

Introduction: Today is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We learn that God the Father blesses his “Beloved”, his Son Jesus, who, with the Holy Spirit, will bring healing and peace to the whole world.

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-11

Those who thirst are invited to “come to the water”.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-9 - Christian life requires both faith in Jesus and love of other people.

Gospel Mark 1:7-11 - Mark’s Gospel starts with the “good news” of Jesus’ baptism at the beginning of his ministry.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

JANUARY

11 Victor Wells

15 Ellen Sumner, Catherine Green

Growing in the Prophetic & Open Miracle Healing Service - with

Damian Stayne Fri 22 - Sat 23 January 2021 – Online

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The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation A free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. At 7:30pm every second Thursday, from 14th January to 25th March. For info and registration:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

100 Club Suspended Unfortunately owing to the current Coronavirus limitations and the decline in the number of people taking part we have decided to suspend the 100 Club. Many thanks to all who have taken part over the years.

Congratulations to the winners in the December 100 Club Draw:

£100 No 100 W Mason	£50 No 69 O. Rocks	£25 No 82 S. Stoker
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**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
The Baptism of the Lord
10th January 2021**

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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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Jesus came from
Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized
by John in Jordan.

Mark 1:9

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Church Closed – Suspension of Public Masses.

In light of the letter from the Directors of Public Health requesting the closure of Places of Worship during the current critical part of the pandemic, Canon Adrian has today, **9th January 2021**, reluctantly made the prudent decision to **close the churches of St Andrew's & St Mary's. This includes the weekend Masses on the 9th & 10th January and all weekday Masses up to and including Friday 15th January.**

We will review the situation during the week when we hope to receive clear guidance from the Bishops and government.

We will ensure the website is updated regularly with the latest information, including the date when the churches will re-open.

Canon Adrian will continue to say Mass in private for the intentions listed in the newsletter.

SATURDAY 9th January

5.30pm Vigil William Kenny (6877)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 10th January

People of the Parish

MONDAY 11th January

Winnie Burns (6878)

TUESDAY 12th January - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 13th January - St. Kentigern (Opt. Memorial)

Winifred & William Fowler (7035)

THURSDAY 14th January

Richard Hoggarth (7052)

FRIDAY 15th January

Eddie Williams (7034)

SATURDAY 16th January

Jim Nicholl (6879)

Vigil Kathleen Lord (7040)

White Flower Appeal – The annual appeal of The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will take place **at the next Public Mass**. Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please be as generous as you can. Please put your donation in an envelope marked SPUC into the collection. Note

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](#)

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.