

Introduction: Jesus grew up in the countryside, a countryside of hills and valleys where he often observed flocks of sheep with their shepherds. In John's Gospel he describes himself as a "good shepherd" who talks to his sheep and keeps them safe.

First Reading Acts 13:14. 43-52

Despite opposition, many of the people of Antioch respond to the preaching of Paul and Barnabas and become Christians.

Second Reading Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

St John has a vision of the hosts of believers in heaven, too many to count, from every nation on earth.

Gospel John 10:27-30

Jesus the good shepherd speaks to his sheep and leads us into eternal life.

Please pray for Deacon Frank Cole, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

MAY

10 Maggie McConnell, William McCallion **11** Bernard Clarke

12 Kevin Bilsborough, Margaret Nuttall

13 Thomas Bilsborough **14** Olive Slater

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.

See noticeboard for details. Joe Walsh Tours 0161 8208790 or

Email infor@joewalshstours.co.uk

Mass Intentions All Mass offerings and intentions are most welcome. If you require a Mass on a particular day, please let Canon Adrian know or place the intention, offering and details in an envelope on the collection plate at the back of church.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
8 May 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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There was a multitude
standing before the Lamb
with palm branches.

Revelation 7:9

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SATURDAY 7 May

5.30pm Vigil Mass Chris Graham (7516)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 8 May - Mass Books p268

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Special Collection – Ecclesiastical Education Fund

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Andy Leahy – Deceased (7547)

6.00pm Patricia Kenyon (7312)

MONDAY 9 May

9.15am Canon Towers – For a safe trip to the Holy Land (7446)

TUESDAY 10 May – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 11 May

9.15am Patricia Kenyon (7313)

THURSDAY 12 May

Sts. Nereus & Achilleus (Opt Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) Kevin Bilsborough – 10th Anniversary (7508)

FRIDAY 13 May – Our Lady of Fatima (Opt Memorial)

9.15am Patricia Kenyon (7314)

SATURDAY 14 May - St. Matthias (Feast)

9.15am NO MASS

5.30pm Vigil Chris Graham – Lately Dead (7532)

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

Afternoon Devotions and Benediction

After this weekend there will be no afternoon devotions until Sunday 22 May.

Ukrainian Prayer Card

These are available on the back bench. Please take one.

St Andrew's Gardening Saturdays

We have a small team of volunteers who maintain the grounds & cemetery. If you want to spend some time outdoor and have a spare hour on any Saturday morning please come along anytime between 10am and 12noon. No experience necessary.

In return we will give you tea/juice and biscuits.

First Holy Communion Tuesday 10 May 3.20 pm in the Annex at St Mary's church.

First Holy Communion Mass 22 May - 9 o'clock Mass St Mary's Please note that on this day church will be quite full, so you might consider attending one of the Masses at St Andrew's.

Confirmation 2022 Forms available at the back of church and in the schools. First preparation session **Thursday 19 May** 6pm to 7.30pm in the Haydock Room, Cottam.

Service of Confirmation will be on

Tuesday 14th June at 6.00pm. at St Mary's, Newhouse.

CAFOD The paradox of abundance

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.