

Introduction: Today's readings are examples of seeking wisdom and trying to work out the best thing to do. David wants to know if he should build a magnificent piece of architecture as God's dwelling place, whilst Mary wonders how she can be the one who provides the precious dwelling for the unborn Son of God.

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

David is getting ready for his next big project. Having overcome his enemies, he wonders if he now needs to build a house for the ark of God. God, however, has different ideas of greatness.

Second Reading Romans 16:25-27 - In his letter to the Romans, Paul explains that the mystery which has puzzled generations of seekers of truth has now been resolved. The wisdom of God has been revealed in the person of Jesus.

Gospel Luke 1:26-38 - We see two sides of Mary's character. She is a meek and humble servant of the Lord but she is also a strong and courageous young woman, able to ask sensible questions, even of an angel, the messenger of God.

**Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:
DECEMBER**

20 Marian Beesley **24** Edna Dawson, William Peter Higham

23 Rt Rev Brian Charles Foley (3rd Bishop of Lancaster)

25 Mark Bateson, Pat Hope, Jim M^c Intyre **26** Margaret Cliffe

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Damian Stayne Fri 22 - Sat 23 January 2021 – Online

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SEA SUNDAY Special Collection – The Apostleship of the Sea collection should have taken place on 12th July 2020 but owing to Covid many people were not able to donate on that day. If you wish to donate please use the yellow special collection envelope from 12th July or put your donation in an envelope marked SEA SUNDAY and put in the collection.

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**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
4th Sunday of Advent
20th 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.

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The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator

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She gave birth
to her firstborn son
and wrapped him
in swaddling clothes.

Luke 2:7

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SATURDAY 19th December

5.30pm Ellie O'Donnell (6869)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 20th December

9.00am (Lea Town) Anna Anderson (6870)

10.30am People of the Parish

6.00pm Kathleen Lord (7039)

MONDAY 21st December

9.15am Repose of the soul of Frank Dalton (7045)

TUESDAY 22nd December - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 23rd December

9.15am Deceased Members of the Lakeland Family (7044)

THURSDAY 24th December 8.15am (Lea Town) Private Intention

ALL OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES ARE FULLY BOOKED

The 5:30pm & 8:30pm Mass on the 24th December & the 10:30am Mass on the 25th December will be live streamed on our You Tube Channel

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.30pm Jeff Poole RIP (6975)

8.30pm Michael Masheter (6973)

FRIDAY 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Edmund Winders (6974)

****** Note No Evening Mass on Christmas Day ******

'A light will shine on us this day, the Lord is born for us: he shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace, Father of the world to come, and his kingship will never end.'

As we celebrate our Saviour's birth this Christmas, may we all be richly blessed with the peace and joy the Christ-child came to bring.

A very happy and holy Christmas to you all.

Canon Adrian and Deacon John.

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.

[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.

SATURDAY 26th December - St. Stephen (Feast) - NO MASS