

Introduction There are many distractions in our world today and we can easily lose sight of what is really important. We gather today to remind ourselves of where true value and wisdom lie and commit ourselves to treating all people with fairness and respect.

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

The Law is given to the people through Moses, teaching them how to live their lives and how to treat one another.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The Risen Christ reveals the wisdom of God, a wisdom that is beyond anything we can imagine.

Gospel John 2:13-25 - Jesus drives the money-changers out of the Temple and proclaims that he will make all things new.

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

MARCH

3 Robert Hollinghurst, Malcolm Phillips **4** Margaret Billington
5 Lilian Beesley **6** Jim Lowery **7** Helen Keefe, Bernard Baldwin
8 Thomas Joseph Dewhurst, Edna Melling **9** Joseph Woodcock

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal
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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

3rd Sunday in Lent 3 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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Stop making my Father's house a marketplace.

John 2:16

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SATURDAY 2 March

5.30pm (Vigil) Undine Potter (8045)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 3 March (PMB p154)

9.00am(Lea Town) Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8014)

10.30am People of the Parish

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

6.00pm Rosemary & James Walmsley RIP (8062)

MONDAY 4 March – St. Casimir (Opt Memorial)

9.15am Frank Rocks (8034)

TUESDAY 5 March – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 6 March

7.30am NB Time Marcelle Sewell – Anniversary (8074)

THURSDAY 7 March – Sts. Perpetua & Felicity (Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart,
Our Lady & Bl George Haydock for prayers answered (8071)

FRIDAY 8 March - St. John of God (Opt Memorial)

9.15am Frank Rocks (8035)

7.00pm (Cottam) Mass for Peace in the Holy Land
(live streamed from Parish website)

SATURDAY 9 March - St. Frances of Rome (Opt Memorial)

9.15am Dr Jacob Ayathamattam RIP (8076)

5.30pm (Vigil) Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
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Confessions next Saturday 4.30pm to 5.00pm at St. Andrew's



Welcome to Isaac Oghendtega Aya who will be baptised today.

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.

Requiem Mass for Dr Jacob Ayathamattam will take place at St Alphonsa's Cathedral on Wednesday 6th March at 11am. This will be followed by burial in St Andrew's churchyard. Parishioners are welcome to attend one or both services.

Sacramental Preparation 3.20pm in St Mary's annex.

First Reconciliation classes 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**.

Afternoon Club will start **this Tuesday 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.

St. Walburge's special Stations of the Cross Friday 8th March, 7pm It will be accompanied by Octavius, a choir of dedicated and skilled singers based in Lancashire. Music will include: Bruckner's Christus Factus Est, Byrd's Ave Verum and Civitas Sancti Tui, Lotti's Crucifixus and Bach's Passion Chorale.

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

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