

Introduction We are the “living stones” making up the body of Christ here on earth. As such we are invited to trust our future to Christ who is our way to the Father.

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

Trusting in the Holy Spirit, the Church grows in number.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Christ is the cornerstone of our faith.

Gospel John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples not to be troubled. He will show us the way.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

MAY

7 Robert Gardner **10** Maggie McConnell, William McCallion

11 Bernard Clarke **12** Kevin Bilsborough, Margaret Nuttall

13 Thomas Bilsborough

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

Coronation Weekend Walk for Life at Stonyhurst

A walk in aid of Right to Life co-hosted by the Christian Heritage Centre & St Peter's Church Stonyhurst on **Monday 8th May**. Starting at 2 pm at Theodore House, Stonyhurst, walkers will head along part of the scenic Tolkien Trail, offering the chance to take part in an afternoon of prayer and witness to the sanctity of human life. There will be Eucharistic Adoration in St Peter's throughout the afternoon, with Benediction at 5:15 pm to conclude the walk, after which refreshments will be served at Theodore House. To register & for more information.

Visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/walk-for-life/>

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

**5th SUNDAY of EASTER
7th May 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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You are a people called
out of darkness into
wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

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SATURDAY 6 May

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

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 7 May - Mass Books – p265

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Anne Marie Clark RIP (7806)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction

6.00pm Luke Gormally – Lately Dead (7810)

MONDAY 8 May

9.15am Repose of the soul of Peter Reid (7804)

TUESDAY 9 May - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 10 May – St. John of Avila (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Gina Hunt RIP (7808)

THURSDAY 11 May

8.15am (Lea Town)

FRIDAY 12 May – St. Pancras (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am In Thanksgiving (7809)

SATURDAY 13 May – Our Lady of Fatima (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am (Cottam) Holy Souls

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Chris Graham RIP (7807)

Confessions Each Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

St Mary's Coffee Mornings TODAY Sunday 7th May

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 Henry Stephen Hounslea
who will be baptised today.

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

Fundraising – Sale of Candles. This 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.

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.