

**Introduction:** We are called to be like Mary and to ponder on the wonders God does for us. We can do this like the shepherds, in simplicity and joy, for Christ our Saviour has come.

**First Reading** Numbers 6:22-27

We are beloved and blessed by God our Father.

**Second Reading** Galatians 4:4-7

As adopted children of God our Father, we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

**Gospel** Luke 2:16-21

Following the angelic announcement of his birth, the shepherds come to visit the infant Jesus. Mary treasures all these events in her heart.

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

### **JANUARY**

- 1 Robert Barnes, Jane Swarbrick, Peter Haslem
- 2 Isabel Jean Hull, Mary (Molly) M<sup>c</sup>Kee
- 3 Iris Moulding, deceased members of Farrelly family
- 4 Tom Begley, Teresa Noblet 6 Mary Ventimiglia, Herbert Rowe
- 7 Thomas McConnell

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

Window Restoration Fund Total Raised to date **£4330.50**

**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.

**The Metanoia Project Preston** 6<sup>th</sup> January, the Feast of Epiphany, is Metanoia Project's birthday and we would like to invite you to join us in celebrating! There will be Mass at 6.30pm at St Wilfrid's and the celebrations will continue afterwards including food. Drop us a line if you know you are coming but also, please feel free to turn up on the night. We hope to see you there! [www.metanoiaproject.co.uk](http://www.metanoiaproject.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**

### **Mary, Mother of God (Solemnity) 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

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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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When the fullness of  
time had come, God sent  
his Son, born of a woman.

Galatians 4:4

**SATURDAY 31 December**

5.30pm Vigil Mass) Butler Family – Anniversaries (7679)

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

**SUNDAY 1 January - Mass Books Year A – p109**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Christians of the Holy Land

6.00pm Repose of the souls of Norman and Mary  
Blocksidge (7697)

**MONDAY 2 January**

**St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen (Memorial)**

9.15am\_ Marian Salisbury – Lately Dead (7691)

**TUESDAY 3 January - NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 4 January**

**10.00am Requiem – Peter Reid**

**THURSDAY 5 January**

8.15am (Lea Town) Fr Paul Teece – Lately Dead

**FRIDAY 6 January - Holy Day of Obligation  
The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)**

9.15am Anthony Perrett RIP (7671)

**7.00pm People of the Parish**

**SATURDAY 7 January**

9.15am Holy Souls)

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Michael Masheter (7695)

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

**No Afternoon Devotions today**

Resumes on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Thank you from Canon Adrian**

I should like to thank all parishioners for the many cards, gifts, good wishes and generous offerings I have received. A very special thank you to Deacon John Cliffe, and to all involved in the Christmas Masses and who worked so hard to make this a joyful and happy Christmas.

I should also like to thank all who throughout the year work so hard at St Mary's and St Andrew's - cleaners, flower arrangers and sacristans, those who serve tea and coffee, altar servers, organists, musicians and singers, readers, eucharistic ministers, collectors, those who look after the church grounds and cemeteries, catechists, children's liturgy leaders, teachers, governors and all who work in our schools, the St Vincent de Paul Society, those who help with the youth group and with administration, and everyone who prays and worships in our churches. **May 2023 be a year of peace and blessings for us all.**

**Deacon John Cliffe & Julie** Wish to convey to all the parishioners their thanks for Christmas greetings & cards and wish everyone every blessing for the New Year.

**The Solemnity of the Epiphany** This Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass. In addition to the 9.15am Mass there will be a 7.00pm Mass also at St Andrew's. Please take a leaflet re Chalking the Door.

**Children's Liturgy at St Andrew's** at the 10.30 am Mass. Please encourage parents to bring their children to this Mass

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

**St Mary's Coffee Mornings** will be on the First Sunday of each month. Please volunteers for a Rota.

**St Mary's Raffle** Large Christmas cake - winning number 1521  
We are happy to deliver your prize.

**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**