

Introduction: Lazarus, the friend of Jesus and the brother of Martha and Mary, is at the centre of today's Gospel. Lazarus is brought back to life in Jesus' spectacular and final "sign", as miracles are termed in John's Gospel.

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

Through the prophet, the Lord speaks to the community in exile: "I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live."

Second Reading Romans 8:8-11

Paul focuses on how God's Spirit lives in us.

Gospel John 11:1-45

The extraordinary account of the final sign that Jesus gave – the raising of Lazarus from death itself.

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

MARCH

26 Ursula Twist, Veronica Rimmer, John Egan

27 Mary Gardner, Dorothy Gardner, Canon Henry Tootell

28 Clifford Critchley, Robert Blacoe

29 Winifred Ryan, Ted Conway **31** Thomas Richardson

APRIL 1 Esther Bakalarska

Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal Raised to date **£4659.50**

WEBSITE: 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.

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

First Holy Communion classes: 4 April and 18 April

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent 26th 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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Lazarus, come out!

John 11:43

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SATURDAY 25 March

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Rimmer Family (7776)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 26 March - Mass Books – p170

9.00am (Lea Town)

10.30am People of the Parish

No Live Stations of the Cross & Benediction

A recorded Stations can be viewed on the Parish website

6.00pm

MONDAY 27 March

9.15am

TUESDAY 28 March - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 29 March

9.15am

THURSDAY 30 March

8.15am (Lea Town) Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7727)

11.00am (Cottam) **Requiem – Rosemary Walmsley**

FRIDAY 31 March

9.15am

SATURDAY 1 April

9.15am Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Andrew Watt (Anniversary) (7779)

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.



Welcome to Rosie Grace Mercer
who will be baptised today.

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.

Canon Adrian

Hopes to be out of isolation post-Covid on Monday 27 March.

Lenten Wednesday Evenings at St Andrew's Cottam Continuing this week 29 March.

Palm Sunday next Sunday 2 April, Mass at St Mary's will begin at **8.30am**. Mass at St Andrew's will begin at 10.30am as usual, but commencing with the blessing of palms in the Haydock Room.

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.

Holy Week Volunteers please sign the sheets on the back bench for Feet Washing, to read at the Maundy Thursday Mass or to read at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Chrism Mass Bishop Paul invites everyone to come to the Chrism Mass on Maundy Thursday **6 April at 11.30am** in the Cathedral.

Aid to the Church in Need (Emergency aid for Ukraine)

Fr Philip Newbold, to support this cause, 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.

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

Church Collection Owing to a change of rules, from 6 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. 'To help to provide for the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability' is one of the precepts of the Church. **As a guide, several years ago, Cardinal Basil Hume suggested that every Catholic should offer one hour's pay each week.** Some give as little as £1 a week. Clearly the parish cannot survive long term on this.