

**Introduction:** The compassion of God is beyond all telling. We gather in the hope of the resurrection and know that we share in the joy of the promise of an eternal inheritance offered to us through the Mass.

**First Reading** Acts 4:32-35

The early Church, gathered together, is shown as a foundation for prayer, unity and the sharing of goods for the good of all.

**Second Reading** 1 John 5:1-6

Love of God is revealed in love of one's neighbour.

**Gospel** John 20:19-31

The doubting apostle, Thomas, discovers new faith in the risen Christ.

Please pray for James Masheter lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**8** Nora Fern **9** Pam Haslem, Eileen Beckett **10** Sylvester Lakeland, Joseph Vincent Holden, Olive Noblett, Charles Gerard Ethrington **11** Tom Green, Francis Sydney Love, Beatrice Langtree **12** William Wood, Joseph Dawson **13** Mary Brierley, May Poulton, Marie Walls, Helena Watts, Michael Haughey, Margaret Pearce, Janina Wyzinska

**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)

**The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst**

Please check their website for upcoming events.  
[christianheritagecentre.com](http://christianheritagecentre.com)

**WEBSITE: [www.standrewscottam.org.uk](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)**

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
7 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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Peace be with you.

John 20:19

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**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> April**

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

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 7<sup>TH</sup> April**

**DAY OF DIVINE MERCY Mass Books – p255**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Repose of the soul of John Cookson (8094)

Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today at St Andrews at 3.00pm

6.00pm Guild of Our Lady of Ransom-White Cross Ransomer Intention

**MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> April**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

9.15am Jacob Ayathamattam (8082) Solemnity

**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> April - NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> April**

9.15am Sylvester Lakeland (8095)

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> April**

**St Stanislaus - Memorial**

**8.15am** (Lea Town) FJ Alldred Aspden (8104)

**FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> April**

9.15am People of the Parish

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> April**

**St Martin I – Optional Memorial**

9.15am (Cottam) Holy Souls

11.30am (Lea Town) Wedding Clinton Bradley & Victoria Church

5.30pm (Vigil Mass) Dr Jacob Joseph (8106)

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.

**Thank You** to Deacon John and everyone involved in the Holy Week and Easter Services: our sacristan, altar servers, readers, ministers, organist, collectors, flower arrangers, cleaners, gardeners, all 'behind the scenes' and everyone who came along to celebrate Easter at St Mary's and St Andrew's. May we all be richly blessed by our Risen Lord!

Canon Adrian is very grateful to all parishioners for their kind Easter greetings and generous Easter offerings.

**Congratulations** to Clinton Bradley and Victoria Church who will be married at St Mary's this Saturday.

**Welcome** to Joseph Albert Picking  
who will be baptised at St Mary's 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:p.severn@freeuk.com)