

Introduction: Readings If we would be true followers of Christ we are encouraged to look below the surface of things, to get to the heart of what our belief truly asks of us.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

We are given the choice of life or death.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

The gift of the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

Our virtue must go deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees.

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

FEBRUARY

13 Joan Cookson **14** John Lamb

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

Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal

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

WEBSITE: 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-dioceseeducation.org.uk/2023/02/01/st-john-vianney-catholic-primary-school-blackpool-headteacher/>

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.

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th February 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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Before us are life
and death; whichever
we choose shall be
given to us.

Sirach 15:17

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SATURDAY 11 February

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

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 12 February - Mass Books – p136

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Christine & Malcolm Sleightholm (7699)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Michael Kennedy (7744)

MONDAY 13 February

9.15am A successful operation (7751)

**TUESDAY 14 February - Sts. Cyril & Methodius (Feast)
NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 15 February

9.15am Mrs Joan Bradley (7758)

THURSDAY 16 February

8.15am (Lea Town) Kathleen Lord (7707)

FRIDAY 17 February

Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Jack Lord (7740)

SATURDAY 18 February

9.15am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7721)

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Intentions of the 5.30pm Mass parishioners
(7752)

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

Turkish & Syrian Earthquake Appeal CAFOD are assisting in bringing aid to survivors of the recent earthquake. If you would like to make a donation to their appeal, there is this weekend a basket for cash donations at the back of both churches, and at St Andrew's there is also the option of selecting the 'second collection' button on the card machine.



Welcome to Arya Agnes Hunter
who will be baptised today.

Children's Liturgy at St Andrew's at the 10.30 am Mass. At 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.

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 .

Day of Renewal Led by Fr Frankie Mulgrew,

'Come to me...' encountering the God who heals.

Saturday 11th March 10am - 4pm

at St Clare's Church, Fulwood. Starts with Mass at 10am.

Please bring packed lunch, Tea & Coffee available. For details contact
Christine: 07745 009694