

Introduction The abuse of power is evident in so many ways in our world, within the Church, among nations and by individuals. As Christians we are called to follow Christ's example of the power of service, shown supremely by his death on the cross.

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord promises to look after the flock himself.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

All shall be brought to life in Christ.

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

The last judgement of the nations.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

NOVEMBER

28 Rose Fletcher

29 Norman Nicholson, Frances Jean Alldred-Aspden

30 John Gerard Eastham, Bob Billington

DECEMBER

1 Deceased members of the Murray family

2 Dorothy Duffy, Theresa Acken, Rosemary Logan

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.

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.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

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

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
26th November 2023**

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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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Lord, when did we see
you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked
or ill or in prison?

Matthew 25:44

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SATURDAY 25 November

5.30pm (Vigil) Repose of the soul of Joyce Campbell (7956)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 26 November (PMB p158)

Youth Day

9.00am(Lea Town) Fr James Keville (7958)

10.30am People of the Parish

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction

6.00pm EOHSJ Lieutenancy of England & Wales

Special Collection – Youth Services

MONDAY 27 November

9.15am Gina Hunt RIP (7961)

TUESDAY 28 November - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 29 November

9.15am F J Alldred-Aspden (7964)

THURSDAY 30 November

St. Andrew (Feast)

8.15am (Lea Town) Peace in the Holy Land

FRIDAY 1 December

9.15am Holy Souls (7950)

SATURDAY 2 December

9.15am Bill Fowler (7971)

5.30pm (Vigil) Richard (Dick) Murphy KCHS (7966)

Confessions next Saturday 4.30pm to 5.00pm

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.



Welcome

to Mila Florence Guarracino who will be baptised today.

St Andrew's Mulled Wine & Minced Pies Friday 8 December at 7pm Parish social, all welcome. There will be a craft activity for the children, please, indicate on the list how many children will be attending with you. If you have a Christmas Jumper, please feel free to wear it to add additional Christmas Cheer. Please sign the list at the back of church for catering purposes by Sunday 3rd December (Next weekend)

Tea/Coffee & Light refreshments in the Haydock Room after 10.30am Mass. All welcome.

St Mary's Church raffle is to be drawn next **Sunday, 3 December** at the coffee morning. We request that all raffle prize donations be made by 30 November. Prizes could be brought to St Mary's Church next Sunday or left at the school during the week.

Carol Service St. Mary's Church, Lea Town on **Friday 15 December at 7.00pm**. It will consist of carols, scripture readings, poems and bidding prayers. It will be followed by hot mulled wine(alcoholic and non alcoholic) and mince pies, in the annex. Please sign the list at the back of church for catering purposes.

Christmas wreath making at St Mary's. Sunday 17 December in the annex, following the 9.00am Mass. Please sign the list at the back of the church if interested. The wreath ring, reel wire and moss will be provided but other greenery and decorations will have to be brought by the participant.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH SERVICE

This weekend, we celebrate the young people in our communities and we pray for them. In this diocese, our Youth Service which is based at Castlerigg Manor in Keswick, is working for our young people all year round. We welcome thousands of young people to Castlerigg each year and when time allows we get out to visit them in their parishes and schools around our diocese and beyond. If you want to know more about our work, you can follow us on social media (usually @castleriggmanor) or check out our website castleriggmanor.com. Please keep us in your prayers; please tell the teens in your life about our open retreats and, if you can, consider making a donation.