

Introduction. We are called to celebrate God's presence among us in the person of Jesus Christ. May we be open to his loving presence in all whom we meet.

First Reading Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

The Lord will bring all peoples to his holy mountain.

Second Reading Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

God will show mercy to all humankind.

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus responds to the great faith of a Canaanite woman.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

AUGUST

20 Eileen Wardle **21** Albert Whalley, Dr Robin Noblett

22 William Vincent Hall **23** David Haslem

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th August 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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**Whoever loses one's life
for my sake will find it**

Matthew 16:25

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SATURDAY 19 August

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Intentions of Mary Leneghan & Family (7869)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 20 August - Mass Books – p117

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Laurence Colgan (7883)

6.00pm Mrs Margaret Greville (7892)

MONDAY 21 August – St. Pius X (Memorial)

9.15am Gerald Edward Dickinson RIP (7889)

TUESDAY 22 August - NO MASS

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

WEDNESDAY 23 August

St. Rosa of Lima (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Special Intention (SA) (7844)

THURSDAY 24 August – St. Bartholomew (Feast)

8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased Members & Benefactors (SABS)
(7891)

FRIDAY 25 August – St. Louis (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am God's Divine Protection over Tolu, Micalt, Mo & Pat
(Donor's Intention) (7888)

SATURDAY 26 August

Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Sheila & David Green (7885)

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.
in the Sacristy.



Welcome to Oliver Thomas Willis
who will be baptised today.

Next Sunday the Special Collection is for the Catholic Trust for England & Wales, which funds the work of the Bishop's Conference. Each parish is levied for this, so this year St Andrew's has to find £700.62 and St Mary's £132.54. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

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.

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. On Tuesday 12 September at 7pm. Sue Grubic will be leading a meeting to inspire us for ways forward.

When there are further details they will be put in the newsletter. If you are interested please email coteanews@hotmail.com.

Rwanda Group Trust Table Top Sales monthly in St. Anthony's Annexe, St. Anthony's Drive. We will have our own stall and charge £10 for anyone else who wishes to hire a table. Our first will be on Saturday, **9 September** 11am to 2pm. Future dates :14 October / 11 November / 9 December Empty your cupboards and boost your funds in time for Christmas!! Ring or email me, Bernadette, for more details and/or to book a table.Tel: 07734972897 grannyrazzle@sky.com

SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) is looking for paid telephone staff at their Preston Office (Lockside Office Park, Preston PR2 2YS). Temporary and Part-Time positions are available. For more information please contact ellabear@spuc.org.uk or phone 07714 992274.

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