

Introduction: Palm Sunday is not a journey from victory to defeat, but a journey from the world's idea of victory into the true victory of God.

Procession Matthew 21:1-11 With the triumphal entry of Christ, we have the age-old conflict between human expectations and the divine plan.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 - The suffering servant of Isaiah assures us of our victory over suffering.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 - Christ's suffering is deeper than we imagine but his exaltation is also higher than we can imagine.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 - Matthew describes the death of Christ in terms of destruction, yet this destruction brings the dead back to life and reveals the unshakeable reality of heaven.

Please pray for Mary Blocksidge Lately Dead and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MARCH

28 Clifford Critchley, Robert Blacoe **29** Winifred Ryan, Ted Conway
30 Rosemary Walmsley **31** Thomas Richardson, Leslie Emllyn Evans

APRIL

1 Esther Bakalarska, James Paul Michael Masheter **2** Agnes Duffy
4 James Roche

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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 29th 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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Your king comes to you,
humble and riding on a
donkey.

Matthew 21:5

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SATURDAY 28th March

5.30pm Vigil Mass Elizabeth Veronica Towers – First Anniversary (8688)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 29th March

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

(New Missals page 153)

8.30 am NB Time (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Betty Harris – Lately Dead (8695)

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 (8618)

MONDAY 30th March

9.15 am Cottam Brenda Gildert (8697)

TUESDAY 31st March

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 1st April

9.15am Cottam Edna Wilson (8698)

11.00am Cottam Requiem – Susan Stoker

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2nd April

11.30am Cathedral Chrism Mass Bishop Paul

7.00pm Cottam Mass of the Lord's Supper

with watching until 10.00pm (Compline at 9.45pm)

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April

9.00am Cottam Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

11.00am Cottam Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Cottam Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 4th April

9.00am Cottam Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

8.00am Easter Vigil Cottam Michael Vincent – Lately Dead (8685)

No Confessions next Saturday 4th April.

Holy Week Volunteers please sign the sheets at the back of the church for Feet Washing, to read at the Maundy Thursday Mass, or at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Flowers

Donations towards flowers for Easter will be gratefully received.



St Andrew's Church Cleaning for Easter

We want the church to look beautiful for Easter. If you can help with the cleaning and polishing, please come along at 10am on Holy Saturday 4th April.

May Half Term B&B Stays at Castlerigg Manor

In May half-term, Castlerigg Manor (Catholic Retreat Centre in Keswick, Cumbria) will once again be opening their doors for B&B stays. A great way for families, groups of friends, and individuals to get an affordable stay in Keswick. Mass will be provided on site. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> stay with us

Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026

Our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, will take place 28 September to 1 October 2026. Some of you are familiar with Walsingham. For others, it will be your first visit. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is "Mary, cause of our Joy." During our days in Walsingham, we will consider the causes of John Bradburne, Servant of God and Ann Fenwick, who is intimately linked with the Catholic mission of Hornby. Also, we will spend some time reflecting on the life of St Carlo Acutis and Eucharistic miracles. The all-inclusive cost is £360.00-£420.00 (dependent on accommodation type). Coach collection/drop off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster and Preston.

For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner on 07711 345 176 or email charlie.conner@lrcc.org.uk

The places will be limited, so please book in good time.

+Rt Rev Paul Swarbrick
Bishop of Lancaster