

Introduction: Today we celebrate Our Lady's assumption, when God took Mary into God's presence at the end of her life on earth.

First Reading Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6. 10

The woman in our reading represents the Church under ongoing persecution; God will prevail in the end.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Paul reflects on the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus: all people will share in this mystery, each in their appropriate order.

Gospel Luke 1:39-56

After the annunciation of the birth of Jesus, Mary goes to Elizabeth to confirm the reality of Gabriel's message.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

AUGUST

17 Ellen Gray 18 George Miller 19 Joseph Pegg
20 Eileen Wardle 21 Albert Whalley, Dr Robin Noblett
22 William Vincent Hall

Alpha Course We start our next Alpha course on 16th September 2020. Due to the on-going situation we are going to run the sessions online. So you can join us from the comfort of your home for this enjoyable and enlightening course. Full details, including booking information, is contained on the parish website.

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.

Gift Aid Envelopes 2020/21 are on the bench at the back of church in alphabetic order, in a named white envelope. Please only pick up your own envelope and avoid touching the other envelopes.

Congratulations to the winners in the APRIL 100 Club Draw:

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| <p>£100 Prize No 98 M. Cookson £50 Prize No 27 J Lord £25 Prize No 53 B. Shannon</p> |
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Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 16th August 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 soul magnifies the Lord.

Luke 1:46

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 15th August

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Thomas & Ita M^cGroary (6805)

This Mass is also live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 16th August

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

Parish Mass Book use suspended until further notice

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

10.30am (St Andrew's) Gerard Dickinson RIP (6799)

6.00pm (St Andrew's) Holy Souls

MONDAY 17th August

9.15am (St Andrew's) Jean & John Cullerton RIP (6809)

TUESDAY 18th August – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 19th August

St. John Eudes (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Robin & Jenny Barnes (6807)

THURSDAY 20th August - St. Bernard (Memorial)

8.15am (St Mary's) John Bisby – Deceased (6812)

FRIDAY 21st August - St. Pius X (Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's)

SATURDAY 22nd August

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Private Intention

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Rimmer Family (6810)

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 following 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.