

**Introduction** Lent often grabs more of our intention than Eastertide. The path to the cross seems more human than the path from the cross to the ascension, but the path that we walk is through the cross, and from the cross to heaven with the risen Christ.

**First Reading** Acts 2:14. 22-33 - The humanity of Christ was raised to fulfil the deepest longings of Israel.

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 1:17-21

Only the gifts of God are truly free, but the redemption is also the gift of a human being. This is why it was fitting that the Lord should pay a price for that redemption.

**Gospel** Luke 24:13-35

The Church is a conversation, as we share our faith. Sometimes we fail to allow the Lord into that conversation.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**APRIL**

**23** Patrick Barry, Thomas Noblet **24** Janet Entwistle

**25** Dorothy Hogan, Fr Francis Worden (pp)

**26** Joan Valentine, Graham Norton, Tish Nicholson, Philip Murray

**27** Cliff Harrison, Gerald Dickinson **29** Leonard Hallmarsh

**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 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**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER  
23<sup>rd</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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Were not our hearts  
burning within us?

Luke 24:32

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## **SATURDAY 22 April**

5.30pm (Vigil Mass)

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

### **SUNDAY 23 April - Mass Books – p258**

9.00am (Lea Town) First Holy Communicants

10.30am People of the Parish

### **3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction**

6.00pm Special Intention (SA) (7784)

## **MONDAY 24 April – St. George (Solemnity)**

9.15am Deceased Members of SABS and Benefactors (7797)

## **TUESDAY 25 April – St. Mark (Feast) - NO MASS**

### **WEDNESDAY 26 April**

9.15am Deceased Members of the Spencer Family(7791)

## **THURSDAY 27 April**

8.15am Mary & Eddie Sinnott (7798)

## **FRIDAY 28 April – St. Peter Chanel (Opt. Memorial)**

9.15am Deceased Members of the Coster Family (7792)

## **SATURDAY 29 April – St. Catherine of Siena (Feast)**

9.15am (Cottam) Leonard Hallmarsh (7708)

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Christians of the Holy Land

**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.

**First Holy Communion Mass** Please pray for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion, this weekend Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at St Mary's, Lea Town at 9.00am. Also pray for Harrison Dermott who will be making his First Holy Communion at St Andrew's at the 10.30am Mass.

### **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 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.