

Introduction. Christ was the supreme broadcaster. He came to glorify God on earth and make his Father known. On this World Communications Day, we celebrate the role of the media in continuing his mission.

First Reading Acts 1:12-14 - Jesus' disciples were known as "apostles", a word that means sent on a mission.

Second Reading 1 Peter 4:13-16 - St Peter tells us that it is a glorious thing to bear the name "Christian".

Gospel John 17:1-11 - Jesus hands on his mission and prays for those to whom it has been entrusted.

Please pray for Pat Corrigan, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

MAY

22 John Waring, John Stephenson **24** Hilda Myerscough

25 Maureen Middlemiss, Mary Spencer, Clare Horan

26 Freda Haughey, Agnes Kitchen **27** Phyllis Baines

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**

**7th SUNDAY of EASTER
21st May 2023**

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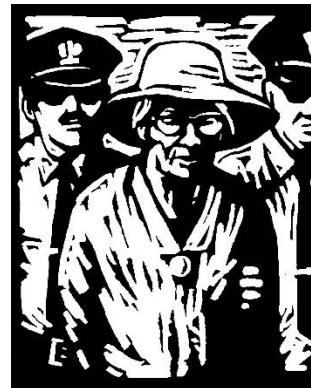
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Baptisms and Marriages by Arrangement.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday (4.30pm to 5pm) or on request. Please call in to the Presbytery or speak to Canon Adrian before or after Mass.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator

Tel: 01772 728433. Website: www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk

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Whoever is made to suffer
as a Christian should not
be ashamed but glorify
God

1 Peter 4:16

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SATURDAY 20 May

5.30pm (Vigil Mass)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 21 May - Mass Books – p275

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Monica & Paul Johnston (7812)

NO Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Holy Souls

Special Collection: World Communication Day

MONDAY 22 May – St. Rita of Cascia (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Deceased Members of the Knight of St Columba &
Families (7811)

TUESDAY 23 May - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 24 May

9.15am

THURSDAY 25 May – St. Bede the Venerable (Memorial)

8.15am (Cottam) Joan Redmond & Sheila Parker (7770)

FRIDAY 26 May – St. Philip Neri (Memorial)

9.15am Rachael – for a successful operation (7816)

SATURDAY 27 May

St. Augustine of Canterbury (Feast)

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.

Confirmation Mass

Bishop Paul will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady & St Michael's, Grimsnargh **on Friday 30th June 2023.**

Note: For children at St Mary's school and other schools, but NOT St Mary & St Andrew's school.

Forms available at the back of church.

Fr Joseph Diskin RIP There will be a Memorial Requiem Mass for Fr Joe at the Willows, Kirkham on **Thursday 25th 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.

Date for your diary: Saturday 15th July 12:00pm Summer Mass and BBQ at St Andrew's. All proceeds will support the Christians in the Holy Land. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. More details and tickets available soon. All welcome. See Canon Adrian for further details.

Day of Renewal Saturday 17th June 10am to 4pm at St Clare's Parish Hall . Led by Barbara Mason, the theme is 'The Obedience of Faith'. Starts with Mass at 10.00am. More info, Christine:07745009694. Please bring a packed lunch, Tea and Coffee available.

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