

Introduction: In today's Mass we are reminded that God offers us courage, invites us to love without exception and brings us to healing and wholeness.

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

God offers courage to all those with faith.

Second Reading James 2:1-5

Do not be deferential to those with riches or power.

Gospel Mark 7:31-37 - Our call to have "hearts without borders".

A link to today's readings can be found on our website.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

SEPTEMBER

5 Margaret Rowe **6** Joseph Mercer, Lionel Dutton

8 Jack Basley, Joseph Rainford

10 Margaret Bury, Ethel Bannister, Una Worrall

11 Michael Masheter, Ron Watts

Round Stained Glass Windows Appeal You will notice that the beautiful stained glass window at the back of church has had to be removed. The glass panels are surrounded by ornate carved wood, sadly this has all gone rotten from within, and the wood has to be completely replaced. The two other round windows will also need to be inspected. The cost for the three windows is going to be about £30,000. Given this is such a beautiful and important parts of our church building, parishioners and friends of St Andrew's may like to contribute towards the cost of its repair. We will be arranging some fund-raising events but in the meantime donations are welcome. **This can be done by a donation direct to the parish, or on the donate page of the diocesan website. If you do this via the diocesan website, please state you wish your donation to go to St Andrew's, Cottam, windows repair.**

Window Restoration Fund Total Raised to date **£1123.50**

Catholic Voice – The latest edition can be accessed from the parish website.

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th September 2021

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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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Then will the eyes of
the blind be opened and
the lame leap like a stag.

Isaiah 35:5–6

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SATURDAY 4th September

5.30pm Vigil Jim Hagan (7120)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.

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9.00am (Lea Town) Cissy Hughes (7121)

10.30am People of the Parish

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Thanksgiving for Exam Success (7346)

MONDAY 6th September

9.15am Brian & Mary Boylan RIP (7347)

TUESDAY 7th September – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 8th September

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

9.15am Geoff Mills – Lately Dead (7345)

THURSDAY 9th September - St. Peter Claver (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) Michael Masheter – Anniversary (7270)

FRIDAY 10th September

9.15am Patricia Kenyon (7290)

SATURDAY 11th September

9.15am Holy Souls

5.30pm Vigil Peter Campbell (7123)

Dessert & Wine Evening Our first parish social in over 18 months will take place on **Friday 24th September** at 7:00pm in the Haydock Room.

Booking now on the website. Please book as soon as possible.

First Holy Communion Next preparation session for the children will be 6.00pm, on Thursday 9th September in the Haydock Room.

Anointed New Youth Group for young people age 11 to 14 (in school years 7 to 9). Starts Monday 13th September (continues Mondays in Term Time) 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Haydock Room, St Andrew's, Cottam. For more info contact Jennifer 07957 566741 or email jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk.

Metanoia Project is looking for volunteers to enhance their ministries. We have a wide range of ministries including our children / youth work, our adult groups, our homeless drop in and our music ministry. We also have administrative or technology tasks we'd love some help with. Our volunteers serve all over the Preston area. If you could spare a little of your time and this sounds like a fresh, new opportunity for you to grow in your relationship with God, learn to share your faith and reach out to people, please get in contact. Jen Community Coordinator 07957566741 or jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk. Thank you. We'd love for you to join us and build God's Kingdom together.

40th Anniversary

Canon Adrian will be celebrating 40 years since his ordination as a priest on the 14th November 2021. We will have two parish celebrations.

On Thursday **28th October 7pm** we will have a celebratory meal at Barton Manor. More details will be available in September.

On the **16th November** we will have a Thanksgiving Mass at St Andrew's followed by a buffet in the Haydock Room.

Booking will be required, more details will be available in September.

The History of Cottam A collection of 12 videos by local filmmaker Gary Cunliffe have been produced which cover the history of Cottam & Cottam Hall, The Haydock Family and our own church of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock. Link from parish website.

Deputy Diocesan Schools Commissioner – Please see poster or take a leaflet from back of church. Closing date for applications 12noon 15th September 2021.

[Coronavirus Registration – Online on the parish website preferred Or NHS Track & Trace App scan the QR Code at the back of church](#)