

Introduction: Today we begin our Holy Week, in which we recall the last days of Jesus before his passion and death on the cross. This is the central mystery of our salvation, and we ask God that we may celebrate it so devoutly that our hearts and minds are touched by the love of him who gave himself so generously for us. May we live in our world with that same loving kindness and self-sacrifice.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord does not cover his face against insult and spittle.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11 - God raised him high, so that every tongue should proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

Gospel Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Mark tells the story of the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

MARCH

24 Patricia & Eve Kelly, James Turnball, Camille Johnston, Gerardo Rosero **25** William Beesley **26** Ursula Twist, Veronica Rimmer, John Egan **27** Mary Gardner, Dorothy Gardner, Canon Henry Tootell **28** Clifford Critchley, Robert Blacoe **29** Winifred Ryan, Ted Conway

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 24 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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**Hosanna in the highest!
Crucify him!**

Mark 11:10; 15:14

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SATURDAY 23rd March

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Holy Souls

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.

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8.30am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Repose of the soul of John Cookson (8083)

3.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
(live streamed from Parish Website)

6.00pm Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8017)

MONDAY 25th March

9.15am Bernard & Mary Boylan RIP (8090)

TUESDAY 26th March - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 27th March

9.15am Mildred & Stephen Ogdin (8097)

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March

11.30am Cathedral Mass of Chrism (Bishop Paul)

7.00pm (Cottam) Mass of the Lord's Supper

With watching until 10.00pm (Compline 9.45pm)

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March

9.00am (Cottam) Office Readings and Morning Prayer

11.00am (Cottam) Stations of the Cross

3.00pm (Cottam) Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March

9.00am (Cottam) Office Readings and Morning Prayer

8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass (Cottam) Frank Rocks (8040)

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.

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.

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.



Welcome

To Eve Archer who will be baptised today

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 this Tuesday 26 March 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