

Introduction The parables contain the heart of Jesus' teaching on the nature of faith. They also reflect the experience of the early Church under persecution. Faith is a gift given in different measure to each one, but God values every sign of faith, however small.

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11 - God's word is powerful and comes to us as both challenge and gift.

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23 - Paul speaks of the fruits of the resurrection for the human race and the whole of creation.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23 - The parable of the sower illustrates the mystery of faith as it works in the heart of each individual. If we give God an inch, God gives us a mile.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

JULY

12 Leo Craven **13** Winifred Jackson, Marie Gibson, Julie Oakes

17 Thomas Bilsborough, Colm Begley

18 James Horan, Finola Tyson

Our First Week Back Last weekend was the first time we had been able to attend Mass in our parishes since the 15th March 2020; it felt a little like returning to school after the long summer holidays did when you were a child, (for those of you who can remember that far back!). We were very happy to see parishioners back inside our churches, socially distanced and behind masks! Hopefully we will see more of you when you feel comfortable attending Mass in person.

Baptisms Please note that we are still awaiting guidance on how to safely carry out baptisms. At the current time we are planning that there will be no baptisms in our parishes until October 2020.

Join the parish's SVP group – we need you

To find out more contact us, email: svp@standrewscottam.org.uk
New members always welcome.

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th July 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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My word shall not return
to me void, but shall do
my will, achieving the end
for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

Welcome Home

The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has given guidance that we need to follow to ensure we comply with government guidance and keep safe. Please read the general guidance which details all our advice and what you need to do if you are going to attend Mass.

SATURDAY 11th July

5.30pm (St Andrew's) This Mass is also live streamed from
Parish website

SUNDAY 12th July

Parish Mass Book use suspended until further notice

9.00am (St Mary's) Repose of the soul of

Gordon Robertson RIP (6789)

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

6.00pm (St Andrew's) Holy Souls

MONDAY 13th July – St. Henry (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Private Intention

TUESDAY 14th July - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 15th July – St. Bonaventure (Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's) A Special Intention (6792)

THURSDAY 16th July

Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (St Mary's) In thanksgiving for prayers answered (6790)

FRIDAY 17th July

9.15am (St Andrew's) A Special Intention (6793)

SATURDAY 18th July

9.15am (St Andrew's) Private Intention

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Val Young – Lately dead (6791)

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.

General Guidance

The following guidance should be followed by everyone who attends either St Andrew's or St Mary's.

1. **PLEASE DO NOT VISIT THE CHURCH IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 INCLUDING FEVER, PERSISTENT COUGH OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL.**
2. You must not visit if you have been asked to shield or are in self-isolation.
3. **HAND SANITISERS** must be used on entry to, and exit from the church.
4. **FACE COVERINGS** must be worn by all members of the congregation.
5. **SOCIAL DISTANCING**, following government guidance of 1m plus, must be followed at all times.
6. All printed material, such as missals and hymn books, which are not intended for single use will not be available in the church.
7. There will be **NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING** at Mass.
8. There is a maximum limit of people in the church which is determined not only by the number of people, but whether they are part of a family or bubble. Once the limit is reached you will be asked to attend a different service.
9. If you are able to attend a weekday Mass then you may consider this as an alternate to the weekend Mass. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended and a weekday Mass will be quieter than the weekend.

[Registration – Online on the parish website preferred](#)

As a requirement of the Government's test and trace system we are required to hold details of all those who attend each of our services. The requirement is to hold these details for 21 days. There will be hard copies of the form available at church, but we would urge you to complete this online, either before you attend Mass, or on return. We would like to hold your details on file for longer than this so that we can contact you in the future in regard to parish activities and other such matters. If you are happy for this to occur, then please tick the appropriate box. We need to record this information for all services. However it is possible to indicate that you will normally attend a particular Mass, in which case you only need to register once, rather than each week. If you attend a weekday Mass, this information will be recorded on the day in church.