

Introduction: Our liturgy today turns quickly from triumphal acclamation to betrayal, desertion and death. Yet in the seeming failure of humility, new life bursts forth through the earth-shattering obedience of Christ.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

Trust in God enables us to be eloquent in our witness.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Humility allows God our Father to achieve his plan for us.

Gospel Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

The faithfulness and trust of Jesus are not in vain.

Please pray for Fr Frank Flynn, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

APRIL

2 Agnes Duffy 4 James Roche 8 Nora Fern

Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal Raised to date **£4765.50**

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

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.

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

**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
2nd 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

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Your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass.

Matthew 21:5



Welcome to Callie Alexandra Clayton
who will be baptised today.

SATURDAY 1 April

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

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 2 April - Mass Books – p176

8.30am (Lea Town) Christians of the Holy Land

10.30am People of the Parish

3.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

A recorded Stations can be viewed on the Parish website

6.00pm Special Intention (SA) (7783)

MONDAY 3 April

9.15am

TUESDAY 4 April - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 5 April

9.15am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (7728)

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 6 April

11.30am CATHEDRAL Mass of Chrism (Bishop Paul)

7.00pm (Cottam) Mass of the Lord's Supper

with watching until 10.00pm (Compline at 9.45pm)

GOOD FRIDAY – 7 April

9.00am (Cottam) Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

11.00am (Cottam) Stations of the Cross

3.00pm (Cottam) Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY – 8 April

9.00am (Cottam) Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

8.00pm (Cottam) Easter Vigil Mass

Deceased members of the Watt family (7780)

EASTER SUNDAY - 9 April

9.00am (Lea Town); 10.30am (Cottam); 6.00pm (Cottam)

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

Lenten Wednesday Evenings at St Andrew's Cottam Continuing this week 5 April

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.

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.

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