

Introduction As he travels around, Jesus is recognised by what he says and what he does.

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

God will raise a prophet among you who will speak with the Lord's word.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul invites people to fulfil their role for which the Lord has called them, free from worry.

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

The crowd recognises Jesus as a prophet who offers a teaching that is new, which he speaks with authority.

Please pray for Jane Pegg lately dead and
for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

JANUARY

25 Sydney George Masey **28** Kathleen Gosling, Kathleen Parr

29 George Spencer, Annie Waring, Patricia Ethrington,
Francis Kerfoot , Vera Phoenix

30 Arthur Gray, Patricia Dickinson **31** Margaret Cray

FEBRUARY

1 Bernard Parkinson, Joyce Clayton

2 Kevin McEvoy **3** Maria Murray

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

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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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th 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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Jesus taught as one
having authority.

Mark 1:22

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SATURDAY 27 January

5.30pm (Vigil) Vera & Osbourne Phoenix (8041)
Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 28 January (PMB p132)

Racial Justice Day

9.00am(Lea Town) Deceased Members of the Singleton Family (8041)

10.30am Martin Doherty (8039)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction

6.00pm People of the Parish

MONDAY 29 January

9.15am Teresa Possami (8046)

TUESDAY 30 January – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 31 January – St. John Bosco (Memorial)

9.15am Frank Rocks (8030)

THURSDAY 1 February

8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of SABS & Benefactors (8043)

FRIDAY 2 February

The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) (Feast)

9.15am Ged Salisbury RIP (8047)

SATURDAY 3 February - St. Blaise (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead LISCF (8010)

5.30pm (Vigil) Frank Rocks RIP (8022)

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.

Sacramental Preparation All classes will take place at 3.20pm in St Mary's annex. We are looking forward to starting our preparation classes again this year.

First Reconciliation classes 27th February, 5th March

The children will make their First Reconciliation St Mary's church 3.20 pm on the 12th March.

First Holy Communion classes 19th March, 26th March, 16th April

The children will make their First Holy Communion at St Mary's church during the 9 o'clock Mass on **Sunday 21st April**.

You are welcome to contact me via Canon Towers if you have any queries. We look forward to the privilege of guiding the children in their preparations. Jackie Fitzpatrick and Angela Pye.



Welcome to Matilda Ada Beardall
who will be baptised today.

Afternoon Club This will be for all age groups. If you are interested in attending, please fill in a leaflet which are at the back of church.

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.

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