

Introduction The Church observes the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and to religious life, and for every calling that contributes to making God's dream come true, of a human family united in love.

First Reading Acts 2:14. 36-41

A call to repentance, and a radical new way of thinking and behaving. Peter declares that the Holy Spirit is promised to all whom God calls.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25

Peter calls us to turn back "to the shepherd and guardian of our souls". We are called to do what is right, even if it means suffering.

Gospel John 10:1-10

Jesus is the shepherd and the gate of the sheepfold, guarding and protecting the sheep.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

MAY

2 Sarah Kelly **3** Raymond Hodson **4** Geoff Plumb, Francis Potts
5 Elizabeth Mercer **6** Brian Dixon

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.

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

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

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

**4th SUNDAY of EASTER
30th 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

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The promise is
made to you.

Acts 2:39

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SATURDAY 29 April

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Christians of the Holy Land

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Gerald Edward Dickinson RIP (7803)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction

6.00pm Holy Souls

MONDAY 1 May – St. Joseph the Worker (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am

TUESDAY 2 May - St. Athanasius(Memorial) - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 3 May – Sts. Philip & James (Feast)

9.15am Ken Chattaway – Seriously ill (7799)

THURSDAY 4 May – The English Martyrs (Feast)

9.15am COTTAM Mary Hellon RIP (7804)

FRIDAY 5 May

9.15am

Mass for King Charles III

at the request of the Bishops of England & Wales

SATURDAY 6 May

9.15am (Cottam) Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Leslie Burns – Anniversary (7802)

Special Collection this weekend for Ecclesiastical Education Fund

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

Church Cemetery & Grounds

We are appealing for more volunteers to keep our church & cemetery grounds tidy. There is plenty of equipment, but few helpers.

If you can help, even if only occasionally, please contact Chris Lawson on 07712 915876



Welcome to Avalyn Maeve Mather
who will be baptised today.

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

King Charles III The Bishops of England & Wales have asked parishes to celebrate Mass for the new King on Friday 5th May 2023. Bishop Swarbrick is happy to dispense the Faithful from Friday Abstinence on that day.

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

Fr. Philip Newbold has completed the sponsored walk. 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 this weekend. Thank you.

Fundraising – Sale of Candles. Next weekend a group of young people from St. Clare's parish in Fulwood will be selling candles to raise funds for their Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Portugal this July. The cost per person is £1.4k. Some of this group of 20 young people who are going are still in school or do not have jobs, so they are fundraising to help cover the cost. They will be travelling through France, Spain and then serving in Portugal to have a meeting with Pope Francis. Along the way they will be stopping off in places such as Lourdes, Loyola (from the great Spanish saint, Ignatius of Loyola), Pamplona, Nazarene, Fatima and many more.

These pilgrimages are vitally important in the lives of the young people going. It is a chance to step out of the struggles they face in the world every day. To be together, to pray together, to listen to the catechesis that gives them the truth, and to receive many graces that God wants to give them.