

**Introduction:** The readings of today's Eucharist speak of the way that the Lord calls believers to serve his purpose of spreading the good news.

**First Reading** Isaiah 49:3.5-6

With God, failure is often a prelude to a greater success. Failing with Israel, the mission of Isaiah becomes a mission to the world.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

For St Paul, the only true nation is the nation of those who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel** John 1:29-34

John was born to reveal Jesus to Israel. We are to reveal him to the world.

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

**JANUARY**

**15** Ellen Sumner, Catherine Green **18** John Whalley

**19** Rt Rev. Hugh Lindsay (Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle)

**20** Margaret Miller, Osbourne Phoenix

**21** Joseph Gardner, Mary Hiles, Frank Curran

**Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal**

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

**CAFOD** The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with Emma and Patrick at [lancaster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:lancaster@cafod.org.uk)

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
15<sup>th</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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Look there!  
The Lamb of God  
who takes away  
the sin of the world.

John 1:29

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## SATURDAY 14 January

5.30pm Vigil Mass) Holy Souls

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

### SUNDAY 15 January - Mass Books – p125

#### Day of Prayer for Peace

9.00am (Lea Town) Jack & Elizabeth Singleton (7701)

10.30am People of the Parish

#### NO Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm The Benefactors of St Andrew & Blessed  
George Haydock Parish, Cottam (Annual Mass)

**White Flower Appeal** This weekend the special collection will be the annual collection for the work of the society for the protection of unborn children.

## MONDAY 16 January

9.15am

**TUESDAY 17 January - St Anthony (Memorial) - NO MASS**

## WEDNESDAY 18 January

9.15am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7717)

## THURSDAY 19 January

### St. Wulstan (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) The Benefactors of St Mary's Parish,

Lea Town (Annual Mass)

## FRIDAY 20 January - St. Fabian (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Marian Hallmarsh (7705)

## SATURDAY 21 January – St. Agnes (Memorial)

9.15am Jack Lord

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Frank Curran RIP (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) (7698)

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

**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.



Welcome to Esme Phillips and Lilyanna Phoenix Phillips who will be baptised today.

**Annual Mission Appeal** Next weekend we will be welcoming Fr Jim Clarke SX who will be preaching on behalf of the Xaverian Missions.

**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.

**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 .**

**Vocations Weekend for Women** 3-5 Feb 2023 in London

**Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life.**

Organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on

God's call to you. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)