

Introduction: As we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas, we prepare also to receive him when he comes again to welcome us into his kingdom.

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

The descendant of Jesse will usher in an age of peace such as the world has never known.

Second Reading Romans 15:4-9

Inspired by the scriptures, Christ's followers are called to be examples of tolerance for the world to follow.

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist calls for repentance because the judge is coming.

Please pray for Jean Aspden, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

DECEMBER

- 5** Angela Cookson, Freda Burns, Julia Fletcher, Mary Carter, William Shuttleworth **7** David Jackson
8 Eileen Woodcock, Agnes Bilsborough, Edmund Allen Stella Marie Snailham **9** Lorraine Butler, John Wyzinski
10 Edward Singleton, Jane Southworth, Francis Myerscough

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**

**Second Sunday of Advent
4th December 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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Then the wolf shall be
a guest of the lamb,
with a little child
to guide them.

Isaiah 11:6

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SATURDAY 3 December

5.30pm Vigil Mass) Gina Hunt RIP (7670)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 4 December - Mass Books Year A – p85

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Repose of the soul of Jacob Varkey (7661)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Jean Aspden – Lately Dead

MONDAY 5 December

9.15am Bill Fowler - Anniversary (7672)

TUESDAY 6 December - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 7 December - St. Ambrose (Memorial)

9.15am Special Intention (7613)

THURSDAY 8 December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

8.15am (Lea Town) Leonard Hallmarsh (7451)

FRIDAY 9 December

St. John Diego Cuauhtlatotzin (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am

SATURDAY 10 December – Our Lady of Loreto (Opt Memorial)

12noon Wedding Philip Nagy & Jennifer Mather (Nuptial Mass)

5.30pm (Vigil Mass)

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

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.

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

St Mary's Christmas Raffle will take place on **Sunday 11 December** after the 9 am Mass in the Annex, All welcome.

Please return ticket stubs and money by **THIS** 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