

**Introduction:** The Holy Family are not just the model for families but for all the ways in which human beings are called to live in connection with each other, because humanity is a family.

**First Reading** 1 Samuel 1:20-22. 24-28 - Samuel's mother gives Samuel to God, not to lose her son but to find him.

**Second Reading** 1 John 3:1-2. 21-24

The commandments are life, because they are given to us that we might live the life of God.

**Gospel** Luke 2:41-52 - The hidden life of Christ was not hidden from everyone. Christ needed other people to grow, just as we do. Otherwise he would not be fully human.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

### DECEMBER

**26** Margaret Cliffe **27** May Grimbaldston

**28** Winifred Wright, Fr Bernard Mc Kenna, Dorothy Parker

**29** Frederick Barton, V Bary, Peter Molloy

**30** Thomas Butler, Robert Beesley, Agnes Walmsley,  
Pauline Clayton **31** Ann Taylor, Katherine Brown

### JANUARY

**1** Robert Barnes, Jane Swarbrick, Peter Haslem

**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 **£3208.50**

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

### The Holy Family 26 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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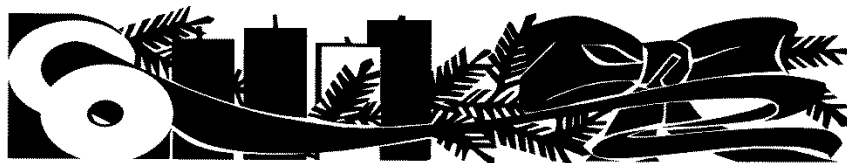
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‘They found him in the temple,  
sitting among the teachers,  
listening to them and  
asking them questions.’

(Luke 2:46)

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**SATURDAY 25 December - CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9.00am (Lea Town) Patricia Kenyon (7298)**

**10.30am Edmund Winders (7418)**

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

No Confessions on Christmas Day

**SUNDAY 26 December - Parish Mass Books page 105**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Repose of the soul of Bob Fletcher (7393)

No Afternoon Devotions

**NOTE NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY 27 December – St. John (Feast)**

9.15am Jackie M<sup>o</sup>Bride (7160)

**TUESDAY 28 December – The Holy Innocents (Feast)**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 29 December – St. Thomas Becket (Feast)**

9.15am Eugene Currie (7161)

**THURSDAY 30 December**

**8.15am (Lea Town) In memory of Brian Critchley & Tom Steele  
(7412)**

**FRIDAY 31 December**

9.15am Kate & Sadie Kelly (7162)

**SATURDAY 1 January – Mary, Mother of God (Solemnity)**

**11.00am Monica Brierley - Thanksgiving for 100 Years (7426)**

5.30pm Vigil Private Intention (7421)



‘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.**

**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](http://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal) and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

**APF Red Mission Boxes (St Andrew’s)** Please bring in your box for emptying next weekend, make sure your name is on the label on the bottom of the box. Leave in the sacristy, they will be returned to you the following weekend.