

**Introduction.** In today's Gospel Jesus asks his disciples the question: "Who do you say I am?" It is a question we all have to answer, not superficially as a knee-jerk response to what we have been taught by others but through our hearts and minds and the way we live our lives.

**First Reading** Isaiah 22:19-23 - Should he open, no one shall close; should he close, no one shall open.

**Second Reading** Romans 11:33-36

All that exists comes from the Lord.

**Gospel** Matthew 16:13-20

Peter says to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

## AUGUST

27 Lucy Barton, George Darwen 29 John Fleming

SEPTEMBER 2 Harry McGuinness

### Annual Pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator Sunday 10 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.

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

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 27<sup>th</sup> 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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I will give you the keys to  
the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 16:19

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## SATURDAY 26 August

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

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

### SUNDAY 27 August - Mass Books – p120

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish  
10.30am Recovery & Healing of Lucy Eshareturi  
from her spinal stroke (7893)  
6.00pm Holy Souls

## MONDAY 28 August – St. Augustine (Memorial)

9.15am Fr Francis Flynn (7875)

## TUESDAY 29 August - NO MASS

**The Passion of St. John the Baptist (Memorial)**

## WEDNESDAY 30 August

**Sts. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward (Opt Memorial)**

9.15am

## THURSDAY 31 August

**St. Aiden & the Saints of Lindisfarne (Opt. Memorial)**

8.15am (Lea Town) Mr Joseph Abraham RIP (7884)

## FRIDAY 1 September – Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

9.15am Repose of the soul of Gertrude Lonsdale (7890)

## SATURDAY 2 September

9.15am NO MASS

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Groary (7886)

**No Confessions** Next Saturday 2 September

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

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

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



Welcome to  
Joshua James Garratt, Harper Susan Garratt  
and Frank Kunikowski  
who will be baptised today.

**St Mary's RED Mission Boxes**, £226 was sent to Missio from the RED box collection.

If anybody would prefer to donate by direct debit a form can be found at the back of the Missio magazine "Mission Today", copies of which can be found at the back of both churches.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell** Next 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](mailto: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](mailto:grannyrazzle@sky.com)

**The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)**

Pro-Life Evening, on **Friday 8 Sept at 7pm** at the **SPUC Preston Office Unit, 10, Lockside Office Park, Lockside Road, Preston, PR2. 2YS**. Come along to find out about the wide-ranging work that SPUC is involved in, to protect women and unborn children from the tragedy of abortion. It is hoped that this meeting will encourage local pro-lifers to form a new Preston SPUC Branch. For further information, please contact **SPUC Northern Development Officer, Terry Graham, on 07549 068226 or at [terrygraham@spuc.org.uk](mailto:terrygraham@spuc.org.uk)**