

**Introduction:** Life isn't about "me" and my wants. Life is about noticing the vulnerable people around us and sharing our time and energy to support them. We are called to be the voice for those who do not find the justice that they need to live in dignity and peace.

**First Reading** Isaiah 58:7-10

If we are prepared to share even life's essentials with others and to act with justice, then we will be very close to God.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Our faith should not be placed in human wisdom, but in God's power.

**Gospel** Matthew 5:13-16

If we are truly the salt of the earth and the light of the world, people should be able to see Jesus alive and active in us.

Please pray for Michael Doherty lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**FEBRUARY**

**5** John McCallion, Joseph Lonsdale, Ronald Bond

**6** Stella Stewart **7** Joseph Burrow, Joan Redmond

**8** Mary Lee **9** Joseph Kelly **11** Mary Cross

**Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal**

Window Restoration Fund Total Raised to date **£4659.50**

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

**ST JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL, BLACKPOOL:**

The Governors are seeking to appoint a new Head Teacher for September 2023. Details at:

<https://www.lancaster-diocese-education.org.uk/2023/02/01/st-john-vianney-catholic-primary-school-blackpool-headteacher/>

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Parish Priest: Canon Adrian J. Towers VF**

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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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Your light must shine  
before others.

Matthew 5:16

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**SATURDAY 4 February**

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

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

**SUNDAY 5 February - Mass Books – p133**

**Racial Justice Day**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am John Whalley – Anniversary (7730)

**3.00pm Afternoon Devotions**

6.00pm Martin Doherty (7743)

**MONDAY 6 February SS Paul Miki & Companions (Memorial)**

9.15am Mrs Joan Redmond (7687)

**TUESDAY 7 February - NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 8 February**

**St. Jerome Emiliani (Opt Memorial)**

9.15am Jack Lord (7739)

**THURSDAY 9 February**

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

**FRIDAY 10 February - St. Scholastica (Memorial)**

9.15am Happy repose of the souls of Shirley & Bill Birkett (7748)

**SATURDAY 11 February - Our Lady of Lourdes (Feast)**

**World Day for the Sick**

9.15am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7720)

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Mrs Pat Oakes – Lately Dead (7742)

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

**St Mary's Coffee Morning TODAY** 5<sup>th</sup> February, after the 9.00am Mass.

**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. All welcome.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

The Youth Service will travel by coach 20 – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

For further information please check out the Diocesan Pilgrimage website: [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk) or email [operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk).