

**Introduction:** Mercy is not just the healing of a wound. It is the creation of a new form of life, just as the resurrection is more than the return to our old life.

**First Reading** Joshua 5:9-12

The shame of Egypt is taken away but not the memory of Egypt, which will sustain the new life.

**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

The creation of humanity is not yet complete but it continues as an act of reconciliation in Christ.

**Gospel** Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

The story of the prodigal son is not just his story. It is the story of a whole family; indeed it is the story of the family of humankind.

Please pray for Chris Graham and Ray Butler, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

### **MARCH**

**27** Mary Gardner, Dorothy Gardner, Canon Henry Tootell

**28** Clifford Critchley, Robert Blacoe

**29** Winifred Ryan, Ted Conway **31** Thomas Richardson

### **APRIL**

**1** Esther Bakalarska **2** Agnes Duffy

### **Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal**

Window Restoration Fund Total Raised to date **£3708.50**

### **Diocese of Lancaster Lourdes Pilgrimage 22 – 29 July 2022**

Booking form can be downloaded from [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk).

See noticeboard for details. Joe Walsh Tours 0161 8208790 or

Email [infor@joewalstours.co.uk](mailto:infor@joewalstours.co.uk)

**WEBSITE: [www.standrewscottam.org.uk](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)**

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

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) 27 March 2022**

**Parish Priest: Canon Adrian J. Towers VF**

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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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His father was filled  
with compassion.

Luke 15:20

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**SATURDAY 26 March**

**5.30pm** Vigil Doris Graham RIP (7484)

**This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website**

**SUNDAY 27 March - Parish Mass Books p168**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Eithne Wright (7506)

**3.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction**

6.00pm Private Intention (7180)

**MONDAY 28 March**

9.15am Bernard & Mary Boylan RIP (7512)

**TUESDAY 29 March - NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 30 March**

9.15am Wilf Mercer (7510)

**THURSDAY 31 March**

**8.15am (Lea Town)** Hilary Ronson – Speedy Recovery (7507)

**FRIDAY 1 April**

9.15am Snape Family (7489)

**SATURDAY 2 April**

9.15 pm Members & Benefactors Living & Dead  
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7465)

5.30pm Vigil Marie Mohan (7509)

**Confessions** Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

**Lenten Film/Discussion Series – Starts This Wednesday**

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

**First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion classes will begin this Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 3.20 pm in the Annex at St Mary's church. The First Holy Communion classes will then be on 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.

**Chris Graham (Organist)** Chris' Requiem Mass will be this Wednesday at 11.30am at St Joseph's Preston, PR1 5UY, followed by burial at St Andrew's. Melanie Graham wishes it to be known that all are welcome to come to Chris's Requiem Mass.

**Metanoia – Lent Series 2022** Thursday 17 March to 7 April 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola. A mixture of live talks, videos, prayers and reflections. [www.metanoiaproject.co.uk](http://www.metanoiaproject.co.uk)

**Lenten Almsgiving** The Rwanda Group Trust, a registered Catholic charity based in Preston is seeking to raise funds for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. The situation in Rwanda is very serious due to the effects of climate change, principally lack of rain and higher temperatures resulting in serious food shortages. Certain foods have to be imported and many families cannot afford the prices. We are therefore launching a Lenten appeal in which every penny raised will enable families to purchase essential items. Our funds also help with medical costs, housing and school fees. We have no paid employees or overheads. If you would like further information or to make a donation please contact: Michael Donlan (Trustee) Tel: 07864 990941 or email [rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com](mailto:rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com) or [www.rwandagrouptrust.blogspot.com](http://www.rwandagrouptrust.blogspot.com)