

Introduction: Many people are searching for peace and contentment in their lives. We need a guide we can trust. Jesus is that guide. In today's Mass, he teaches us the way to find true happiness.

First Reading Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

The day of judgement will leave a humble remnant to enjoy the earth in peace.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

In choosing "nobodies", God makes a nonsense of our human scale of values.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus teaches that only a life of integrity can bring true and lasting happiness.

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

JANUARY

29 George Spencer, Annie Waring, Patricia Ethrington, Francis Kerfoot, Vera Phoenix

30 Arthur Gray, Patricia Dickinson **31** Margaret Cray

FEBRUARY

1 Bernard Parkinson, Joyce Clayton **2** Kevin McEvoy

3 Maria Murray **4** Betty Llewellyn

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th 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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God chose
the weak of the world
to shame the strong.

1 Corinthians 1:27

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SATURDAY 28 January

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

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 29 January - Mass Books – p130

9.00am (Lea Town) Scott Catterall (7731)

10.30am People of the Parish

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Teresa Possamai (7733)

MONDAY 30 January

9.15am Jack Lord (7737)

TUESDAY 31 January – St. John Bosco (Memorial)

11.00am Requiem - Jack Lord

WEDNESDAY 1 February

9.15am In Thanksgiving (7745)

THURSDAY 2 February

The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) (Feast)

8.15am (Lea Town) Sr Litty SABS (sick) (7746)

4.30pm Reception of Body – Pat Oakes

FRIDAY 3 February - St. Blaise (Opt. Memorial)

10.00am Requiem - Pat Oakes

SATURDAY 4 February

9.15am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7719)

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Mrs Pat Duncan – Lately Dead (7741)

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

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

Annual Mission Appeal Thank you for your generosity towards the Annual Mission Appeal last weekend on behalf of the Xaverian Missions. St Mary's £103.50; St Andrew's £273.10.

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 Zachary Eric Davies
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.

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 .

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 21st – 28th July 2023.

The Youth Service will travel by coach 20 – 29th July 2023.

For further information please check out the Diocesan Pilgrimage website: www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk or email operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk.