

Introduction: For a people in darkness Isaiah foretells a great light – a prince of peace who will free us from all oppression. Jesus in Galilee fulfils this promise.

First Reading Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

People who once suffered invasion and war will one day be blessed with the joy of true light and liberty.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

Paul appeals for unity among the followers of the Lord.

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission in Galilee with the light of his teaching and his healing power.

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

JANUARY

22 Richard Brierley, Veronica Harrison, Ted Russell

23 John Powell **24** Vincent Philbin, Ellen Boulton

25 George Longton **26** Frank Turner, Mary Burrow

27 Sheila Barker, Lilian Singleton

28 Kathleen Gosling, Kathleen Parr

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 for more information or get in touch with Emma and Patrick at lancaster@cafod.org.uk

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd 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

Tel: 01772 728433. Website: www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk

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The people who have
walked in darkness have
seen a great light.

Isaiah 9:1

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SATURDAY 21 January

5.30pm Vigil Mass) Frank Curran RIP (10th Anniversary) (7698)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 22 January - Mass Books – p127

Sunday of the Word of God

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Mildrid & Stephen Ogdin – Anniversary (7693)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Kathleen lord (7706)

Annual Mission Appeal This weekend Fr Jim Clarke SX will be preaching on behalf of the Xaverian Missions.

MONDAY 23 January

9.15am Betty Hughes – Lately Dead (7738)

**TUESDAY 24 January – St. Francis de Sales (Memorial)
NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 25 January -The Conversion of St. Paul (Feast)

9.15am Jack Lord (7732)

THURSDAY 26 January - Sts. Timothy & Titus (Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7718)

FRIDAY 27 January - St. Angela Merici (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Jack Lord (7736)

SATURDAY 28 January – St. Thomas Aquinas (Memorial)

9.15am **NO MASS**

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Vera & Osbourne Phoeix (7729)

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

Please note there will be no Confessions
next Saturday 28th January

Children's Liturgy at St Andrew's at the 10.30 am Mass. A present we have three volunteers who are able to cover monthly and every Sunday during Lent up to and including Easter Sunday, and then monthly again until July. **We are appealing for more volunteers** so that the children could benefit from this important ministry each Sunday. Training would be given. Please let Canon Adrian know if you are willing to help.

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



Welcome to Rory William Houlding
who will be baptised today.

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
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