

**Introduction:** Today's readings set out the standards of holiness that are set before the people of God. There is nothing trivial about them. It seems a tall order to try to be as perfect as God. Of course we can't manage this on our own, but Jesus himself is our perfection and our holiness.

**First Reading** Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18 - The book of Leviticus can seem rather dry. It begins with the command to be as holy as God. This is an impossible command, but the point is to allow God to live that holiness within us by making space for God in our lives.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 - Paul writes to the Corinthians, a community made up of common people with no pretensions to greatness. He reminds them that their dignity comes from being temples of God.

**Gospel** Matthew 5:38-48 - Jesus sets out the implications of living as his disciples. He reminds us that God gives the same grace to good and bad people alike. The choice is ours, on a daily basis, whether to respond to it or not.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

### **FEBRUARY**

**19** David Bailey, Ann Myerscough

**20** Margaret Connolly, Bert Holtom

**21** Fr Edmond McCartan (pp), John O'Brien, Agnes Hind,  
Marjorie Shaw **22** Pat Ellis, Andrew Cooney

**23** Helen Minchin **24** John Strathdee, Fr Ken Hodson,  
**24** Fr Fred Hamer (pp). Frank Dillon

**25** Catherine Spencer, Fr Joe Bamber

### **Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal**

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

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

**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.

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

### **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 19<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

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Love your enemies,  
and pray for those  
who persecute you.

**Matthew 5:44**

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## **SATURDAY 18 February**

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

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

### **SUNDAY 19 February - Mass Books – p139**

#### **Day of Prayer for the Unemployed**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Christine & Malcolm Sleightholm (7700)

#### **NO Afternoon Devotions**

6.00pm Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7722)

## **MONDAY 20 February**

9.15am Fr Brendan Monaghan (7764)

## **TUESDAY 21 February – St. Peter Damian (Opt. Memorial)**

**NO MASS**

## **ASH WEDNESDAY 22 February**

### **Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

9.15am Ann Campion (7753)

**7.00pm** Jean Aspden (7754)

## **THURSDAY 23 February**

8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of SABS and Benefactors  
(7757)

## **FRIDAY 24 February**

### **Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order (Opt. Memorial)**

9.15am Madge McGrath RIP (7756)

## **SATURDAY 25 February**

9.15am Happy Repose of the Soul of Jack Lord (7747)

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Fr John Danson (7763)

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

**Ash Wednesday** This Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent. Distribution of ashes will take place at both the 9.15am and 7.00pm Masses at St Andrew's.

**Lenten Wednesday Evenings at St Andrew's Cottam** Starting on **Wednesday 1 March at 7pm until 8pm**. Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series 'Catholicism'. Journey around the world and deep into the Catholic Faith in all its richness, history, beauty, goodness, and truth in breathtaking, high-definition cinematography. Dive deeper into your spiritual journey of faith.

### **Turkish & Syrian Earthquake Appeal CAFOD.**

Many thanks for your generosity towards CAFOD's work in Turkey and Syria. St Andrew's raised £682.55 and St Mary's raised £70.10.

**Aid to the Church in Need (Emergency aid for Ukraine)** Provides food, clothing & shelter for those caught up in the war in Ukraine. Fr Philip Newbold, a retired priest who has helped with supply work in our parishes. Fr Philip has decided to use his time in Lent to support this cause, he will walk 10,000 paces per day for the 40 days in Lent. If you wish to support him, you can sponsor him online at [www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-167](http://www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-167) **OR** Sign the sponsor form at the back of church, money will be collected after Easter.

**Tea/Coffee & Light refreshments** in the Haydock Room after 10.30am Mass. All welcome.

### **Sacramental Preparation 2023** Starts this **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

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

**Day of Renewal** Led by Fr Frankie Mulgrew, 'Come to me...' encountering the God who heals. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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

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