

**Introduction:** Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites each one of us to know and to follow him more closely. Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, on which we pray especially for vocations to the priestly, the religious and the consecrated life.

**First Reading** Acts 4:8-12 - Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter discovers his gift of healing. Only by the name of Jesus, he declares, can any of us be saved.

**Second Reading** 1 John 3:1-2 - Whatever the future may hold, we have the assurance of being God's beloved children. Our vocation is to grow in the Father's likeness.

**Gospel** John 10:11-18 - Like a good shepherd, Jesus is dedicated to our care and protection. He willingly laid down his life for the flock, as well as for others not yet in his fold.

Please pray for Fr Thomas Forster (Parish Priest at St Andrew's (1989-1990); Fr John Heaney Lately Dead and all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

#### **APRIL**

**20** Brian Murphy, Elsie Lawrenson

**23** Patrick Barry, Thomas Noblet

**24** Janet Entwistle

**25** Dorothy Hogan, Fr Francis Worden (PP)

**26** Joan Valentine, Graham Norton, Tish Nicholson, Philip Murray

**27** Cliff Harrison, Gerald Dickinson

#### **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](mailto:youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk) for details.

For all other Pilgrims and for further information please check the Diocesan Pilgrimage Website [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk) or email [operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk)

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

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21 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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Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator [www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

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## **I am the Good Shepherd.**

### **John 10:11**

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**SATURDAY 20th April**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass** Rimmer Family (8112)

**This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21st April**

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9.00am (Lea Town) Fr John Heaney

10.30am People of the Parish

**Closing Service and Benediction** today at St Andrew's at 3.00pm

6.00pm FJ Alldred-Aspden (8105)

**MONDAY 22nd April**

9.15am Repose of the soul of Margaret Sutcliffe (8110)

**TUESDAY 23rd April**

**SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE**

**7.00 pm** Repose of the soul of Dr Jacob Ayathamattam (8113)

**WEDNESDAY 24th April**

Repose of the soul of John Cookson ((8109)

**THURSDAY 25th April**

**8.15 am** (Lea Town) **St Mark** Sr Antonia SABS-Lately Dead (8108)

**FRIDAY 26th April**

Mary and Eddie Sinnott RIP (8115)

**SATURDAY 27th April**

9.15am Fr Thomas Forster KCHS - Lately Dead

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Gerald Edward Dickinson RIP (8114)

Confessions 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.

**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.

**First Holy Communion**

Please pray for the children making their First Holy Communion this weekend.

**Special Collection** today is for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

**Annual Solemnity Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

begins after 10.30am Mass today at St Andrew's and finishes with the **Closing Service and Benediction** at 3.00pm.

**Solemnity of St George Patron of England** this Tuesday. There will be an evening Mass at 7.00pm at St Andrew's.

**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.

**SPUC Pro-Life Chain:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am – 1.00pm.

Please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring chair if required. For info Tel: 01772 723094.

**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 Andrews you can register a payment card to use on the card reader. either online or the reader itself.