

Introduction Jesus calls us each day to follow him and to seek the kingdom of God. Each day gives us a new opportunity to follow Christ.

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5. 10

Jonah calls the people of Nineveh to repentance. They hear his call and return to the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Life is short. Do not waste it on passing things.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him.

Please pray for Jane Pegg lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

JANUARY

- 21** Joseph Gardner, Mary Hiles, Frank Curran
22 Richard Brierley, Veronica Harrison, Ted Russell
23 John Powell **24** Vincent Philbin, Ellen Boulton
25 George Longton **26** Frank Turner, Mary Burrow
27 Sheila Barker, Lilian Singleton

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.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st 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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The world in its present form is passing away.

1 Corinthians 7:31

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SATURDAY 20 January

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

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 21 January (PMB p129)

9.00am(Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Christian Community in the Holy Land

NO Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Marian Hallmarsh (7995)

MONDAY 22 January – St. Vincent (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am John Whalley (8023)

TUESDAY 23 January – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 24 January – St. Francis de Sales (Memorial)

9.15am Anne & Gerry (7989)

THURSDAY 25 January

The Conversion of St. Paul (Feast)

8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of SABS & Benefactors
(8043)

FRIDAY 26 January

Sts. Timothy & Titus (Memorial)

9.15am Frank Rocks (8029)

SATURDAY 27 January - St. Angela Merici (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am **NO MASS**

5.30pm (Vigil) Vera & Osbourne Phoenix (8041)

No 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.

Sacramental Preparation All classes will take place at 3.20pm in St Mary's annex. We are looking forward to starting our preparation classes again this year.

First Reconciliation classes 27th February, 5th March

The children will make their First Reconciliation St Mary's church 3.20 pm on the 12th March.

First Holy Communion classes 19th March, 26th March, 16th April

The children will make their First Holy Communion at St Mary's church during the 9 o'clock Mass on **Sunday 21st April**.

You are welcome to contact me via Canon Towers if you have any queries. We look forward to the privilege of guiding the children in their preparations. Jackie Fitzpatrick and Angela Pye.

Afternoon Club This will be for all age groups. If you are interested in attending, please fill in a leaflet which are at the back of church.

White Flower Appeal Thank you for your donations

St Andrew's £132.10, St Mary's 42.16.

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.

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