Introduction. Embarrassing events in life may have their amusing side, but often they have something to teach us; they may show us that embarrassment hurts our pride. We don't want others to see us at our worst. But our God, who knows us so well, loves us despite everything. In fact, our God seems to love us even more when we're down on our luck, when things go badly, when we are struggling with difficulties of one kind or another. And that is the encouraging message that our Mass has for us today.

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10- The prophet visualises the Messiah arriving in Jerusalem and being presented to the crowds as their king – a humble king, seated on a donkey.

Second Reading Romans 8:9. 11-13

Paul reminds the early Christians in Rome that God has filled them with the life-giving Spirit of Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30 - Throughout Matthew's Gospel Jesus teaches us that we show that we are true followers of his not so much by our words as by our deeds.

> Please pray for Edward (Ted) Farrelly, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

JULY

9 Marie Turnbull 11 Norbert Lovatt. John Bell

12 Leo Craven 13 Winifred Jackson, Marie Gibson, Julie Oakes

ANNUAL CROSS FELL PILGRIMAGE

Cumbrian born John Bradburne used to climb Cross Fell regularly. Considering his impending beatification to become a Saint, the John Bradburne Memorial Society, which funds the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre, (donations to this centre can be made via the website www.johnbradburne.com), where Bradburne spent his latter years, are once again holding an annual pilgrimage on Saturday 15th July 2023 led by Bishop Paul Swarbrick.

The day will start with a service in Skirwith, at St John the Evangelist Church at 10am and even if you are not coming on the walk, you will be very welcome, followed by the climb up the fell.

For further information about this event please contact JBMS:

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Website: www.johnbradburne.com

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th July 2023

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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.

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Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11.28

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SATURDAY 8 July

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) William M^cDermott – Deceased (7834)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 9 July - Mass Books – p99 Day for Seafarers 9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish 10.30am Elizabeth Woolas (7845) 3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction 6.00pm Holy Souls Special Collection TODAY – Apostleship of the Sea

MONDAY 10 July 9.15am Thanksgiving (7851) TUESDAY 11 July - St. Benedict (Feast) 11.00am (Cottam) Requiem – Edward (Ted) Farrelly

WEDNESDAY 12 July 9.15am William Quigley (7847) THURSDAY 13 July – St. Henry (Opt. Memorial) 8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased members of SABS & Benefactors (7849) FRIDAY 14 July – St. Camillus of Lellis (Opt. Memorial) 9.15am Winifred Mary Jackson (7839) SATURDAY 15 July – St. Bonaventure (Memorial) 12 Noon Celebrant Rt Rev Malcolm McMahon Archbishop of Liverpool 5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Joan Almond – Lately Dead (7848)

No Confessions Next Saturday 15th July



Welcome to Thea Grace Chester who will be baptised today.

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.

Lourdes Petitions/Candle Donations Deacon John Cliffe will be going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July, if you have any petitions that you would like him to take or donations to light candles in Lourdes, please give them to Deacon John.

<u>St Mary's Red Mission Boxes</u> Please bring in next Sunday, give them to Patricia Butler or leave in the Sacristy.

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

<u>Summer Mass & BBQ</u> at St Andrew's **Saturday 15th July** 12:00pm. All proceeds will support the Christians in the Holy Land. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon.

Please book by Saturday 8 July. See poster for details.

<u>The Knights of St Columba</u> are active in helping in the spiritual and faith development of young people through local and national initiatives.Please come forward and make a difference by being part of a greater voice working in Faith, Family and Fraternity towards a greater good. To find out more about the Knights of St. Columba please contact Andrew Fowler on 07914 751020 or Philip Wilcock on 07710 225868 or go to www.ksc.org.uk.

JOIN THE TEAM AT CASTLERIGG MANOR

Castlerigg Manor is the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Retreat Centre. It's in Keswick in the Lake District and it's been part of the Catholic landscape in this part of the world for more than half a century. They are currently looking for a few people for their 2023-24 ministry team. They are looking for gap year volunteers as well as a Senior Programme Leader. For more info, check out http://castleriggmanor.com/join-theteam/ or Email jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

<u>Mission Unleashed: Webinar event with Cardinal Tagle.</u> The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm.

Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

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