

Introduction Jesus uses the rabbinical tradition of paradox to rouse his listeners from conventional thinking. A life of faith is not an automatic ticket to wealth, status and security. His death and resurrection show quite the opposite. Within life's trials the God of surprises continues to save us, if sometimes in ways we don't expect.

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8 - Jeremiah's prophecy is uncompromising and must have challenged his hearers. Trusting in God alone rather than in human strength and wealth can seem like madness, but we are invited to do just that.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

Paul says that without Christ's resurrection, his teaching makes no sense. Either we live and die by this, or we are simply talking nonsense. That is the challenge of faith.

Gospel Luke 6:17. 20-26

Luke's Beatitudes are more uncompromising than those of Matthew. We don't have the get-out clause here of being blessed if we are "poor in spirit". It is poverty, pure and simple, that is blessed. The challenge for us is to dare to believe.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

FEBRUARY

3 Elizabeth Noblett **15** Fr John Danson (pp), Joan Bradley

16 Kathleen Lord, John Pegg **17** Ann Newton

19 David Bailey, Ann Myerscough

20 Margaret Connolly, Bert Holtom

Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal

Window Restoration Fund Total Raised to date **£3488.50**

Synod 2022 – 2023 Survey The Lancaster Diocese have prepared a survey which gives you the opportunity to have your say! It only takes a few minutes, you don't have to leave your name, and we would love to know what you think - good or bad!

Follow the link from the parish website.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 February 2022

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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 who are
poor, for the kingdom of
God is yours.

Luke 6:20

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SATURDAY 12 February

5.30pm Vigil For the Deceased members of the Salisbury & Bagot Families (7455)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 13 February - Parish Mass Books p139

Racial Justice Day

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am John Whalley (7485)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Benefactors of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock Parish, Annual Mass

MONDAY 14 February – Sts. Cyril & Methodius (Feast)

9.15am Joan Mary Bradley (7486)

TUESDAY 15 February - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 16 February

9.15am Kathleen Lord (7444)

THURSDAY 17 February

Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) Patricia Kenyon (7300)

FRIDAY 18 February

9.15am Joe Carberry (7171)

SATURDAY 19 February

9.15 am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7460)

5.30pm Vigil Lily Abram – Lately Dead (7476)

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

We are looking forward to beginning the preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. These will take place on Tuesday evenings at 3.20 pm in the Annex at St Mary's church. Classes will last for around an hour.

First Reconciliation classes will take place on 22 February, 1 March and the children will make their First Reconciliation at St Mary's on 8 March at 3.20 pm.

First Holy Communion classes will take place on 26 April, 3 May & 10 May. The children will make their First Holy Communion at St Mary's church at the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday 22 May.

If you wish to put your child forward for this programme and haven't already through St Mary's school, please contact Canon Towers.

Lenten Film/Discussion Series

On 3 Wednesdays in Lent 7pm - 8.15pm

30 March The Existence of God and Who is Jesus?

6 April The Holy Spirit & the Church and The Gift of Faith.

13 April Finding True Freedom and The Meaning of Love

St Andrew's Parishioners:- As you know donating to the collection (Parish General), Special Collections(2nd Collection) and for Candles, Booklets etc can now be paid by credit/debit card (Contactless or via PIN) and by Apple Pay on the digital collection machine at the back of the church or by clicking the 'Donate' button on the parish website.

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, PLEASE WILL YOU DONATE IN THIS WAY RATHER THAN BY CASH. You can also register the card you wish to use for Gift Aid, you only need to do this once, ideally on the website but it is also possible to do this on the machine. If you Gift Aid your donation in this way, you will no longer need to use the numbered cash envelopes.

CASTLERIGG EASTER RETREAT 2022 // April 14-17th // £85 - Open to anyone in Year 10, up to 25 years old. A chance to journey together through the Easter Triduum. Fun, Faith, Food, Friendships, with a few walks in the Lake District thrown in! Castlerigg's open retreats are a great opportunity to make friends and deepen your faith in a warm and welcoming environment. You can sign up on the Castlerigg Manor website (google it!) or Email jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk for more information.