

Introduction On this *Laetare Sunday*, we rejoice in the light that has come into the world through the Son of God, and in the grace through which we have been saved.

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23 - God's persistent love and mercy in the face of rejection are revealed.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

Through grace, not by our own efforts, we have been saved, so that we may live the good life God has always meant us to live.

Gospel John 3:14-21

Christ is the light of the world, come not to condemn but to save, and those who live by the truth come into that light.

Please pray for John Cookson and Donna Fildes, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

MARCH

- 10** Joseph Burrow, Marilyn Wilson, Canon James M^cGann (pp),
Mary Wilson **11** Patricia McAvoy, William Birkett
12 Chris Graham **14** Eileen Cliffe, Richard Miller
15 Joan Farrelly, Eithne Wright
16 Patrick McGahran, Winifred Hartley, Lucy Turner

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

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst

Please check their website for upcoming events.
christianheritagecentre.com

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

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

**4th Sunday in Lent
Laetare Sunday
10 March 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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For God so loved
the world that
he gave his only son.

John 3:16

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SATURDAY 9 March

5.30pm (Vigil) Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8015)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 10 March (PMB p162)

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish
10.30am Dr Jacob Ayathamattam (8084)
3.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
(live streamed from Parish website)
6.00pm Paul Brown (8061)

MONDAY 11 March

9.15am Chris Graham (8075)

TUESDAY 12 March – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 13 March

9.15am John Cookson (8081)

THURSDAY 14 March

8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of SABS and Benefactors
(8077)

10.00am (Cottam) Requiem – John Cookson

FRIDAY 15 March

9.15am In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart, Our Lady &
Blessed George Haydock for Prayers Answered (8072)

11.00am (Lea Town) Whole School Mass

SATURDAY 16 March

9.15am
5.30pm (Vigil) Kathleen Sheldon (8064)

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.

Lenten Wednesdays 7- 8 p.m. (Haydock Room)

The Chosen Series. An American Christian historical drama television series. Created, directed, and co-written by filmmaker Dallas Jenkins, it is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series centres on Jesus and the different people who met and followed or otherwise interacted with him.

Sacramental Preparation 3.20pm in St Mary's annex.

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

First Holy Communion classes 19 March (**3.15 - 5.15pm**), & 16 April
The children will make their First Holy Communion at St Mary's church during the 9 o'clock Mass on **Sunday 21st April**.

Afternoon Club this **Tuesday 12 March** at 1:15pm, in the Haydock Room, Cottam. Last week's session was a great success. Prize bingo and refreshments. There will be a charge of 50p per book with no charge for refreshments.

There is a notice board at the back of church for people to sign up to future activities.

The Roman Catholic Bishops of Lancaster

As part of the celebrations of the centenary of the diocese, please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick for Mass at Boarbank Hall, Grange on **Tuesday 9th April at 10am**. This will be followed by a talk given by Paul Severn on the Roman Catholic Bishops of Lancaster; this is based on his book of the same name. Lunch will be served at 12.30pm, please advise of any special dietary or other requirements.

There will be a charge of £10.00 for catering costs. To book a place email p.severn@freeuk.com

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk