

Introduction: Lent is an ideal time for us to draw closer to God. This is a season to reflect upon the direction our lives have taken and perhaps repent of some aspects. God always gives us a second chance to live fruitful lives in the love of God.

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12 - The people prepare to celebrate Passover – a final act of the nation prior to possession of the promised land.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

We are reconciled to God through Christ.

Gospel Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

The story of the prodigal son – a story of repentance and mercy.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

MARCH 31 Thomas Richardson

APRIL

1 Esther Bakalarska 2 Agnes Duffy 4 James Roche

	St Andrew's	St Mary's
Attendance/Collection	212, (£638.48)	52, (£152.60)

GIFT AID Please pick up your envelopes from the back of church.

Would you like to increase the value of each £1.00 you put in the parish collection? The Church is a charity, we can reclaim **25p** for every £1.00 a **taxpayer** donates. Tax can be reclaimed on whatever you give, you do not have to commit to a regular weekly amount, even a one off donation of £20.00 would allow us to reclaim £5.00. All you have to do is fill in a Gift Aid declaration, we will then issue you with a box of envelopes to put your collection money in. Please take a form from the back of church, and return to Canon Adrian. **Please note** if you already have Gift Aid envelopes and are still a taxpayer, then you do not need to fill in another form. **If you have moved house during the tax year please ensure that you have notified your**

Join the parish's SVP group – we need you To find out more contact us on SVP email: cottamsvp@outlook.com or come along to our regular meetings. **Next Meeting: Monday 1st April.** in the Haydock Room at 7pm.

SVP Request for Help – If parishioners know of anyone who would like a visit or any help in any way all they need to do is contact the parish SVP by emailing cottamsvp@outlook.com or put a note in an envelope in the box marked 'SVP REQUEST'. All information will be kept confidential.

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

**4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday)
31st March 2019**

Parish Priest: Canon Adrian J. Towers VF

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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.

NEW WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator

Tel: 01772 728433. Website:www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk

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His father was filled
with compassion.

Luke 15:20

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SATURDAY 30th March

4.30pm – 5.00pm (St Andrew's) Confessions

5.30pm Vigil Kevin M^cGrath (6246)

SUNDAY 31st March

9.00am (St Mary's) Mr Frank M^cAlonan RIP (6424)

10.30am (St Andrew's) People of the Parish

3.00pm (St Andrew's) **Stations of the Cross & Benediction**

6.00pm (St Andrew's) Brian Gray – Lately Dead (6442)

MONDAY 1st April

9.15am (St Andrew's) Jim Lowery (6439)

TUESDAY 2nd April - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 3rd April

9.15am (St Andrew's) Patrick & Kathleen Ferrity (6247)

THURSDAY 4th April – St. Isidore (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (St Mary's) Anna Williams (6248)

FRIDAY 5th April – St. Vincent Ferrer (Opt. Memorial)

8.00am (St Andrew's) **Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

9.15am (St Andrew's) In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered (6445)

SATURDAY 6th April

9.15am (St Andrew's) Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (6336)

5.30pm Vigil (St Andrew's) Annie Burns (6249)

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.

Sick or Housebound – If you are sick, housebound or in hospital please ask your family to inform Canon Adrian, so that he can arrange for you to be visited and, if you wish, to receive Holy Communion.

Annual Mission Appeal This weekend we welcome Sr Aurora Salgado de Abreu, who will be speaking at all the Masses on behalf of the Comboni Missionary Sisters.

Parish Website We have a new parish website www.standrewscottam.org.uk. Please take a look. Additional content will be added over the next month. If you would like this weekly Newsletter emailed to you there is a subscribe section on the front page.

Lenten Wednesday Evenings at St Andrew's Cottam Next session **Wednesday 3rd April at 7pm until 8pm.** See handout for details.

First Holy Communion The next preparation session for the children is **Thursday 4th April at 6.15pm in the Haydock Room.**

Confirmation Mass at St Andrew's, Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 6.30pm.

Application forms at the back of church or from website.

Date for your diary: Friday 17th May 7pm in the Haydock Room, St Andrew's. Social Evening with Indian food and dancing.

Chat & Play (St Andrew's) meet at 10.00am Fridays (term time only).

Lenten Vigil and Service of Reconciliation at Cardinal Newman College

Tuesday 2nd April at 6.30pm, in the College Chapel, followed by light refreshments and Fairtrade Gift Stall.

Diocesan Altar Servers' Mass St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster

Saturday 11th May at 12.15pm. Celebrant Bishop Paul Swarbrick. All welcome.

Brownedge Parish and Community Festival 4 – 10 May at St Mary's Church, Brownedge, Bamber Bridge. Entries are encouraged for Festival's popular amateur art and digital photography competitions. entry forms can be obtained from Festival's Events Secretary at festival.photo@btinternet.com or on (01772) 338413. The closing date for submissions is **Saturday 27 April.** See poster or website www.brownedgefestival.org.uk for details.

Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne for young Adults (20s and 30s)

Wednesday 24th April to Sunday 28th April A time to walk along part of St.Cuthbert's way, reflect and pray with other young adults and spend time on the beautiful island of Lindisfarne. Accommodation is in a basic bunkhouse near St Cuthbert's cave. Cost - £85 to cover food & accommodation

For more information email lynnfcj@hotmail.com or find us on facebook (FCJ Young Adult Network)