

Introduction It is wonderful for us to be here! These are the words of the disciples Peter, James, and John. In today's Mass we accompany them onto the Mount of Transfiguration to deepen our relationship with God's Son, the Beloved.

First Reading Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Abraham is willing to offer his only son to God, but God spares him.

Second Reading Romans 8:31-34

Since God gave up his only Son for love of us, what else will he not do?

Gospel Mark 9:2-10 - Transfigured with heavenly light, Jesus reveals his divinity to the disciples.

Please pray for Barbara Cairns and Dr Joseph Ayathamattam Joseph, lately dead and all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

FEBRUARY

25 Catherine Spencer, Fr Joe Bamber **26** Agnes Knowles

27 Ethel Hesmondhalgh **29** John Pollet

MARCH 2 Monica Norman

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 Lent 25th February 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.

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**Do not lay your hand
on the boy!**

Genesis 22:12

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SATURDAY 24 February

5.30pm (Vigil) Paul Edwards – Anniversary (8048)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 25 February (PMB p151)

9.00am(Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Jack & Jane Pegg (8068)

**3.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
(live streamed from Parish website)**

6.00pm Barbara Cairns – Lately Dead

Special Collection this weekend CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)

MONDAY 26 February

9.15am Frank Rocks (8033)

TUESDAY 27 February – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 28 February

9.15am (Cottam) In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart, Our Lady
& Bl George Haydock for prayers answered (8069)

THURSDAY 29 February

8.15am (Lea Town) Mother Stella Maris (RIP) (8066)

FRIDAY 1 March - St. David (Feast)

9.15am) In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart, Our Lady
& Bl George Haydock for prayers answered (8070)

SATURDAY 2 March

9.15am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8013)

5.30pm (Vigil) Undine Potter (8045)

Confessions next Saturday 4.30pm to 5.00pm at St. Andrew's



Welcome to Thomas Maxwell Beesley who will be baptised today.

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.

Lenten Wednesdays 7- 8 p.m. (Haydock Room) It has been suggested parishioners might like the opportunity to watch some episodes of the series **The Chosen**.

This is an American Christian historical drama television series. Created, directed, and co-written by filmmaker Dallas Jenkins, it is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series centres on Jesus and the different people who met and followed or otherwise interacted with him.

Sacramental Preparation All classes will take place at 3.20pm, apart from 19th March, see below) in St Mary's annex.

First Reconciliation classes 27 February, 5 March

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

First Holy Communion classes 19 March (3.15 - 5.15pm), & 16 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. Jackie Fitzpatrick and Angela Pye.

Afternoon Club will start on 5 March at 1:15pm. It will run weekly and begin with prize bingo and refreshments. There will be a charge of 50p per book with no charge for refreshments.

There will also be a notice board at the back of church for people to sign up to future activities.

Light the Way As you know we are so fortunate to have the Sisters at St Mary's, who every day invite us to join them in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This Monday **26 February** 2.30 to 3.30 pm we welcome you to experience the stillness and peace of our beautiful church. Please remember you are always welcome.

The Roman Catholic Bishops of Lancaster

As part of the celebrations of the centenary of the diocese, please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick for Mass at Boarbank Hall, Grange on **Tuesday 9th April at 10am**. This will be followed by a talk given by Paul Severn on the Roman Catholic Bishops of Lancaster; this is based on his book of the same name. Lunch will be served at 12.30pm, please advise of any special dietary or other requirements.

There will be a charge of £10.00 for catering costs. To book a place email p.severn@freeuk.com