

Introduction The Magi have been following the star, the mysterious sign in the skies, and now bow down humbly before the Christ Child offering prayer and gifts. We thank God for his graciousness and giftedness to each one of us.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

All people share in the promise and salvation of God.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

“And falling to their knees, they did him homage.”

Please pray for Eric Pollard lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

JANUARY

7 Thomas M^cConnell, Jack Lord

8 Canon Thomas Mason (former PP of Cottam), John Hothersall

11 Victor Wells **13** Joan Cookson

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.

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

The Epiphany of the Lord 7th January 2024

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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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They paid him homage.

Matthew 2:11

SATURDAY 6 January

5.30pm (Vigil) Kathleen M^cEnnerney – Lately Dead (7984)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 7 January (PMB p118)

9.00am(Lea Town) Ged Salisbury (8024)

10.30am People of the Parish

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction

6.00pm Jack Lord (7994)

MONDAY 8 January – The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

9.15am Deceased Members of St. Bernard's Church (7985)

TUESDAY 9 January - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 10 January

9.15am Elizabeth Mills (7991)

THURSDAY 11 January

8.15am (Lea Town) Frank Rocks (8026)

FRIDAY 12 January

St. Aelred of Rievaulx (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Frank Rocks (7993)

SATURDAY 13 January - St. Kentigern (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am EOHSJ Lieutenancy of England & Wales

5.30pm (Vigil) Mr Gerard Salisbury (8021)

Confessions next Saturday 4.30pm to 5.00pm at St. Andrew's

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.

Annual Mission Appeal 2024 This weekend we will welcome Fr Serge Traore of the Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers), who will be preaching the Missionary Appeal in our diocese this year. The second collection will go to the appeal. It is also possible to donate online at www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk/donations

White Flower Appeal Next weekend will be the annual collection for the work of the **S**ociety for the **P**rotection of **U**nborn **C**hildren.

Chalking The Door The Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honoured Christian tradition of 'Chalking the Doors'. Please take a leaflet from the back of church or check the parish website for a demonstration of what to do by Canon Adrian.

Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage 23 July to 30 July 2024.

Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Youth Section (Coach Travel - 22 July to 1 August) will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris. Email youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk for details. For all other Pilgrims and for further information please check the Diocesan Pilgrimage Website www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk or email operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk

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.