

**Introduction:** Our risen Lord makes himself known to his disciples by offering them his peace. Through this sign he also channels the divine mercy that we celebrate today. Let us open ourselves to that peace and mercy transforming our lives.

**First Reading** Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles.

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 1:3-9

God the Father, in his great mercy, has given us a new birth as his sons and daughters, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

**Gospel** John 20:19-31

Jesus said to the disciples, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side.

Please pray for for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**APRIL**

**16** Willy Theo Ghyselincks, Helen Rocks, Henrietta Los

**17** Brian Burns, Mary Webb **19** Anne Basley, Mary Helena Taylor

**20** Brian Murphy, Elsie Lawrenson

**Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal** Raised to date **£5135.50**

**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.

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

**First Holy Communion classes:** 18 April

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER  
16<sup>th</sup> April 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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**They devoted themselves  
to breaking bread  
in their homes.**

**Acts 2:42**

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**SATURDAY 15 April**

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Martha Holden – Deceased (7793)

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

**SUNDAY 16 April - Mass Books – p255**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Special Intention (SA) (7782)

**No Afternoon Devotions**

6.00pm Michael Haughey (7785)

**MONDAY 17 April**

9.15am Deceased Members of the Cookson Family (7789)

**TUESDAY 18 April - NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 19 April**

**7.30am** Deceased Members of SABS and Benefactors (7797)

**THURSDAY 20 April**

8.15am Fr Joe Diskin – Lately Dead (7796)

**FRIDAY 21 April – St. Anselm (Opt. Memorial)**

9.15am Deceased Members of the Harring Family (7790)

**SATURDAY 22 April**

9.15am (Cottam) Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm (Vigil Mass)

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

**Mass Intentions** 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.

**Thank You** to Deacon John, and everyone involved in the Holy Week & Easter Services: readers, ministers, singers & musicians, collectors, altar servers, flower arrangers, cleaners, sacristans, all 'behind the scenes' and everyone who came along to celebrate Easter at St Mary's & St Andrew's. May we all be richly blessed by our Risen Lord !

**First Holy Communion Mass** Please pray for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion, next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at St Mary's, Lea Town at 9.00am.

**Solemn Exposition**

**Sunday 23 April at St Andrew's.**

It will begin after 10.30am Mass and end with the closing service and Benediction at 3.00pm, followed by light refreshments in the Haydock Room.

Please sign list at back of church for watching.

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

Fr. Philip Newbold has completed the sponsored walk of 10.000 paces per day for the 40 days of Lent, covering 490,457 steps in total for "Aid to the Church in Need"; their emergency project for Ukraine. Sponsor money on line is completed. Sponsor money from the sheets in church, please follow these directions. Place money in a plain envelope and seal. Write on front "Fr. Philip Ukraine Walk", YOUR name and the amount of money enclosed (Gift Aid donors names, addresses & amounts of money must tally). Place in the church weekend collection basket either 15/16 April, 22/23 April or 29/30 April. Thank you.

**RED MISSION BOXES (St Andrew's)** Please bring in your box for emptying next weekend, make sure your name is on the label on the bottom of the box. Leave in the sacristy, they will be returned to you the following weekend.

**SPUC Pro-Life chain Saturday 29 April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm:** please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For info tel. 01772 723094.