

Introduction: As we approach the halfway point of our Lenten journey, we hear in today's Gospel how Jesus was also in the middle of a journey. He knew what it is to feel helpless, parched and weary. Understanding human need, Jesus offers an experience of God's Spirit to quench our deepest longings.

First Reading Exodus 17:3-7 - The Israelites, dying of thirst in the desert, begin to doubt God's love for them. At God's command, Moses strikes the rock with his staff. Out gushes water.

Second Reading Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

God's love is overflowing: that is why Christ came to save us, and not because we deserved it. Trusting in God's love, we face the future with hope.

Gospel John 4:5-42 - The conversion of Samaria begins when Jesus stops by a well, where he meets a woman coming to draw water. She gives him a drink; he, in turn, offers her the living water of God's Spirit.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

MARCH

12 Eithne Wright 15 Joan Farrelly

16 Patrick McGahran, Winifred Hartley, Lucy Turner

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

	St Andrew's	St Mary's
Attendance/Collection	170/ £370.49	53/ £123.68
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Join the parish's SVP group – we need you

To find out more contact us, email:svp@standrewscottam.org.uk or come along to our regular meetings, each 2nd Monday in month.

New members always welcome.

Confirmation Mass Bishop Paul will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Andrew's Cottam on **Thursday 18th June 2020** at 6.30pm

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

Third Sunday in Lent 15th March 2020

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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.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator

Tel: 01772 728433. Website:www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk

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Whoever drinks the
water I shall give
will never thirst.

John 4:14

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SATURDAY 14th March

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (6673)

SUNDAY 15th March

Parish Mass Book use suspended until further notice

9.00am (St Mary's) Christopher Simpson (6718)

10.30am (St Andrew's) People of the Parish

3.00pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

6.00pm (St Andrew's) James & Gertrude Scurr (Anniversaries)
(6698)

MONDAY 16th March

9.15am (St Andrew's) Eithne Wright (6719)

TUESDAY 17th March - St. Patrick (Feast) - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 18th March

9.15am (St Andrew's)

THURSDAY 19th March – St. Joseph (Solemnity)

8.15am (St Mary's)

FRIDAY 20th March

9.15am (St Andrew's)

SATURDAY 21st March

9.15am (St Andrew's) Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (6674)

5.30pm (St Andrew's) Kathleen Sheldon (6702)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. St Mary's will be open at these times and anyone who wishes to pay a visit and spend some time in prayer are most welcome.

Friday Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday 8.00am to 9.00am at St Andrew's, to pray for vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese. of church.

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 back.

Lenten Thursdays 8.15am Lenten Mass at St Mary's Lea Town, followed by breakfast in the School Hall. Parishioners from both Parishes will be most welcome.

Lenten Wednesday Evenings at St Andrew's Cottam, another opportunity to see the acclaimed series 'Catholicism' by Bishop Robert Barron, the first 6 episodes, continuing this **Wednesday 18th March** at 7pm until 8pm. In the Haydock Room. All welcome.

The ALPHA Course continues on Tuesday 17th March 7pm to 9pm.

First Holy Communion The next preparation session for the children is on **Thursday 19th March at 6.15pm to 7.30pm.**

Thank you to the Knights of St Columba for the generous donation of £2,000 towards the repairs to the Presbytery roof. The Knights are involved in many activities throughout the year, they help to arrange and take part in many religious events and Christian activities. Their primary responsibilities are to assist the Clergy and support the Catholic Church.

Wine & Desserts Social Evening POSTPONED until after the Coronavirus is over.

Chat & Play (St Andrew's) meet at 10.00am Fridays (Term Time only).

Seekers Youth Group St Mary's, Lea Town each Friday (Term Time Only) 4pm to 5.30pm.

The God who Speaks – Series Two. Thursdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm, continuing Thursday 19th March at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. Each week we will study and pray with the Gospel for the coming

UK Settlement Scheme All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30th June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusetledstatus. Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply.

Mass via the internet If public services are suspended, parishioners can 'take-part' at home, especially in a 'Spiritual Communion' whilst watching Mass. Our Lady & St Michael in Workington has a feed at www.mcnmedia.tv (enter Workington in the search button).