

Introduction: Today the liturgy reflects upon the antagonism that people of faith may face in this world, but more especially on love, which is more powerful than hatred, because it comes to us from God.

First Reading Acts 1:15-17. 20-26

With discernment and prayer the apostles choose Matthias to replace Judas as a fellow apostle.

Second Reading 1 John 4:11-16 - The heart of the Christian faith is love: God's love for us and our love for one another.

Gospel John 17:11-19

Jesus prays for the Church, for each of us to be one with him, to be filled with his joy; and for us to be protected from evil.

Please pray for Fr Gerard Dakin and Mildred Myerscough lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

MAY

11 Bernard Clarke **12** Kevin Bilsborough, Margaret Nuttall

13 Thomas Bilsborough **14** Olive Slater **16** Marilyn James, Margaret Kelly, Edward Kelly

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

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WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
Seventh Sunday of Easter
12th May 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk

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If we love one another,
God remains in us.

John 4:12

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SATURDAY 11th May

5.30pm Vigil Mass Repose of the soul of Dr Jacob Ayathamattam Joseph (8127)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.

SUNDAY 12th May

9.00am (Lea Town) Christians of the Holy Land (8142)

10.30am People of the Parish

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions and Benediction

6.00pm Fr Gerard Dakin – Lately Dead (8141)

MONDAY 13th May

9.15am In Thanksgiving for the prayers of family & friends (8136)

TUESDAY 14th May - NO MASS

ST. MATTHIAS – Feast

WEDNESDAY 15th May

9.15am Donor's Intentions (8121)

THURSDAY 16th May

8.15am (Lea Town) In Thanksgiving – Bernard & Ursula Moon Diamond Wedding (8116)

FRIDAY 17th May

9.15am Repose of the soul of Mary Bernadette Wilson (8140)

SATURDAY 18th May

9.15am Repose of the soul of Mgr George Mooney (8130)

5.30pm Vigil Mass Patrick Ruane – Anniversary (8138)

Confessions Saturday 4.30 – 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 back of church.

Confirmations

The children in Year 6 at both of our schools (St Mary & St Andrew's, Newhouse and St Mary's, Lea Town) who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are being prepared by the schools.

If you have children in Year 6 or above who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and are not attending one of our schools, please let Canon Adrian know **as soon as possible** so that arrangements can be made for their preparation.

The Sacrament will be conferred by Bishop Paul at Our Lady and St Edward's, Fulwood on Thursday 4th July at 6.30pm.

Afternoon Club

Many thanks to Debbie Webb for organising a very enjoyable History of Afternoon Tea last week. The club meets each **Tuesday** at 1.15pm, in the Haydock Room, Cottam. Prize bingo and refreshments. There will be a charge of 50p per book with no charge for refreshments.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ) is a Catholic organisation that supports the Christians in the Holy Land. To find out more about his work visit www.eohsj.org.uk

St Andrew's Gardening Volunteers

Our small team of gardeners need your help. No experience needed. A sense of humour and working knees would be useful!! Meet on Saturday mornings at 10am.

St Andrew's Church Flowers

Any flower arrangers or would be flower arrangers out there; could you spare a couple of hours once a month? Please consider helping to make our beautiful little church even more beautiful. Contact or speak to Canon Adrian.