

Introduction: On this day a light dawned on the earth. The saviour of humankind came down from heaven. Let us lift up our hearts and rejoice with the angels at the coming of the Prince of Peace.

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

The prophet foretells the coming of a great light – the birth of the Messiah, the Prince of Peace.

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

St Paul announces that salvation is now possible for the whole human race.

Gospel Luke 2:1-14

During the reign of Caesar Augustus, Jesus is born in Bethlehem, and angels bring to shepherds the news of great joy.

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

DECEMBER

- 25** Mark Bateson, Pat Hope, Jim M^c Intyre. **26** Margaret Cliffe
27 May Grimbaldston, Michael Frost
28 Winifred Wright, Fr Bernard Mc Kenna (Former PP), Dorothy
Jean Parker, Kathryn Noblet
29 Frederick Robert Barton, V Bary, Peter Molloy
30 Thomas Albert Butler, Robert Beesley, Agnes Walmsley
Pauline Clayton. **31** Ann Taylor, Katherine Brown

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.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

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

**The Nativity of the Lord
25th 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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She gave birth
to her firstborn son
and wrapped him
in swaddling clothes.

Luke 2:7



SATURDAY 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE

5.30pm **Children's First Mass of Christmas** p98

Eddie Williams & Damian Williams (7682)

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

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

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))

MONDAY 26 December - St. Stephen (Feast)

10.00am Jean Aspden (7686)

TUESDAY 27 December – St. John (Feast) - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 28 December - The Holy Innocents (Feast)

9.15am Peter Robert Holden (7690).

THURSDAY 29 December - St. Thomas Becket (Feast)

8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of SABS and Benefactors
(7685)

FRIDAY 30 December - The Holy Family (Feast)

9.15am Sister Josephine – Birthday (7694)

SATURDAY 31 December

9.15am Philip & Jennifer Nay (7683)

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

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

No Afternoon Devotions on Christmas Day.

Resumes on Sunday 8th January 2023



‘A light will shine on us this day, the Lord is born for us: he shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace, Father of the world to come, and his kingship will never end.’

As we celebrate our Saviour's birth this Christmas, may we all be richly blessed with the peace and joy the Christ-child came to bring.

A very happy and holy Christmas to you all.

Canon Adrian and Deacon John.

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

The Metanoia Project Preston 6th 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