

Introduction Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. As we get closer to Holy Week our readings reflect the dark clouds which are gathering over Jesus and his concern about what will happen to him when he enters Jerusalem.

First reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 - Jeremiah tells us of God's continuing patience with us even when we are most stubborn.

Second reading Hebrews 5:7-9

It is through Jesus' obedient suffering that we can be saved.

Gospel John 12:20-33 - St John reveals to us Jesus' thoughts and apprehension about his coming suffering.

Please pray for Donna Fildes, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

MARCH

17 Cicely Greaves, Josie Begley, Teresa Nicholson

18 Josephine Capas **20** Douglas Middlemiss, Thomas Newton

21 Edward & Edith, Jim Hall, Jim Martin, John Lowery,
Eileen M^cKavanagh, Kathleen Sheldon, John Lowery

22 Robert Ibson **23** Fr Henry Gillett (pp)

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

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst

Please check their website for upcoming events.

christianheritagecentre.com

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

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

5th Sunday in Lent 17 March 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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If it dies, it produces
much fruit.

John 12:24

SATURDAY 16 March

5.30pm (Vigil) Kathleen Sheldon (8064)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 17 March (PMB p169)

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Eithne Wright RIP (8085)

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

6.00pm In Memory of John & Helen Keefe (8056)

MONDAY 18 March

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am John Cookson RIP (8091)

TUESDAY 19 March – St. Joseph (Solemnity)

7.00pm (Cottam) Dr Jacob Ayathamattam (8080)

WEDNESDAY 20 March

9.15am Ted Richardson – Lately Dead (8093)

THURSDAY 21 March

8.15am (Lea Town) Dr Jacob A Joseph RIP (8089)

10.00am (Cottam) Requiem & Burial – Donna Fildes

FRIDAY 22 March

9.15am In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart, Our Lady &
Blessed George Haydock for Prayers Answered (8073)

SATURDAY 23 March

9.15am Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8016)

5.30pm (Vigil) Holy Souls

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.

Palm Sunday – Note next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the Mass at St Mary's, Lea Town will begin at 8.30am.

House Blessings If you would like your home to be blessed by Canon Adrian or Deacon John during the Easter Season, please fill in your details on one of the forms at the back of church and place it in the basket provided.

Lenten Wednesdays 7- 8 p.m. (Haydock Room)

The Chosen Series. 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.



Welcome to Maisie Louise Lawson and Oliver Jack Lawson who will be baptised today.

Sacramental Preparation 3.20pm in St Mary's annex.

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**.

Afternoon Club this Tuesday 19 March at 1:15pm, in the Haydock Room, Cottam. Last week's session was a great success. Prize bingo and refreshments. There will be a charge of 50p per book with no charge for refreshments.

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

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