

Introduction: Advent invites us to open our hearts to the hope that the Lord gives us as we celebrate once again his birth and look forward to his coming at the end of time.

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the pilgrims climbing up to Jerusalem and finding peace. We are called to make our home in Christ and in his kingdom where there will be peace, justice and joy. The Church shows us the way.

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

In a stark warning, St Paul calls us to amend our lives and return to the way of the Lord.

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus warns against complacency and summons us to focus on Christ and his life.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

NOVEMBER

- 28** Rose Fletcher. **29** Norman Nicholson
30 John Gerard Eastham, Bob Billington

DECEMBER

- 1** Deceased members of the Murray family
2 Dorothy Duffy, Theresa Acken, Rosemary Logan
3 David Turner, David Hurst

Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal

Window Restoration Fund Total Raised to date **£4305.50**

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.

SVP Christmas Cards, are available at the back of church, each pack is priced. **Please put payment for the cards into the SVP Wall Box.**

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

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

**First Sunday of Advent
27 November 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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The night is far spent;
the day draws near.

Romans 13:12

SATURDAY 26 November

5.30pm Vigil Mass) Sheila Etherington (7662)

SUNDAY 27 November - Mass Books Year A – p82

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Anne Wilson(7664)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Repose of the soul of Marilyn Jeanne Wilson (7665)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SPECIAL COLLECTION for Diocesan Poor Missions

MONDAY 28 November

9.15am

TUESDAY 29 November - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 30 November - St. Andrew (Feast)

9.15am Chris Graham (7669)

THURSDAY 1 December

8.15am (Lea Town)

FRIDAY 2 December

9.15am Holy Souls

SATURDAY 3 December – St Francis Xavier (Memorial)

Day of Prayer for Migrants

9.15am Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Gina Hunt RIP (7670)

No Confessions

on Saturday 26th November will resume on Saturday 3 December

Children's Liturgy at St Andrew's TODAY at the 10.30 am Mass. Please encourage parents to bring their children to this Mass as we prepare for Christmas. The first 'normal' Christmas since Covid.

Tea/Coffee & Light refreshments in the Haydock Room after 10.30am Mass. Please come along.

St Mary's Lea Town Christmas light switch on, 1 December from 3.30 followed by our Christmas Fayre in school...lots of stalls, Santa Grotto, Tombola, crafts, raffle etc .. promises to be a great event ..all Parish members welcome.

St Mary's Christmas Raffle will take place on Sunday 11 December after the 9 am Mass in the Annex. Please return ticket stubs and money by Sunday 4th December.

St Mary's December Coffee Morning will be on Sunday 11 December to coincide with the Christmas Raffle.

Christmas Wreath Making – NOTE This event is fully booked. If you have already booked please pick up an instruction sheet from the back of church.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve (Saturday 24 December)

5.30pm (Cottam) Children's First Mass of Christmas

8.30pm (Cottam) Mass during the Night

Christmas Day (Sunday 25 December)

(Lea Town) 9.00am, (Cottam) 10.30am.

(PLEASE NOTE NO 6PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY(SUNDAY))

Sacramental Preparation 2023 We are looking forward to starting our preparation classes again next year. All classes will take place at 3.20pm in St Mary's annex.

First Reconciliation classes: 21 February and 28 February
The children's First Reconciliation St Mary's church 3.20pm 7 March.

First Holy Communion classes: 21 March, 4 April and 18 April
First Holy Communion Mass: St Mary's, 9am Mass Sunday 23 April.
You are welcome to contact me via Canon Towers if you have any queries. We look forward to the privilege of guiding the children in their preparations. Jackie Fitzpatrick, Angela Pye and Jo Beesley

NOTE: ST MARY & ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE FOLLOWING SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES AT SCHOOL