

Introduction: On this Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice in the promise of the incarnation of our saviour, the Son of God, Jesus Christ. He alone can give us true happiness.

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18 - The prophet looks forward to a time of joy as he awaits the coming of the Messiah.

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Trust in Jesus Christ and you will find true happiness.

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist announces the coming of the Christ, the Anointed One, and baptism by water and the Holy Spirit.

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

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

DECEMBER

12 Emma Constance Roche, George Gardner, Kenneth Sanders

13 Winifred Forrest **15** John Keefe

16 James Leo Lowery, Pauline Daly **18** Kathleen Jones

Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal The cost for the three windows is going to be about £30,000. Given this is such a beautiful and important parts 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.

Window Restoration Fund Total Raised to date **£2973.50**

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

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) 12 December 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.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator

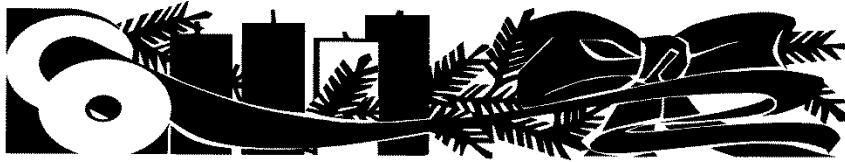
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Whoever has two coats
should share with
the person who has none.'

(Luke 3:11)



SATURDAY 11 December

5.30pm Vigil Esther Dalton & Family (7407)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

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9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Deacon John Cliffe (7414)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Repose of the soul of Marilyn Jeanne Wilson (7415)

MONDAY 13 December – St. Lucy (Memorial)

9.15am Bridget Morgan (7156)

TUESDAY 14 December – St. John of the Cross (Memorial)

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 15 December

9.15am John Dillon (7157)

THURSDAY 16 December

8.15am (Lea Town) Special Intention of the SABS Congregation (7413)

FRIDAY 17 December

9.15am Susan Crawford (7158)

SATURDAY 18 December

9.15am Patricia Kenyon (7297)

5.30pm Vigil John Campbell (7159)

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.



As promised, we now have been sent material to help us as parishes, at Pope Francis' invitation, to contribute to the Synod. The meetings will continue in the Haydock Room between 7pm and 8pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 15th December

Second Gathering – Participation

Wednesday 22nd December

Third Gathering - Mission

Christmas Masses

Booking to attend a Christmas Mass will be required again this year, and there will be no specific Children's Mass. However, owing to the relaxing of social distancing measures last July, there will be more capacity in our churches this Christmas. Details of how to book will follow shortly. The Masses will be as Follows:

Christmas Eve (Friday) (Cottam) 5.30pm and 8.30pm

Christmas Day (Saturday) (Lea Town) 9.00am, (Cottam) 10.30am.

(Note NO Saturday Vigil Mass)

Sunday 26th December (Lea Town) 9.00am, (Cottam) 10.30am.

(Note NO evening Mass on Sunday 26th December)

Church Cleaning for Christmas Please come along **on Saturday**

18th December at 10.00am to help prepare St Andrew's for Christmas.

Christmas Flowers Donations for flowers to decorate both churches for Christmas will be gratefully received.

Christmas Raffle - St Mary's, Lea Town. Due to recent events we have decided to video the raffle on 12th December rather than gather in Annex. We will then let the lucky winners know. Thank you for all your support.