

Introduction: The Holy Family are not just the model for families but for all the ways in which human beings are called to live in connection with each other, because humanity is a family.

First Reading 1 Samuel 1:20-22. 24-28 - Samuel's mother gives Samuel to God, not to lose her son but to find him.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2. 21-24

The commandments are life, because they are given to us that we might live the life of God.

Gospel Luke 2:41-52 - The hidden life of Christ was not hidden from everyone. Christ needed other people to grow, just as we do. Otherwise he would not be fully human.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

DECEMBER

29 Frederick Robert Barton, V Bary, Peter Molloy **30** Thomas Albert Butler, Robert Beesley, Agnes Walmsley, Pauline Clayton **31** Ann Taylor, Katherine Brown

JANUARY

1 Robert Barnes, Jane Swarbrick, Peter Haslem **2** Isabel Jean Hull, Mary (Molly) M^cKee **3** Iris Moulding, Deceased members of the Farrelly family **4** Tom Begley, Teresa Noblet

Mass Intentions Canon Adrian has just a very few Mass intentions left, required for specific dates. 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.

Gift Aid This makes such a difference to our Parishes' income at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer 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 The Holy Family 29th December 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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‘They found him in the temple,
sitting among the teachers,
listening to them and
asking them questions.’

(Luke 2:46)

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SATURDAY 28th December
The Holy Innocents - Feast
5.30pm Vigil Mass The Watt Family RIP (8282)
This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 29th December (New Missals page 48)
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9.00am (Lea Town) Bernard, Pat & Julie Oakes (8317)
10.30am Cottam People of the Parish
Afternoon Devotions & Benediction today at 3.00pm at St Andrew's
6.00pm Cottam Holy Souls

MONDAY 30th December
9.15am Cottam John Barry (8318)
TUESDAY 31st December - NO MASS
St. Sylvester 1 – Opt. Memorial
WEDNESDAY 1st January
Mary, Mother of God - Solemnity
11.00am NB Time Cottam John Cookson (8316)
THURSDAY 2nd January
St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen - Memorial
8.15 am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of SABS & Benefactors (8299)
FRIDAY 3rd January
The Most Holy Name of Jesus – Opt. Memorial
10.30am Cottam Requiem – Marie Hindle
SATURDAY 4th January
9.15 am Cottam Members & Benefactors Living and Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8319)
5.30pm Vigil Mass Albert Parry (8278)

Confessions Saturday 4th January 4.30pm – 4.55pm at St Andrew's.



Welcome
To Grace Elizabeth Peterson will be baptised
today at St Andrew's.

Thank you from Canon Adrian

I should like to thank all parishioners for the many cards, gifts, good wishes and generous offerings I have received. A very special thank you to Deacon John Cliffe, and to all involved in the Christmas Masses and who worked so hard to make this a joyful and happy Christmas.

I should also like to thank all who throughout the year work so hard at St Mary's and St Andrew's - cleaners, flower arrangers and sacristans, those who serve tea and coffee, altar servers, organists, musicians and singers, readers, eucharistic ministers, collectors, those who look after the church grounds and cemeteries, catechists, children's liturgy leaders, social and finance committee members, teachers, governors and all who work in our schools, the St Vincent de Paul Society, those who help with administration, and everyone who prays and worships in our churches.

May 2025 be a year of peace and blessings for us all.

Deacon John Cliffe and Julie wish to convey to all the parishioners their thanks for Christmas greetings and cards and wish everyone every blessing for the New Year.

Carol Service at St Mary's

Thank you to everyone who attended the Wreath Making and the Carol Service and donated **£70**, which is to be sent to The Holy Family Church in Gaza.

St Mary's Christmas Raffle

A big **Thank You** to all from both Parishes and our School families, who so generously donated prizes and bought tickets. **£417** was raised, which will go towards our school Helping Hands fund and buying extra books for the children. Can the ticket holder of 0026 – winner of a bottle of red wine, please contact Mike Fitzpatrick on 07739 880965.

A fantastic achievement everyone!