

Introduction The coming of the Messiah to save the world, so longed for and anticipated by the prophets, has been fulfilled by the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

First Reading Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

The Prophet cries out for God to tear the heavens open and come down to save us.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 - St Paul constantly thanks God for the graces his converts received in Corinth.

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Jesus entrusts the Church, his followers, with our own special tasks as we live out our personal Christian vocations.

Please pray for Kathleen M^cEnnerney lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

DECEMBER

3 David Turner, David Hurst

5 Angela Cookson, Freda Burns, Julia Fletcher, Mary Carter, William Shuttleworth **7** David Jackson

8 Eileen Woodcock, Agnes Bilsborough, Edmund Allen Stella Marie Snailham

9 Lorraine Butler, John Wyzinski

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030

to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

Parish SVP Thank you for all the donations of non-perishable food and toiletries. We will continue to support our local food bank with your kind donations.

HELPING HANDS at ST MARY'S SCHOOL Helps families that are in urgent need. At the back of St Mary's church is our Helping Hands Box for any kind donations of nonperishable food and toiletries.

Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town First Sunday of Advent 3rd December 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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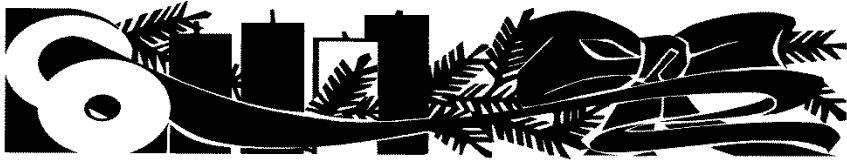
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The night is far spent;
the day draws near.

Romans 13:12

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SATURDAY 2 December

5.30pm (Vigil) Richard (Dick) Murphy KCHS (7966)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 3 December (PMB p82)

Migrants Day

9.00am(Lea Town) Ged Salisbury (sick) (7972)

10.30am People of the Parish

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction

6.00pm Christian Community in the Holy Land

Special Collection – Diocesan Poor Missions

MONDAY 4 December – St. John Damascene (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Donor's Intention (TO) (7973)

TUESDAY 5 December - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 6 December – St. Nicholas (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Donor's Intention (7974)

THURSDAY 7 December – St. Ambrose (Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) For Chris Lofthouse/for her mother (7977)

FRIDAY 8 December

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Solemnity)**

9.15am Mary & James McKee – Deceased (7975)

SATURDAY 9 December

St. John Diego Cuauhtlatotzin (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Leonard Hallmarsh (7713)

5.30pm (Vigil) Rep soul of Gaetano Scappaticci KC*HS (7968)

Confessions next Saturday 4.30pm to 5.00pm



Welcome to Nova Hellowell & Benedict Harper-Harley
who will be baptised today.

St Andrew's Mulled Wine & Minced Pies Friday 8 December at 7pm Parish social, all welcome. There will be a craft activity for the children, please, indicate on the list how many children will be attending with you. If you have a Christmas Jumper, please feel free to wear it to add additional Christmas Cheer. Please sign the list at the back of church for catering purposes by **Sunday 3rd December (THIS weekend)**

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

St Mary's Church raffle is to be drawn **THIS Sunday, 3 December** at the coffee morning.

Carol Service St. Mary's Church, Lea Town on **Friday 15 December at 7.00pm**. It will consist of carols, scripture readings, poems and bidding prayers. It will be followed by hot mulled wine(alcoholic and non alcoholic) and mince pies, in the annex. Please sign the list at the back of church for catering purposes.

Christmas wreath making at St Mary's. Sunday 17 December in the annex, following the 9.00am Mass. Please sign the list at the back of the church. The wreath ring, reel wire & moss will be provided but other greenery and decorations will have to be brought by the participant.

CASTLERIGG - MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH SERVICE

In this diocese, our Youth Service which is based at Castlerigg Manor in Keswick, is working for our young people all year round. We welcome thousands of young people to Castlerigg each year and when time allows we get out to visit them in their parishes and schools around our diocese and beyond. If you want to know more about our work, you can follow us on social media (usually @castleriggmanor) or check out our website castleriggmanor.com. Please keep us in your prayers; please tell the teens in your life about our open retreats and, if you can, consider making a donation.

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.