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Introduction: The focus of Mary's assumption into heaven is not on her as one unique member of the human race. It is on the full fruition of the graces of Christ's resurrection offered to the whole human race embodied in her. Mary stands for all of us.

First Reading Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 - Mary is the archetypal disciple in whom we see, as in a mirror, all that we can become through God's grace, despite our human weakness. The book of the Apocalypse links us to the woman who, through the birth of her son, is instrumental in crushing the power of evil.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 - Orthodox icons of the Dormition of Mary tell of the belief that at her death Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven as a foretaste of the resurrection. They express the hope that all human experience is destined for glory through the saving power of Jesus.

Gospel Luke 1:39-56 - As an unmarried woman Mary had no status in Israel. As an unmarried mother she risked public shame and death by stoning. She had nothing, yet she believed that God's power could make of her a blessing for all the world.

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

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

AUGUST

- 15** John Bisby **17** Ellen Gray, Marie Holtom, Mary Love
18 George Miller **19** Joseph Pegg **20** Eileen Wardle
21 Albert Whalley, Dr Robin Noblett

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

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

Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary 15th August 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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**My soul magnifies
the Lord.**

Luke 1:46

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SATURDAY 14th August

5.30pm Vigil Jim Joe Hughes (7122)

Please note, this weekend only, the live streamed Mass will be Mass at 6pm on Sunday evening.

SUNDAY 15th August**Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)**

9.00am (Lea Town) Fr. David Elder (7334)

10.30am People of the Parish

6.00pm Special Intention for Better Health (7332)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.

MONDAY 16th August**St. Stephen of Hungary (Opt. Memorial)**

9.15am Mary Anderson (7126)

TUESDAY 17th August – NO MASS**WEDNESDAY 18th August**

9.15am Charlie Donnelly (7109)

THURSDAY 19th August - St. John Eudes (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) Eugene Ferguson (7111)

FRIDAY 20th August - St. Bernard (Memorial)

9.15am Stella Kelly (7114)

SATURDAY 21st August - St. Pius X (Memorial)

9.15am Holy Souls

5.30pm Vigil Joe Hurle (7115)

Afternoon Devotions

There will be no afternoon Devotions in August.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Maxwell who has left a generous bequest to be used for the upkeep of the grounds of St. Andrew's. Her daughter and son-in-law who both predeceased her are buried at St. Andrew's

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Dessert & Wine Evening Our first parish social in over 18 months will take place on Friday 24th September at 7:00pm in the Haydock Room. More details will be available at the start of September – please book in your diaries now.

40th Anniversary Canon Adrian will be celebrating 40 years since his ordination as a priest on the 14th November 2021. We will have two parish celebrations.

On the 28th October we will have a celebratory meal. More details, including ticket prices, will be available in September.

On the 16th November we will have a Thanksgiving Mass at St Andrew's followed by a buffet in the Haydock Room. Booking will be required and more details will be available in September.

Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal You will notice that the beautiful stained glass window at the back of church has had to be removed. The glass panels are surrounded by ornate carved wood, sadly this has all gone rotten from within, and the wood has to be completely replaced. We have now had confirmation that the other two round windows will need to be removed and replaced. Further details to follow. Given this is such a beautiful and important part of our church building, parishioners and friends of St Andrew's may like to contribute towards the cost of its repair. This can be done by a donation direct to the parish, or on the donate page of the diocesan website. If you do this via the diocesan website, please state you wish your donation to go to St Andrew's, Cottam, windows repair.

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.

**Coronavirus Registration – Online on the parish website preferred
Or NHS Track & Trace App scan the QR Code at the back of church**