

Introduction: The journey of faith requires us to be open to the Lord, to hear his call. We come together in a spirit of trust, being prepared to listen, and sometimes to be surprised and even amazed by God.

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4

When God calls Abram, it is a life-changing moment, for he is asked to leave everything that he knows.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Paul tells Timothy that Jesus brings us the Good News, but following him can come at a price.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 - The wondrous sight of Christ in glory also inspires fear in the apostles.

Please pray for Rosemary Walmsley, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

MARCH

- 5 Lilian Beesley 6 Jim Lowery 7 Helen Keefe, Bernard Baldwin
8 Thomas Joseph Dewhurst, Edna Melling 9 Joseph Woodcock
10 Joseph Burrow, Marilyn Wilson, Canon James M^cGann (pp),
Mary Wilson 11 Patricia McAvoy, William Birkett

Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal Raised to date **£4659.50**
WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

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.

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

Second Sunday in Lent 5th March 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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Christ's face became
as dazzling as the sun,
his clothes as radiant
as light.

Matthew 17:2

SATURDAY 4 March

5.30pm Vigil Mass) Guild of Our Lady of Ransom Intention (7767)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 5 March - Mass Books – p155

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Jim Davy RIP (7762)

3.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

6.00pm Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7724)

MONDAY 6 March

9.15am Marcelle Sewell RIP – Anniversary (7749)

TUESDAY 7 March - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity (Memorial)

10am Requiem – Michael Doherty

WEDNESDAY 8 March – St. John of God (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Jim Lowery (7772)

THURSDAY 9 March – St. Frances of Rome (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) Chris Simpson (7768)

FRIDAY 10 March

9.15am Mr Paul Brown (7759)

SATURDAY 11 March

9.15am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7725)

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Monica Moud – Lately Dead (7771)

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

No confessions Saturday 4th March

PLEASE RETURN CAFOD ENVELOPES

Lenten Wednesday Evenings at St Andrew's Cottam Continuing **Wednesday 8 March, 7pm to 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 breath taking, high-definition cinematography. Dive deeper into your spiritual journey of faith.

St Mary's Coffee Morning TODAY 5th March after the 9.00am Mass.

Easter Decoration Making at St Mary's on Sunday **2 April** in the Annex after Mass and Coffee. If you would like to make an Easter table centre please sign the list at the back of church. Details later.

Snowdrop and bulb planting St Mary's Sunday **12th March.** Please bring clumps of snowdrops from your garden, or any spare bulbs, to plant in our church grounds after Mass. It would be helpful if you could bring a trowel. Happy planting everyone.

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, 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. You can sponsor him online at www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-167 **OR** Sign the sponsor form at the back of church, money will be collected after Easter.



Welcome to Shawn and Samuel Adebayo
who will be baptised today.

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

Sacramental Preparation 2023

All classes will take place at 3.20pm in St Mary's annex..

First Holy Communion classes: 21 March, 4 April and 18 April

First Confessions Please pray for the children who will be making their First Confession this Tuesday 7 March.

Lenten Appeal Fr Placide in Cyangugu Rwanda on behalf of the Rwanda Group Trust, a Preston based registered Catholic Charity. (We have no overheads and every penny raised goes directly to those in real need). "First of all I greet you. We thank you for the way you continue to take care of the poor in Rwanda.' If you would like further information, or could make a donation to help a Rwandan family visit:

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