

Introduction: During Advent we have pondered on the message of Old Testament prophets foretelling the birth of the Messiah. Today we are led to reflect upon Mary, Our Lady, as she prepared to become the mother of the Lord.

First Reading Micah 5:1-4

In Bethlehem, the prophet declares, the saviour will be born.

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

Christ came into the world to do God's will.

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth declares Mary to be of all women "the most blessed".

Please pray for Bill Beasley and Deacon John Kilshaw, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

DECEMBER

19 Sarah Strathdee, Mel Brown

20 Marian Beesley, Clifford Ward

23 Rt Rev Brian Charles Foley (3rd Bishop of Lancaster)

24 Edna Dawson, William Peter Higham

25 Mark Bateson, Pat Hope, Jim M^c Intyre

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 **£3178.50**

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent 19 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

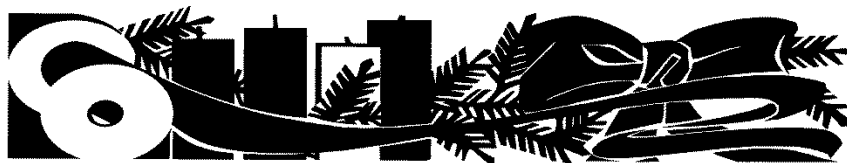
Tel: 01772 728433. Website: www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk

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Blessed are you
among women.

Luke 1:42



SATURDAY 18 December

5.30pm Vigil John Campbell (7159)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 19 December - Parish Mass Books page 90

Day of Prayer for Expectant mothers

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Joseph & Sarah Kelly (7411)

6.00pm Sam Dawson (7416)

MONDAY 20 December

9.15am Monica Brierley – Birthday Celebration (7419)

TUESDAY 21 December – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 22 December

9.15am Bob Fletcher (7392)

THURSDAY 23 December

8.15am (Lea Town) John Durkin (7067)

2.00pm (Cottam) Requiem – Bill Beasley

FRIDAY 24 December - CHRISTMAS EVE

5.30pm Michael Masheter (7417)

8.30pm People of the Parish

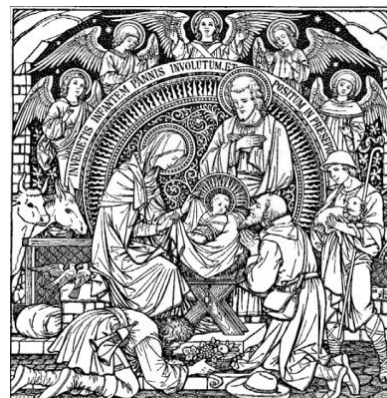
SATURDAY 25 December - CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am (Lea Town) Patricia Kenyon (7298)

10.30am Edmund Winders (7418)

**** Note No VIGIL MASS on Saturday ****

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.



‘A light will shine on us this day, the Lord is born for us: he shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace, Father of the world to come, and his kingship will never end.’

As we celebrate our Saviour’s birth this Christmas, may we all be richly blessed with the peace and joy the Christ-child came to bring.

A very happy and holy Christmas to you all.

Canon Adrian and Deacon John.

Christmas Masses

Booking to attend a Christmas Mass will be required again this year.

PLEASE NOTE BOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES NOW CLOSED.

Please take note of the times off the Sunday Masses on

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.

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let’s do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

SYNOD The last meeting will be from 7pm to 8pm in the Haydock Room on Wednesday 22nd December - Third Gathering - Mission