

Introduction:The Holy Spirit of God's love calls us into a unity of life and love, which Jesus describes as a fruitful vine. We belong to God. We belong to each other. Today let us ask the Lord to open our eyes to the possibilities and responsibilities this gives us.

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas introduces Saul to the apostles, preparing the way for the mission of the future apostle, Paul.

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

We know that God lives in us when the Holy Spirit enables us to believe in Jesus and love one another as he told us to.

Gospel John 15:1-8 - Just as the branch has to be attached to the vine if it is to bear fruit, so we have to be united to Christ if we are to bear the fruits of love.

Please pray for Mary Lowery lately dead and all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

APRIL – MAY

27 Cliff Harrison, Gerald Dickinson **29** Leonard Hallmarsh

2 Sarah Kelly **3** Raymond Hodson **4** Geoff Plumb, Francis Potts

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

Gift Aid This makes such a difference to our Parishes' income at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim 25p for every £1 you give. Please consider taking out a Standing Order, or if at St Andrew's you can register a payment card to use on the card reader, either online or the reader itself.

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**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
Fifth Sunday of Easter
28th April 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.

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Whoever remains in me
will bear much fruit.

John 15:5

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SATURDAY 27th April

5.30pm Vigil Mass Gerard Edward Dickinson RIP

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 28TH April

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9.00am (Lea Town) Patricia Corrigan (8078)

10.30am People of the Parish

3.00pm Devotions to the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

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

MONDAY 29th April

St Catherine of Siena - Feast

9.15am Leonard Hallmarsh (7999)

TUESDAY 30th April

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 1st May

St Joseph the Worker – Optional Memorial

THURSDAY 2nd May

7.30 (Cottam) St Athanasius - Memorial

FRIDAY 3rd May

9.15am **SS Philip & James - Feast**

SATURDAY 4th May

5.30pm Vigil Mass

Confessions Saturday 4.30 – 5.00pm at St Andrews

Mass Intentions Canon Adrian has just a very few Mass Intentions left, requested for specific dates, which explains why there are several Masses being celebrated this week with no Mass Offerings or Intentions attached. 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.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday and a special thank you to the Catechists who worked so hard to prepare them for this special day and their families for all their support. We were so proud of the children.



Welcome to Luca John Bryan Gray who will be baptised today at St Mary's

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.

CAFOD - A Year of Encounter

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on 25 April and 4 May to learn more.

Special Collection today is following a request from Cafod for an emergency collection this weekend for the Church in Sudan who are ministering to the people there facing famine.

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. **Next Tuesday 7th May 'The History and Styles of Afternoon Tea' – Details and form at back of church.**

SVP Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Lunch. Will you join us? Saturday 4th May 2024 12 – 2pm in the Parish Centre. Two course lunch and raffle Call 07890 220249 Tickets £6. Net proceeds to SVP.