

**Introduction:** The Holy Spirit of God's love calls us into a unity of life and love, which Jesus describes as a fruitful vine. We belong to God. We belong to each other. Today let us ask the Lord to open our eyes to the possibilities and responsibilities this gives us.

**First Reading** Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas introduces Saul to the apostles, preparing the way for the mission of the future apostle, Paul.

**Second Reading** 1 John 3:18-24

We know that God lives in us when the Holy Spirit enables us to believe in Jesus and love one another as he told us to.

**Gospel** John 15:1-8 - Just as the branch has to be attached to the vine if it is to bear fruit, so we have to be united to Christ if we are to bear the fruits of love.

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

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**MAY**

- 1 Robert Barnes, Jane Swarbrick, Peter Haslem
- 2 Isabel Jean Hull, Mary (Molly) McKee 4 Tom Begley
- 3 Iris Moulding, deceased members of Farrelly family
- 6 Mary Ventimiglia, Herbert Rowe 7 Thomas McConnell
- 8 Canon Thomas Mason (former PP of Cottam), John Hothersall

**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 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6.30pm.**

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

**Parishes of  
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,  
and St Mary, Lea Town  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 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

Tel: 01772 728433. Website: [www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

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Whoever remains in me  
will bear much fruit.

John 15:5

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May**

5.30pm Vigil Paul Cassidy – Deceased (7236)

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

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

9.00am (Lea Town) Christopher Simpson (7188)

10.30am Dennis Wilson (7238)

**3.00pm Devotions to the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**

6.00pm People of the Parish

**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Sts. Philip & James (Feast)**

9.15am Alphy Hughes (6913)

**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May The English Martyrs (Feast) - NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May**

9.15am Kathleen Corey (6914)

**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**9.15am (Cottam)** Departed souls of SABS & Benefactors (7241)

**FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May**

9.15am Iris O'Neill (6915)

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May**

9.15am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7224)

5.30pm Vigil Thomas Singleton (7078)

**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

**First Holy Communion** The preparation program for the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March 2020 will recommence on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 6pm to 7pm. If your child is currently in Year 3, and wishes to be included in the next First Holy Communion preparation group please email Ela Wort for an application form [svp@standrewscottam.org.uk](mailto:svp@standrewscottam.org.uk)

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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**