

**Introduction:** At the heart of the Gospel message is love, and our readings today celebrate the Spirit of God's love in the Church and in the whole world.

**First Reading** Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Christ has revealed that God's love extends to everybody.

**Second Reading** 1 John 4:7-10 - John insists that the more fully and completely we know God, the more the reality of God's love dawns on us. We are called to love one another as God has loved us.

**Gospel** John 15:9-17 - Jesus spends his last hours with his closest companions, speaking of love – abiding in love, living each day with joy, and bearing the fruits of that love and joy.

Please pray for Peter Brook SJ lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**MAY**

**4** Geoff Plumb, Francis Potts **5** Elizabeth Mercer

**6** Brian Dixon **7** Robert Gardner

**10** Maggie McConnell, William McCallion

**11** Bernard Clarke

**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)

**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  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
5<sup>th</sup> May 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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In every nation  
whoever fears God  
is acceptable to God.

Acts 10:35

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### **SATURDAY 4th May**

5.30pm Vigil Mass Donor's Intentions (8118)

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

### **SUNDAY 5th May**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am John Cookson (8092)

**3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction**

6.00pm Fr Peter Brook SJ – Lately Dead (8129)

### **MONDAY 6th May**

9.15am Dennis Wilson (8128)

**TUESDAY 7th May - NO MASS**

### **WEDNESDAY 8th May**

9.15am Donor's Intentions (8119)

### **THURSDAY 9th May**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**N.B. Time 8.45am (Cottam) People of the Parish**

**10.30am (Cottam) Requiem – Mary Lowery**

**7.00pm (Cottam) Holy Souls**

### **FRIDAY 10th May**

**St John De Avila – Optional Memorial**

9.15am Donor's Intentions (8120)

### **SATURDAY 11th May**

9.15am Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Vigil Mass

Repose of the soul of Dr Jacob Ayathamattan Joseph (8217)

**Confessions** Saturday 4.30 – 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.

### **Confirmations**

The children in Year 6 at both of our schools (St Mary & St Andrew's, Newhouse and St Mary's, Lea Town) who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are being prepared by the schools.

If you have children in Year 6 or above who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and are not attending one of our schools, please let Canon Adrian know **as soon as possible** so that arrangements can be made for their preparation.

The Sacrament will be conferred by Bishop Paul at Our Lady and St Edward's, Fulwood on Thursday 4th July at 6.30pm.

### **Cafod Sudan Appeal**

Thank you to all parishioners who donated so generously to the Cafod Sudan Appeal last weekend. The amount raised was £322.20.

### **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](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on 25 April and 4 May to learn more.

**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.**