

Introduction: Advent is not the time of waiting. It is the time of arrival. Christ is now among us. He is standing here and he waits for us to see him, but he is already here.

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

When humanity truly flourishes, the earth flourishes.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Human beings need to pray, like they need to eat and drink.

Gospel John 1:6-8. 19-28 - We can say what God is not, we can say what the Christ is not, but it is God who reveals God to us, first in the humanity of Christ and finally in the vision of his Godhead.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

DECEMBER

15 John Keefe **16** James Leo Lowery, Pauline Daly

18 Kathleen Jones **19** Sarah Strathdee, Mel Brown

St Mary's Church Virtual Christmas Raffle.

The school is holding a raffle this year in aid of the well being of the children, for example helping school families in need. To take part in their virtual raffle please put your donation, £1 an entry, in an envelope with your name and mobile phone number on it and deliver it by 13th December to either Maura Goodier Old Hall Farm, Blackpool Road, Lea PR40XB or Jackie Fitzpatrick 16 Darkinson Lane, Lea Town PR40RJ. We will then pass on your raffle entries to school who will text you your numbers.

Thank you. May the Lord bless and keep you and your family.

St Mary's Parish Committee

Congratulations to the winners in the NOVEMBER 100 Club Draw:

£100 No 49 P Jackson **£50** No 62 E Phillips **£25** No 32 Canon Towers

**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
3rd Sunday of Advent
13th December 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

Tel: 01772 728433. Website: www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk

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He has sent me to
heal the broken hearted.

Isaiah 61:1

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SATURDAY 12th December

5.30pm Brian Laverty (6865)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 13th December - Gaudete Sunday

9.00am (Lea Town) Patricia Kenyon (6993)

10.30am People of the Parish

6.00pm Repose of the souls of
Norman & Mary Blocksidge (7037)

MONDAY 14th December – St. John of the Cross (Memorial)

9.15am Arthur O'Donnell (6866)

TUESDAY 15th December - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 16th December

9.15am Plunkett M^cCusker (6867)

THURSDAY 17th December

8.15am (Lea Town) Arthur M^cGee (6868)

FRIDAY 18th December

9.15am Jenny & Robin Barnes (6976)

SATURDAY 19th December

9.15am Fr John Morris (7038)

Christmas Masses Please Note all our Christmas services are fully booked. We advised everyone who applied, whether successful or otherwise, via an email on **Monday 7th December 2020**. We expect that the 5:30pm & 8:30pm Mass on the 24th December & the 10:30am Mass on the 25th December will be live streamed on our YouTube channel.

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 & 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** in church.
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.
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[Registration – Online on the parish website preferred](#)
[Or NHS Track & Trace App scan the QR Code at the back of church](#)
[on your way in](#)

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 church, 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.