

**Introduction.** Today the prophet Jeremiah speaks of being seduced by the Lord. We too gather today, drawn by the love that the Lord has for us. As we give thanks for that love, we recommit ourselves to the path of love and service.

**First Reading** Jeremiah 20:7-9

Despite the hardships of his calling, Jeremiah allows himself to be seduced by God.

**Second Reading** Romans 12:1-2

Paul encourages the Christians of Rome to model their lives on Christ.

**Gospel** Matthew 16:21-27

The paradox of the cross: this is the way to life.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

### SEPTEMBER

3 Pat Barrow 4 Harold Wareing 5 Margaret Rowe

6 Joseph Mercer, Lionel Dutton 8 Jack Basley, Joseph Rainford

### 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

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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.

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

Matthew 16:25

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**SATURDAY 2 September**

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

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

**SUNDAY 3 September - Mass Books – p122**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish  
10.30am Recovery & Healing of Lucy Eshareturi  
from her spinal stroke (7894)  
6.00pm

**MONDAY 4 September – St. Cuthbert (Memorial)**

9.15am Fr Michael Murray (7876)

**TUESDAY 5 September - St. Herbert (Opt.Memorial)  
NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 6 September**

9.15am

**THURSDAY 7 September**

8.15am (Lea Town) Fr Joe Diskin (7878)

**FRIDAY 8 September**

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)**

9.15am Fr John Mackie (7880)

**SATURDAY 9 September – St. Peter Claver (Opt. Memorial)**

9.15am Holy Souls

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Jim Lowery (7829)

**Confessions** Next Saturday 9 September 4.30 - 5.00pm

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

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

**Laudato Si, Care of our Common Home**

On Tuesday 12 September 7pm, in the Haydock Room at St Andrew's, Sue Grubic a Diocesan Faith and Justice leader, will be hosting a meeting to inspire us for ways forward. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Jackie Fitzpatrick via cotleanews@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

**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**

**Lancaster Diocese Faith & Justice Commission** invite you to a 'Care of Creation' event on Saturday 7 October, 9.30 – 3.00pm at **St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 4HT**. The theme of the event is 'Let Justice and Peace flow'. Guest speakers include: Sr Margaret Atkins, Dr Stephen Garsed, Dr Paul Kelly and John Paul de Quay. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. For further information or to confirm your attendance at the event please contact Sue Grubic ldfjsue@gmail.com or text 07791444417