

Introduction: Today's readings revolve around healing and belief. Jesus risks touching a diseased man in order to heal him, while Paul talks about challenges of conscience in a world of differing beliefs. The invitation here is to be open to the call to trust that God is at work amid our fear of difference and "otherness" and our fear of the darkness within ourselves.

First Reading Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46 - The book of Leviticus shows us the practical implications of the Law of Moses. At a time when people had no defence against virulent diseases, rules are laid down which exclude those with skin diseases from wider society, for the protection of the whole people.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Paul is talking to early Christians about how to behave when dining with pagans. Paul balances the freedom of the Spirit, which no longer requires strict adherence to the Law of Moses, and the need to avoid shocking the conscience of others.

Gospel Mark 1:40-45 Jesus heals a man with a virulent skin disease and puts himself at risk of being rendered ritually unclean in the process. There is nothing any of us could ever do that Jesus would not be willing to heal, at whatever cost to himself.

A link to today's readings can be found on our website.

Please pray for, Osbourne & Vera Phoenix, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

FEBRUARY

15 Fr John Danson (pp), **16** Kathleen Lord **17** Ann Newton

19 David Bailey, Ann Myerscough

20 Margaret Connolly, Bert Holtom

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/>

The Christian Heritage Centre is based at Stonyhurst College, please check their website for other events and courses.

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th February 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

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He remained outside
in deserted places,
and people kept
coming to him.

Mark 1:45

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SATURDAY 13th February

5.30pm Jenny M^cAleer (6888)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.

SUNDAY 14th February – Day of Prayer for the Unemployed

9.00am (Lea Town) Fred Critchley (7076)

10.30am People of the Parish

6.00pm Martin M^cShane (7091)

MONDAY 15th February

9.15am John Hanna (6889)

TUESDAY 16th February - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 17th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

9.15am Osbourne & Vera Phoenix – Lately Dead (7183)

7.00pm Kathleen Lord (7062)

THURSDAY 18th February

8.15am (Lea Town) Departed Souls of SABS and Benefactors
(7085)

FRIDAY 19th February

9.15am Eugene Fox (6890)

SATURDAY 20th February

9.15am Benefactors of St Andrew's & Blessed George Haydock
Parish, Cottam (Annual Mass)

5.30pm Vigil Brian Fanthorpe (6891)

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 of church.

Catholic Voice – The latest edition can be accessed from the parish website.

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. **HAND SANITISERS** must be used on entry to & exit from the church.
3. **FACE COVERINGS** must be worn by all.
4. **SOCIAL DISTANCING**, following government guidance of 2m plus, must be followed at all times.

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

ALERT New Covid Mutation Preston City Council has put-out a plea for people to be tested for Covid if they have flu-type symptoms, or even just bad headaches. Residents in West Lancashire and Preston are being urged to get a Covid test if they're feeling unwell, after cases of the new mutation initially found in Liverpool have come to light in Lancashire. Symptoms of the new mutation include mild flu or cold symptoms, and headaches. Some people with it may just be a bit under the weather. But if you live in the Preston or West Lancashire areas, please get tested if you're feeling unwell.

Cafod Lent Appeal (cafod.org.uk/lent) During these challenging times, your donation to CAFOD's Lent Appeal is needed more than ever. With your donations to CAFOD's Lent Appeal we can reach out to communities around the world to help them thrive even in the most difficult environments.

The Rwanda Group Trust, a registered & local Catholic charity based in Preston, is seeking to raise funds for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. The situation in Rwanda is very serious due to Covid 19, lack of vaccine and serious food shortages. We have in the past provided funds for families to buy a goat, which is highly valued, but which they are now having to sell just to buy food. We are therefore launching a Lenten appeal in which every penny raised will enable families to replace their goats and purchase food. Our charity has no paid employees or overheads. Goats cost £30 to purchase in Rwanda - if you would like further information, make a donation or help a Rwandan family buy a goat please contact: www.rwandagrouptrust.blogspot.com or emailrwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com or phone Michael Donlan (Trustee) 07864 990941