

**Introduction:** Jesus' being baptised marks the beginning of his public ministry. In this act of humility, God reveals Jesus as God's beloved Son.

**First Reading** Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

Isaiah's description of the servant of the Lord sets the tone for the ministry of Jesus.

**Second Reading** Acts 10:34-38

Peter gives a summary account of Jesus' ministry to new converts, beginning with the story of Jesus' being baptised by John the Baptist.

**Gospel** Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus persuades John the Baptist to baptise him along with all those who wish to live a decent human life under the word of God.

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

### **JANUARY**

**11** Victor Wells **13** Joan Cookson **14** John Lamb

#### **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](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)**

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

### **Baptism of the Lord (Feast) 8<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

Tel: 01772 728433. Website: [www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

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Here is my servant,  
my chosen one with  
whom I am well pleased.

Isaiah 42:2

### SATURDAY 7 January

5.30pm Vigil Mass) Michael Masheter (7695)

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

### SUNDAY 8 January - Mass Books – p118

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Gertrude & James Scurr – Anniversary (7692)

### 3.00pm Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Fr Peter Chappell – Lately Dead (7702)

### MONDAY 9 January

9.15am Joseph and Sarah Kelly (7696)

### TUESDAY 10 January - NO MASS

### WEDNESDAY 11 January

9.15am Brendan Morrison RIP Anniversary (7704)

### THURSDAY 12 January

#### St Aelred of Rievaulx (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of the SABS  
and Benefactors (7715)

### FRIDAY 13 January - St. Kentigern (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am

### SATURDAY 14 January

9.15am Holy Souls) Richard Hargreaves (Catenian)  
Lately Dead (7703)

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Holy Souls

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

### St Mary's Coffee Mornings TODAY 8<sup>th</sup> January

Volunteers needed for the Rota.

**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 Roman Jackson Wild and Tobias Wild  
who will be baptised today.

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

**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**

**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)