

Introduction: Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and the whole Church. We are empowered to receive the truth and to bear witness to it.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

The apostles are empowered by the Holy Spirit to speak a multitude of languages to help preach the Gospel.

Second Reading Galatians 5:16-25

St Paul contrasts the fruits of sin with a beautiful litany of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us.

Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in the Church and helps us understand the truth.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

MAY

Edward Kelly, Austin Myerscough, Ted Bradley, John Waring, John Stephenson, Hilda Myerscough, Maureen Middlemiss, Mary Spencer, Clare Horan

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

Gift Aid This makes such a difference to our Parishes' income at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim 25p for every £1 you give. Please consider taking out a Standing Order, or if at St Andrew's you can register a payment card to use on the card reader, either online or the reader itself.

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**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
Pentecost
19th 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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He breathed on
them and said,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

John 20:22

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SATURDAY 18th May

5.30pm Vigil Mass Patrick Ruane – Anniversary (8138)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.

SUNDAY 19th May

9.00am (Lea Town) Patricia Corrigan - Anniversary (8079)

10.30am People of the Parish

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today.

6.00pm Repose of the soul of Mgr George Mooney (8131)

MONDAY 20th May

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial)

9.15am Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Ann Wilson (8140)

TUESDAY 21st May - NO MASS

St. Christopher of Magallanes & Companions (Martyrs Opt)

WEDNESDAY 22nd May – St. Rita of Cascia (Religious Opt)

9.15am Donor's Intentions (8122)

THURSDAY 23rd May

Our Lord Jesus Christ, External High Priest (Feast)

8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of SABS & Benefactors (8137)

FRIDAY 24th May

9.15am Donor's Intentions (8123)

SATURDAY 25th May

St Bede the Venerable (Memorial)

9.15am Mary & Jim Lowery (8143)

5.30pm Vigil Mass Mrs Joan Redmond/Mrs Sheila Parker (8111)

Confessions Saturday 4.30 - 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 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.

Annual Deanery Corpus Christi Procession led by Canon Adrian will begin at St Walburge's at **2.00pm on Sunday 2nd June**. Readings, prayers, hymns, outdoor procession and Benediction. All parish groups including First Holy Communicants are encouraged to come along and join in this public act of witness of our Faith and to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. In the event of rain the procession will be held in the church.

Afternoon Club

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 refreshment.

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.