

Introduction: Jesus, our good shepherd, invites each one of us to know and to follow him more closely. Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, on which we pray especially for vocations to the priestly, the religious and the consecrated life.

First Reading Acts 4:8-12 - Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter discovers his gift of healing. Only by the name of Jesus, he declares, can any of us be saved.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2 - Whatever the future may hold, we have the assurance of being God's beloved children. Our vocation is to grow in the Father's likeness.

Gospel John 10:11-18 - Like a good shepherd, Jesus is dedicated to our care and protection. He willingly laid down his life for the flock, as well as for others not yet in his fold.

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

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

APRIL

25 Dorothy Hogan, Fr Francis Worden (pp)

26 Joan Valentine, Graham Norton, Tish Nicholson,

Philip Murray **27** Cliff Harrison, Gerald Dickinson

29 Leonard Hallmarsh

Special Collection This Weekend The Ecclesiastical Education Fund

GIFT AID ENVELOPES are on the bench at the back of church in alphabetic order, in a named white envelope. Please only pick up your own envelope and avoid touching the other envelopes.

If you have Gift Aid envelopes and have changed address in the last year, please put the details in an envelope and post to the Presbytery.

Please note if you already have Gift Aid envelopes and are still a taxpayer, then you do not need to fill in another form.

Confirmation Mass at St Andrew's, Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 6.30pm.

Confirmation Application Form and dates for preparation sessions are on the parish website.

First Holy Communion Details of this year's program will be published soon.

**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
4th Sunday of Easter
25th April 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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I am the
good shepherd.

John 10:11

SATURDAY 24th April
5.30pm Vigil Maisy Campbell (6909)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.

<p>SUNDAY 25th April World Day of Prayer for Vocations 9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish 10.30am Gerald Edward Dickinson RIP (7210) 3.00pm Devotions to the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 6.00pm Soul of Fr Peter Fox (7217)</p>

MONDAY 26th April
9.15am Peter Buchannon (6910)

TUESDAY 27th April - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 28th April - St. Peter Chanel (Opt. Memorial)
9.15am Dan Kerr (6911)

THURSDAY 29th April – St. Catherine of Siena (Feast)
8.15am (Lea Town) Leonard Hallmarsh (7063)

FRIDAY 30th April – St. Pius V (Opt. Memorial)
9.15am Jim Joe Hughes (6912)

SATURDAY 1st May– St. Joseph the Worker (Opt. Memorial)
9.15am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7223)
5.30pm Vigil Paul Cassidy – Deceased (7236)

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.

The Diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Voice of Lancaster, for May is available from our website

Good Shepherd Sunday is celebrated today and all the faithful are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd is to come close to the heart of God.

Day of the Lord Our Bishops encourage Catholics to put Sunday Mass at the heart of their Post-Pandemic lives. See a copy of the letter from the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales on the parish website.

St Andrew's Gardening Volunteers Our small team of gardeners need your help. No experience needed. A sense of humour & working knees would be useful! Meet on Saturday mornings at 10am.

St Andrew's Church Flowers Any flower arrangers or would be flower arrangers out there; could you spare a couple of hours once a month? Please consider helping to make our beautiful little church even more beautiful. Contact Sheila 01772 691185 or speak to Canon Adrian.

Seekers Youth Group in St Mary's Parish Hall. Metanoia Project are very excited to have restarted the Seekers Youth group on Friday 23rd April. Due to Covid restrictions, we are currently only accepting children in Year 5 and Year 6 who attend St Mary's school. Children attending Seekers will be collected from school by our team and would need to be collected at 5:30pm from the church hall. If you would like your child to attend the youth group or would like further information, please get in touch with Nora at nora@metanoiaproject.co.uk. If you have a child who is in either Year 4 at St Mary's or Year 4, 5 or 6 at another school and they would like to be involved please contact us and we include them as soon as possible.

THE CASTLERIGG LOTTERY In order to help raise funds during this difficult time, Castlerigg Manor have recently started a lottery! It's just £3 a month to join and the winner takes half the pot each month!

Register at www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/lottery

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