

**Introduction.** Jesus promises that he will not leave us orphans, but sends the Holy Spirit to be with us and defend us. Gathered today by that same Spirit, we offer our praise and our thanks to God.

**First Reading** Acts 8:5-8. 14-17 - The Holy Spirit is given to those who have accepted Christ and been baptised.

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 3:15-18

Peter says that followers of Jesus must be prepared to suffer, just as Christ our Lord suffered for our salvation.

**Gospel** John 14:15-21

Through our love of Christ, we are drawn into the very life of the God who is Father, Son and Spirit.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**MAY**

**14** Olive Slater

**16** Marilyn James, Margaret Kelly, Edward Kelly

**19** Austin Myerscough, Ted Bradley

**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](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)**

**"A Great Mystery" Marriage Enrichment Retreat**

Running from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st May, the retreat offers married couples the chance to reflect on the beautiful vision of marriage as an icon of Christ and the Church. With talks, discussion and prayer, this is a lovely weekend away for any couple to rediscover and reflect on the Church's vision for the marital union.

Visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/a-great-mystery-marriage-enrichment/> to book and find out more information.

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

**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER  
14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

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Peter and John prayed  
for them that they might  
receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:14–15

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**SATURDAY 13 May**

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

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

**SUNDAY 14 May - Mass Books – p268**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Successful Treatment (AD) (7805)

**3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction**

6.00pm Holy Souls

**MONDAY 15 May**

9.15am

**TUESDAY 16 May - NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 17 May**

**7.30am NB TIME**

**THURSDAY 18 May – Holy Day of Obligation**

**The Ascension of The Lord (Solemnity)**

9.15am (Cottam) People of the Parish

7.00pm (Cottam) Patrick Ruane (7813)

**FRIDAY 19 May – St. Dunstan (Opt. Memorial)**

9.15am

**SATURDAY 20 May – St. Bernardine of Siena (Opt. Memorial)**

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.

**This Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May** is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation to attend Mass. In addition to the 9.15am Mass there will be an evening Mass at 7.00pm, both at St Andrew's.

**Fr Joseph Diskin RIP** There will be a Memorial Requiem Mass for Fr Joe at the Willows, Kirkham on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.** (Fr Joe's Requiem and burial took place earlier in his native Ireland).

**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

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

**Dear Parishioners,** My sincere thanks for your prayerful and financial support for the Lenten Walk undertaken to assist the work of "Aid to the Church in Need" in their project for the Ukraine.

Your sponsorship raised **£6869.00.**

Thank you for your generosity and answering the call of the Gospel to rally to the need of our brothers and sisters.

I will offer three Masses for all benefactors, for your intentions, health and well being. Let us give thanks to the Risen Lord. Fr. Philip Newbold.

**CAFOD Did you know** that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to [cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns](http://cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns)