

Introduction: Even in a time of anger, Christ is a healer.

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17 - God does not let sin continue for ever. The commandments are also statements of fact.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 - Until we see God, God's wisdom will always look like foolishness to us.

Gospel John 2:13-25 - The cleansing of the Temple by Christ warns us that he will continually cleanse the new temple of the Holy Spirit, which is his Church.

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

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

MARCH

7 Helen Keefe, Bernard Baldwin

8 Thomas Joseph Dewhurst, Edna Melling **9** Joseph Woodcock

10 Joseph Burrow, Marilyn Wilson, Canon James McGann (pp), Mary Wilson **11** Patricia McAvoy, William Birkett

Stations of the Cross – Follow the Way of the Cross with Canon Adrian. Reflect on the 14 stations at St Andrew's with our online video, available on the parish website.

Holy Week & Easter The Bishop's Conference have published guidance on how to celebrate Holy Week this year. The services will be shorter than in a normal year but they will be longer than our current Masses. It will be necessary to book online for Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, The Good Friday Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, The Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses. Further details will follow soon.

Mission Today Spring 2021 – Booklet detailing the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Please take a copy from the back of church

Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town 3rd Sunday in Lent 7th March 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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**Stop making my Father's
house a marketplace.**

John 2:16

SATURDAY 6th March

5.30pm Jenny & Robin Barnes (6977)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.

SUNDAY 7th March

9.00am (Lea Town) In Loving Memory of Gertrude Dowd(7086)

10.30am Jim Lowery (7189)

6.00pm People of the Parish

MONDAY 8th March – St. John of God (Opt Memorial)

9.15am John & Mary Simpson (7193)

TUESDAY 9th March - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 10th March

9.15am Pauline Lally (7194)

THURSDAY 11th March

8.15am (Lea Town) Terry Entwistle (7195)

FRIDAY 12th March

9.15am Janet Entwistle (7196)

SATURDAY 13th March

9.15am Holy Souls

5.30pm Vigil Special Intention (7197)

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. **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

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 Cafod Lenten Appeal remains open for another week. Please use the envelopes provided at the back of church and place in the collection plate at the back of church.

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

Faith & Justice Worker Lancaster Diocese is looking for a part-time Faith & Justice worker and co-ordinator with the Commission Team, to work throughout the Diocese to engage with parishes, schools and other institutions in order to advance the understanding of, and active engagement in Catholic Social Teaching and issues arising from it. Salary approx. £8300 per annum.

Closing date for applications 22nd March 2021. Further details from Margaret McSherry, tel 07864 012385 or email lfjcmm@gmail.com