

Introduction: Suffering enters the life of everyone; as Christians we are invited to recognise it as an invitation to share in the cross of Christ.

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

Though Jeremiah feels that the Lord has deceived him, he knows that he must proclaim the prophetic message of what is to come.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2 - Paul urges us to follow the will of God, not the fashions of the world.

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27 - Jesus makes it clear that there is a price to be paid for following him.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

SEPTEMBER

2 Harry McGuinness 3 Pat Barrow 4 Harold Wareing

Novena Prayer for the canonisation process of the founder of the SABS. We will be saying it for the recovery of Deacon John from August 31st to September 8th (Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary).

Catholic Voice – New online version can be accessed from the parish website.

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.

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th 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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Whoever loses one's life
for my sake will find it.

Matthew 16:25

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 29th August

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Trudy Dixon & Grant Family (6813)

This Mass is also live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 30th August

Parish Mass Book use suspended until further notice

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

10.30am (St Andrew's) Mike Briers (6819)

6.00pm (St Andrew's) Jim Quinn (6836)

MONDAY 31st August

St. Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Malachy Carron (6824)

TUESDAY 1st September – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 2nd September

9.15am (St Andrew's) Alan Teale (6825)

THURSDAY 3rd September - St. Gregory the Great (Feast)

8.15am (St Mary's) James O'Neill & Teta Henry (6826)

FRIDAY 4th September - St. Cuthbert (Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Dan Carolan (6827)

SATURDAY 5th September – St. Herbert (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Holy Souls

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Deceased members of the Graham family
(6821)

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.