

Introduction: We come here today to listen to the Good News – of God with us – just as those who went before us heard the Good News, and to be thankful for the Lord's continuing presence, and to take him out to the world.

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14- The people should not put God to the test, but they will be given a miraculous sign.

Second Reading Romans 1: 1-7

The promise of God is revealed in God's Son and it is his Good News that the faithful are to take out to the world.

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

The world is turned upside down but we need not be fearful.

Please pray for Margaret Deehan, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

DECEMBER

18 Kathleen Jones **19** Sarah Strathdee, Mel Brown

20 Marian Beesley, Clifford Ward

23 Rt Rev Brian Charles Foley (3rd Bishop of Lancaster)

24 Edna Dawson, William Peter Higham

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**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
18th 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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The virgin shall
be with child.

Matthew 1:23

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SATURDAY 17 December

5.30pm Vigil Mass) Jenny & Terry O'Farrell – Anniversary (7677)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 18 December - Mass Books Year A – p90

Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Repose of the soul of Dennis Halliday (7680)

No AFTERNOON DEVOTIONS - Resumes 8 January 2023

6.00pm Jean Aspden – Lately Dead (7676)

MONDAY 19 December

9.15am Wedding Anniversary in memory of
my husband Bill (Beesley) (7480)

TUESDAY 20 December – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 21 December

9.15am Hindle Family's Intentions (7688)

THURSDAY 22 December

8.15am (Lea Town) Recovery of Marie Hindle
following a severe stroke (7689)

FRIDAY 23 December

9.15am John Durkin (7452)

SATURDAY 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE

9.15am NO MASS

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) **Children's First Mass of Christmas** p95
Eddie Williams & Damian Williams (7682)

8.30pm **Mass During the Night** (p98) - People of the Parish

SUNDAY 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am (Lea Town) **Dawn Mass** (p101)

Fr James Keville (7684)

10.30am **Day Mass** (p103) – Edmund Winders (7667)

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

Christmas Flowers Donations for flowers to decorate both churches for Christmas will be gratefully received. Appeal for greenery, any type of evergreen especially ivy, conifer, holly or laurel. Please leave, after Wednesday 21 December, on the grass, at the front of the Haydock Room at Cottam.

Children's Liturgy at St Andrew's 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.

Welcome Severiano Carlos Capitan, who will be baptised today.

St Mary's Christmas Raffle We are really pleased that £436.75 has been raised by the St Mary's raffle!
That's £220.00 for the CAFOD Pakistan Flood Appeal and £220.00 for books at school. Thank you to everyone for your support.

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.

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

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm..