

**Introduction: Readings** In today's Gospel Jesus shows us the value of love and sacrifice as we journey towards the kingdom of God.

**First Reading** Jeremiah 31:31-34 - Jeremiah reminds us of the Lord's "new covenant" with his people.

**Second Reading** Hebrews 5:7-9

Christ submits humbly to suffering and, having been made perfect, becomes the source of our salvation.

**Gospel** John 12:20-33 - Jesus prays to God his Father that his "hour" will be for the glory of God.

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

Please pray for Paul Brown lately dead and  
for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

### **MARCH**

- 21** Edward & Edith, Jim Hall, Jim Martin, John Lowery,  
Eileen McKavanagh, Kathleen Sheldon **22** Robert Ibson  
**23** Fr Henry Gillett (pp) **25** William Beesley  
**24** Patricia & Eve Kelly, James Turnball, Camille Johnston  
**26** Ursula Twist, Veronica Rimmer, John Egan  
**27** Mary Gardner, Dorothy Gardner, Canon Henry Tootell

**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.

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

- PLEASE DO NOT VISIT THE CHURCH IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 INCLUDING FEVER, PERSISTENT COUGH OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL.**
- 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**

## **Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)**

The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator

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If it dies, it produces  
much fruit.

John 12:24

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**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> March**

5.30pm Mary Ellen & Willie Sinnott (6899)

**This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**9.00am (Lea Town)** People of the Parish

10.30am Joan Molloy (7202)

6.00pm Kathleen Sheldon (7087)

**MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

9.15am James Boyle – Lately Dead (7205)

**TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> March - NO MASS**

**7pm to 8pm (Cottam) Exposition – Day of Prayer (COVID)**

**This will be live streamed from Parish website.**

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March – St. Patrick (Feast)**

9.15am Vincent Gervin (6900)

**THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)**

**8.15am (Lea Town)** Joe & Sadie Cullen (6901)

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> March**

9.15am Tony Devlin (7127)

**2.00pm (Cottam)** Requiem – Paul Brown

(Private owing to Government Covid restrictions)

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March**

9.15am Tommy Burns (7131)

5.30pm Vigil Ellen Taggart (6902)

**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.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

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.

**Palm Sunday Vigil 5.30pm (Cottam)**

**8.30am** (Lea Town), 10.30am & 6.00pm (Cottam)

**You must book online on our website for all the following services**

**Maundy Thursday 7.00pm (Cottam) - Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday**

11.00am (Cottam) Stations of the Cross

3.00pm (Cottam) Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

(NOTE THE 3.00pm SERVICE IS ALREADY FULLY BOOKED)

**Easter Vigil 8.00pm (Cottam)**

**Easter Sunday 9.00am (Lea Town); 10.30am & 6.00pm (Cottam)**

**Exposition Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7pm to 8pm**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March has been designated a Day of Prayer & Reflection, to mark 12 months since the UK went into lockdown. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7pm to 8pm, to give people the opportunity for private prayer. It will also be live streamed from our website for the benefit of those who are shielding.

**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](http://www.rwandagrouptrust.blogspot.com) or [emailrwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com](mailto:emailrwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com) or phone Michael Donlan (Trustee) 07864 990941