

Introduction As a prophetic people and by virtue of our baptism, we have responsibility for our sisters and brothers, especially when they turn from God's ways. Contrary to public opinion, we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

Today's Readings Ezekiel 33:7-9 - Ezekiel is told something which is crucial for an understanding of prophecy; the prophet has responsibility for passing on God's word to God's people.

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10 - Love and debt are not normally equated with each other, but Paul insists that Christians have the debt of mutual love, which is the answer to each commandment.

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20 - In the community of Jesus' followers its members must take responsibility for each other. The purpose is to rescue a sister or brother from being a wrongdoer.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

SEPTEMBER

6 Joseph Mercer, Lionel Dutton **8** Jack Basley, Joseph Rainford
10 Margaret Bury, Ethel Bannister, Una Worrall
11 Michael Masheter, Ron Watts **12** William Green

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

Alpha Course The September Alpha Course has been cancelled.

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.

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th September 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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Where two or more are
gathered in my name,
I am in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20

SATURDAY 5th September

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

This Mass is also live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 6th September

Parish Mass Book use suspended until further notice

9.00am (St Mary's) Fr James Keville – Anniversary (6932)

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

6.00pm (St Andrew's) Mary E Burns (6861)

MONDAY 7th September

9.15am (St Andrew's) Christina O'Neill (6828)

TUESDAY 8th September

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 9th September - St. Peter Claver (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Joe & Mary Houghton (sick) (6935)

THURSDAY 10th September

8.15am (St Mary's) Departed Souls of SABS Sisters (6936)

FRIDAY 11th September

9.15am (St Andrew's) Paddy O'Neill (6829)

SATURDAY 12th September

The Most Holy Name of Mary (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am (St Andrew's) Maria Breadon (6920)

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Fr Paul Fox (6820)

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.