

Introduction If we want to know Jesus, we must spend time with him, talking to him and listening to what he has to say.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19 God called Samuel and he responded in freedom.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20 Anyone who follows the Lord shares his Holy Spirit.

Gospel: John 1:35-42 Andrew, John and Simon Peter came to learn about Jesus through spending time with him.

Please pray for Eric Pollard lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

JANUARY

14 John Lamb **15** Ellen Sumner, Catherine Green

18 John Whalley

19 Rt Rev. Hugh Lindsay (Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle)

20 Margaret Miller, Osbourne Phoenix

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030

to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

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 for details. For all other Pilgrims and for further information please check the Diocesan Pilgrimage Website www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk or email operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th January 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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Glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:20

SATURDAY 13 January

5.30pm (Vigil) Mr Gerard Salisbury (8021)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 14 January (PMB p127)

Day of Prayer for Peace

9.00am(Lea Town) Olive & Fred Osborne (8025)

10.30am Eddie Williams (8036)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction

6.00pm People of the Parish

MONDAY 15 January

9.15am David Webster – Lately Dead (8007)

TUESDAY 16 January

11.15am Requiem – Eric Pollard

WEDNESDAY 17 January – St. Anthony (Memorial)

9.15am Frank Rocks (8027)

THURSDAY 18 January

8.15am (Lea Town) Frank Rocks (8028)

FRIDAY 19 January

St. Wulstan (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Mary Flinter (8008)

SATURDAY 20 January - St. Fabian (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Christian Community in the Holy Land

5.30pm (Vigil) Vincent Farrelly – in remembrance (7986)

Confessions next Saturday 4.30pm to 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 weekend Masses. Mass intention envelopes are at the back of church.

Annual Mission Appeal 2024 Thank you from Fr Serge Traore of the Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers), for your donations (St Andrew's £558.50 and St Mary's £134.10). It is still possible to donate online at www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk/donations

White Flower Appeal The annual appeal of The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will take place **THIS WEEKEND**. Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please be as generous as you can.

St Mary's Christmas Raffle Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Christmas raffle, especially to all who bought tickets. To add to our total we sold beautiful hand painted Christmas decorations made by Gerard Oakes. Our final total is £529.50. Half of this money will go to St Mary's school for books and the Helping Hands fund and half to the EOHSJ for the Holy Land.

Parish SVP Thank you for all the donations of non-perishable food and toiletries. We will continue to support our local food bank with your kind donations.

HELPING HANDS at ST MARY'S SCHOOL Helps families that are in urgent need. At the back of St Mary's church is our Helping Hands Box for any kind donations of nonperishable food and toiletries.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s) 16-18 February
The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) in Liverpool. **Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.** If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. **For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org**