

Introduction: Jesus asks us to turn the other cheek and to love our enemies. In this very demanding teaching the graciousness of God is revealed.

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18 - Being holy means not hating our brothers and sisters and not taking vengeance.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 - Paul tells us that we bear the presence of God within us for we are God's temple.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48 - Jesus commands us not to reciprocate violence and teaches us to love our enemies.

Please pray for Kathleen Lord lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

FEBRUARY

23 Helen Minchin **24** John Strathdee, Fr Ken Hodson Fr Fred Hamer (pp).

24 Frank Dillon **25** Catherine Spencer, Fr Joe Bamber

26 Agnes Knowles **27** Ethel Hesmondhalgh

	St Andrew's	St Mary's
Attendance/Collection	170/ £437.21	45 / £115.58

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd 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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Love your enemies,
and pray for those
who persecute you.

Matthew 5:44

SATURDAY 22nd February

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

SUNDAY 23rd February - Day of Prayer for the Unemployed

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9.00am (St Mary's) Benefactors of St Mary's Parish, Lea Town
(Annual Mass)

10.30am (St Andrew's) People of the Parish

3.00pm **Afternoon Devotions & Benediction**

6.00pm (St Andrew's) Benefactors of St Andrew & Bl George
Haydock's Parish, Cottam (Annual Mass)

MONDAY 24th February

9.15am (St Andrew's)

TUESDAY 25th February NO MASS

ASH WEDNESDAY - 26th February

9.15am (St Andrew's) Jim Lowery (6706)

7.00pm (St Andrew's) Mgr Provost Peter Cookson RIP (6691)

THURSDAY 27th February

8.15am (St Mary's) Lilian Singleton RIP (6705)

FRIDAY 28th February

9.15am (St Andrew's)

SATURDAY 29th February

9.15am (St Andrew's) Kathleen Lord – Lately Dead (6707)

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (6672)

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.

LENT begins this Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the 9.15am and 7.00pm Masses. Please note that Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

The ALPHA Course continues on Tuesday 25th February 7pm to 9pm.



Welcome to Isabelle Baptiste who will be baptised today.

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.

Date for your Diary – Friday 20th March - Mission Group Wine & Dessert Evening. Book on the Parish Website.

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 27th February at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. Each week we will study and pray with the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Week 3 Joseph White.

Rosary Service Tuesday 3rd March 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 Pawel Szatlewski.

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.