contact Christine: 07745 009694

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst presents 'Our English History and its Saints.' Saturday 7th March, a day dedicated to learning about and celebrating our Christian story. Cost £29 per adult, £15 per child, Note, take a packed lunch or you can pay an additional £9.50 per person for a buffet lunch.. For additional details and to book a place Tel: 01254 827329 or website www.christianheritagecentre.com/events.