

Introduction: Jesus is the light of the world. To learn from Jesus we need first to admit our ignorance, to be healed we need first to acknowledge our blindness, to be forgiven we need to confess our sins.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

The Lord makes the surprise choice of David to be king of Israel.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Live in the light of the Lord, doing good and being virtuous.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

The miracle of Jesus curing a man blind from birth, which testifies to the power of Jesus to heal, not just the blindness of the eye but, above all, the blindness of the heart.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MARCH

14 Eileen Cliffe, Richard Miller **15** Joan Farrelly, Eithne Wright
16 Patrick McGahran, Winifred Hartley, Lucy Turner **17** Cicely Greaves, Josie Begley, Teresa Nicholson **18** Josephine Capas
20 Douglas Middlemiss, Thomas Newton **21** Edward & Edith, Jim Hall,
Jim Martin, Eileen M^cKavanagh, Kathleen Sheldon,
John Lowery

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.

Afternoon Club

The club meets each **Tuesday** 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.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) 15th March 2026

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Baptisms and Marriages by Arrangement.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday (4.30pm to 4.55pm) or on request. Please call in to the Presbytery or speak to Canon Adrian before or after Mass.

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Now you are light
in the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8

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SATURDAY 14th March

5.30pm Vigil Mass Karen Mould – Lately Dead (8671)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 15th March

Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday)

(New Missals page 137)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Repose of the soul of Patricia Long

(nee Crowe) Lately Dead (8687)

Stations of the Cross and Benediction today at 3pm at St Andrew's

6.00pm Cottam Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8616)

MONDAY 16th March

9.15 am Cottam Thanksgiving for a successful operation (8686)

TUESDAY 17th March

St. Patrick - Feast

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 18th March

St. Cyril of Jerusalem – Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Patrick Barry (8690)

THURSDAY 19th March

St. Joseph - Solemnity

8.15am Lea Town

FRIDAY 20th March

9.15am Cottam Richard Miller (8691)

SATURDAY 21st March

9.15am Cottam Holy Souls

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Kathleen Sheldon (8677)

Confessions next Saturday 21st March 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Times of Holy Week/Easter Services will be in next week's newsletter.

RCIA Course This **Wednesday 18th March** 7.00pm - 8.00pm at St Andrew's.

Sacramental Preparation Classes

Next Sacramental Preparation Class **Tuesday 17th March** at 3.20pm after school in St Mary's Church Annexe, children collected after class at 4.20pm.

First Holy Communion

Please pray for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion next **Sunday 22nd March** at St Mary's. Parishioners who attend 9.00am Mass at St Mary's may wish to consider another Mass owing to the lack of space for all the families concerned.

Palm Sunday

Please note that the Mass on the **29th March** at St Mary's will begin at the earlier time of **8.30am** with the blessing of the palms.

Stations of the Cross Walk from St Wilfrid's, Preston to Ladyewell Shrine, Saturday 21st March.

Following the success of the event last year, we will again be walking through the city carrying a 6ft cross and stopping along the way to pray each station. It is a powerful witness to the people of our city, a great chance to build relationships with other Catholics, and a new way to encounter the Stations of the Cross. We will set off from St Wilfrid's at 9am and, on arrival at Ladyewell, we will celebrate Mass together at 12.30pm. This will then be followed by social time, time to eat our packed lunches, and time to visit the well and explore the shrine. All are welcome but under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult. If you can't manage the walk of around 4 miles, you are welcome to join us at the Shrine. Transport back to St. Wilfrid's will be offered for walkers so it is vital that you sign up beforehand so we can ensure there is enough transport. Details on the poster at the back of church.

Wanted - New Members for the Safeguarding Subcommittee

Lancaster Safeguarding Office are looking to recruit new members for the subcommittee. If you are interested please see the poster at the back of church for details: or contact safeguarding@lrcd.org.uk for an expression of interest form and a role description.