

**Introduction:** Many biblical events happen on high mountains, like the temptation of Jesus in last week's Gospel. Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain where they are given a glimpse of heavenly glory.

**First Reading** Genesis 12:1-4

Abraham is called by the Lord to leave his home and travel to a new land where he and his descendants will be blessed.

**Second Reading** 2 Timothy 1:8-10

St Paul had to bear hardships for the sake of the Gospel, relying on the power of God, and invites us to be willing to do the same.

**Gospel** Matthew 17:1-9 - Jesus is transfigured in heavenly glory, along with the prophets Moses and Elijah.

Please pray for Christopher Simpson lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

**MARCH**

8 Thomas Joseph Dewhurst, Edna Melling 9 Joseph Woodcock

10 Joseph Burrow, Marilyn Wilson, Canon James M<sup>c</sup>Gann (pp)

11 Patricia McAvoy, William Birkett 14 Eileen Cliffe, Richard Miller

	St Andrew's	St Mary's
<b>Attendance/Collection</b>	170/ £488.06	49/ £134.03

Many thanks for your generosity.

**Lent Fast Day** Please return your CAFOD envelope.+

**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.

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

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

**Second Sunday in Lent  
8<sup>th</sup> March 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](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)**

The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator

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Christ's face became  
as dazzling as the sun,  
his clothes as radiant  
as light.

Matthew 17:2

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## **SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March**

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Patricia Simmonds – Lately Dead (6711)

## **SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**Parish Mass Book use suspended until further notice**

9.00am (St Mary's)

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

**3.00pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction**

6.00pm (St Andrew's) Special intentions (6174)

## **MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> March**

9.15am (St Andrew's)

**TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March - NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> March**

9.15am (St Andrew's)

**THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> March**

8.15am (St Mary's) Departed souls of the Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (6717)

**11.00am (St Mary's) Funeral Service – Christopher Simpson**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> March**

9.15am (St Andrew's)

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> March**

9.15am (St Andrew's) Kathleen Lord (6709)

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Members & Benefactors Living & Dead Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (6673)

**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.

**Lenten Thursdays** 8.15am Lenten Mass at St Mary's Lea Town, followed by breakfast in the School Hall. Parishioners from both Parishes will be most welcome.

**Lenten Wednesday Evenings at St Andrew's Cottam**, another opportunity to see the acclaimed series 'Catholicism' by Bishop Robert Barron, the first 6 episodes, continuing this **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm until 8pm. In the Haydock Room. All welcome.

**The ALPHA Course** continues on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7pm to 9pm.

**First Holy Communion** The next preparation session for the children is on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.15pm to 7.30pm.**

**Wine & Desserts Social Evening** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Sign up on the sheet at the back of church or book on the Parish Website.

**St Mary & St Andrew's School Barton** are holding a 'Ladies' Night' in the School Hall on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm, Admission £5.00. There will be a talk about 'Health & Nutrition' and a variety of stalls with gift ideas for Mother's Day. All Welcome. See poster for more details.

**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.

**Our Lady & St Edward's Ladies' Group** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 8pm, a talk & demonstration by Yvonne Pinder on how she decorates her terracotta pots. Decorated pot will be available to purchase. Admission £2.00

**The God who Speaks – Series Two.** Thursdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm, continuing Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. Each week we will study and pray with the Gospel for the coming

**UK Settlement Scheme** All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: [gov.uk/eusettledstatus](http://gov.uk/eusettledstatus). Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply.