

**Introduction.** The desire of God the Father is that we become “true images” of his Son so that he may share the treasures of the kingdom of heaven with each one of us.

**First Reading** 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12

Wisdom is a gift to be sought after.

**Second Reading** Romans 8:28-30

We are chosen to be “true images” of Christ.

**Gospel** Matthew 13:44-52 - Jesus’ parables give a picture of the true nature of the kingdom of heaven.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

### **JULY**

**30** James Gardner, Terry Entwistle Mary Moore

**31** Rose Masheter, Jim Cookson

### **AUGUST**

**1** The Green Family **2** Joseph Allen **3** Teresa Begley

**4** The Haworth Family **5** Jean Laking

### **Annual Pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator Sunday 10th September 2023 at 3pm**

The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul Swarbrick. Our theme this year is ‘Our Lady, Star of the Sea.’

We will provide tea and coffee. People can bring their own packed lunch. As well as having a beautiful replica of the Lourdes grotto, we also have in the grounds of the shrine at Cleator statues of the Cure of Ars and St Therese of Lisieux. The pilgrimage will be an opportunity not only to honour Mary the Mother of God, but also these two great saints, and to ask their intercession for healing and consolation.

**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.

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

### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Parish Priest: Canon Adrian J. Towers VF**

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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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

Tony Murphy 07557 373534 (St Andrew’s)

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The reign of heaven is like a  
treasure buried in a field,  
which a person finds and  
sells all to buy that field.

Matthew 13:44

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## **SATURDAY 29 July**

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Vera & Osbourne Phoenix (7867)

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

### **SUNDAY 30 July - Mass Books – p108**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am James (Jim) Cookson (7841)

6.00pm Marie Hothersall (7864)

## **MONDAY 31 July – St. Ignatius of Loyola (Memorial)**

9.15am Sr Anila SABS (7850)

## **TUESDAY 1 August - St. Alphonsus (Memorial) - NO MASS**

### **WEDNESDAY 2 August**

#### **St. Eusebius of Vercelli (Opt. Memorial)**

9.15am In Honour of Our Lady of Walsingham (7853)

### **THURSDAY 3 August**

8.15am (**Lea Town**) Pat, Lucy & Matthew Corrigan RIP (7868)

## **FRIDAY 4 August – St. John Vianney (Memorial)**

9.15am In Thanksgiving to St. Jude (7855)

### **SATURDAY 5 August**

#### **Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Opt. Memorial)**

9.15am Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Chris Graham RIP (7861)

**Confessions** Next Saturday 4.30-5.00pm

**No Afternoon Devotions & Benediction - Resumes in September**

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

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

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell** Saturday 2 September . Led by Bishop Paul Swarbrick , commencing with Mass at St Mary's Church at 11.00am. Followed by Procession to Ladyewell Shrine, and Benediction. See poster for full details.

**The Knights of St Columba** 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**.

**Laudato Si** Inspired by the Pope's recent book we are looking to form a Laudato Si group, with a focus on Stewardship of the Earth. So on Tuesday 12th September at 7pm. Sue Grubic will be leading a meeting to inspire us for ways forward. When I am clear on further details I will put them on the newsletter., but if you are interested please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you Jackie Fitzpatrick

**Marriage Care** is looking for married people who might consider volunteering with the charity. Most pressing at the moment in order to meet the demand for Marriage Preparation courses we are looking for new recruits who could give up to 3 Saturdays a year to present and facilitate our courses to couples. Full training is given and experienced support is there working alongside to begin with. Couples and married individuals are most welcome to come forward. Please consider how your own experience of marriage could help those embarking on their own Catholic marriage. Contact [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)”

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