

Introduction: On this Easter Day we gather as a community to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We give grateful thanks for this happy day, and for the opportunities we have been given to pass the love and hope of the Risen Christ to all we meet.

First Reading Acts 10:34.37-43

God does not have favourites: the resurrection is for everyone.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

Gospel John 20:1-9

Jesus has risen from the dead – nothing will ever be the same again.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

MARCH

31 Thomas Richardson

APRIL

1 Esther Bakalarska **2** Agnes Duffy **4** James Roche

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**

**Easter Sunday
31 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:

Tony Murphy 07557 373534 (St Andrew's)

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**The disciples saw
and believed**

John 20:8

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SATURDAY 30th March

8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass Frank Rocks (8040)
This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.

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9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Dr Jacob Joseph (SVP) (8088)

No afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8018)

EASTER MONDAY 1st April

9.15am James & Gertrude Scurr (8098) Solemnity

TUESDAY 2nd April - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 3rd April

9.15am Repose of the soul of John Cookson (8102) Solemnity

THURSDAY 4th April

8.15am (Lea Town) Benefactors of St Marys Parish
(Annual Mass) Solemnity

FRIDAY 5th April

9.15am For a sick friend (8103) Solemnity

SATURDAY 6th April

9.00am (Cottam) Benefactors of St Andrew & Blessed George
Haydock Parish (Annual Mass) Solemnity

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Peter Shovlin RIP – Lately Dead (8099)

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 back of church.

Easter Flowers Donations towards flowers will be gratefully received.

House Blessings If you would like your home to be blessed by Canon Adrian or Deacon John during the Easter Season, please fill in your details on one of the forms at the back of church and place it in the basket provided

Sacramental Preparation 3.20pm in St Mary's annex.

First Holy Communion classes 16th April (3.15 - 5.15pm)

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 Tuesdays at 1:15pm, in the Haydock Room, Cottam. 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