

**Introduction:** On Laetare Sunday we rejoice in the Lord and give thanks for the gift of Christ's resurrection from the dead, which gives us hope and confidence. In the UK, Ireland, and some other countries around the world, today is Mother's Day, and we thank God for mothers, living and dead, and ask the prayers of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, for them.

**First Reading** 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

The spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day onwards.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 5:8-14

Walk in the light of the Lord and turn away from the darkness of sin.

**Gospel** John 9:1-41

Jesus gives the blind man new sight and the gift of faith.

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

### **MARCH**

**20** Douglas Middlemiss, Thomas Newton

**21** Edward & Edith, Jim Hall, Jim Martin, John Lowery,  
Eileen McKavanagh, Kathleen Sheldon **22** Robert Ibson

**23** Fr Henry Gillett (pp) **25** William Beesley

**24** Patricia & Eve Kelly, James Turnbull, Camille Johnston

**Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal** 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**

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

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Now you are light  
in the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8

**SATURDAY 18 March**

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Kathleen Sheldon (7760)

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

**SUNDAY 19 March - Mass Books – p161**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Alan Broom (7775)

**No Live Stations of the Cross & Benediction**

**A recorded Stations can be viewed on the Parish website**

6.00pm Sir James Anderton – Lately Dead (7777)

**MONDAY 20 March – St. Joseph (Solemnity)**

9.15am

**TUESDAY 21 March - NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 22 March**

9.15am

**THURSDAY 23 March**

**St. Turibius of Mongrovejo (Opt. Memorial)**

8.15am (Lea Town) Sir James Anderton – Lately Dead (7778)

**FRIDAY 24 March**

9.15am

**SATURDAY 25 March**

**The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)**

9.15am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7727)

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Rimmer Family (7776)

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

**Mass Intentions** As you can see from above, we are running short of 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 weekend Masses. Mass intention envelopes are at the back of church.

**Lenten Wednesday Evenings at St Andrew's Cottam** CANCELLED this week owing to Canon Adrian having Covid.

**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.

**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, 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](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.



Welcome to Edward Paul Smith

who will be baptised today.

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

**Sacramental Preparation 2023** 3.20pm in St Mary's annex..

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

**Rwanda Group Trust Lenten Appeal,** A Preston based registered Catholic Charity. (We have no overheads and every penny raised goes directly to those in real need). We thank you for the way you continue to take care of the poor in Rwanda. If you would like further info, or could make a donation to help a Rwandan family visit:

[www.rwandagrouptrust.blogspot.com](http://www.rwandagrouptrust.blogspot.com) or

email [rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com](mailto:rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com) or Michael 07864 990941

**Church Collection** Owing to a change of rules, from 6<sup>th</sup> April banking fees, which used to be paid from our Diocesan Levy, will have to be paid by each parish directly to the bank. (Currently the monthly levy for St Andrew's is £814.00 and St Mary's £58.59). In addition to payments from our accounts we will be charged for each deposit into our accounts. Coins and cash in general will be the most expensive. This is an opportunity for you to consider helping to maintain the parish in ways other than cash, for example by using the card machine (at St Andrew's) or a monthly standing order. The parish account details can be provided on request.

This is also an opportunity to review how much you contribute to the collection. Some give as little as £1 a week. Clearly the parish cannot survive long term on this.