Introduction: The Gospels emphasise that the Son of Man came to serve, rather than to be served. Today we explore this, inspired by Jesus' example of service.

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

The anonymous servant of the Lord faces terrible persecution on account of his preaching. He does not resist.

Second Reading James 2:14-18 - James maintains that the real sign of faith is putting that faith into practice.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35 - Peter says, "You are the Christ," but he fails to see that the Christ must suffer.

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

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

SEPTEMBER

12 William Green 13 Betty Hollinghurst 15 Clare Slater16 Myra Simpson 17 Harry Ronson, Ann Martin

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 £1423.50

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

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th September 2021

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Keep warm and eat well.

James 2:16

SATURDAY 11th September

5.30pm Vigil Peter Campbell (7123)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.

SUNDAY 12th September - Parish Mass Books page 132 Education Day

Special Collection for Catholic Education Services

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish 10.30am Mark Gibney RIP (7351)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Fr Joe Duggan SJ – Lately Dead (7356)

MONDAY 13th September – St. John Chrysostom (Memorial)

9.15am Harry Hughes (7125)

TUESDAY 14th September – NO MASS

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

WEDNESDAY 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

9.00am Maureen Cavlan (7128)

THURSDAY 16th September

Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian (Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) Holy Souls

11.30am (Cottam) Requiem - Teresa Russell

FRIDAY 17th September St. Robert Bellarmine (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Repose of soul of Harry Ronson – Anniversary (7354)

11.00am Funeral Service – Norman Moulding

SATURDAY 18th September

9.15am **NO MASS**

5.30pm Vigil Mary Ann Duffin (7129)

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

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

<u>Children's Liturgy</u> Calling Amanda, Catherine, Dawn, Jessica and Tina. The plan is to restart the children's liturgy at St Andrew's early in October. Could you let me know if I should keep you on the rota when it restarts.johnnymack59@icloud.com.If there is anyone else who would be interested in being part of the children's liturgy or would like more information about what is involved we would be more than happy to hear from you. Please contact me at the email above.

<u>First Holy Communion</u> Next preparation session for the children will be 6.00pm, on Thursday 16th September in the Haydock Room.

St Mary's, Lea Town Sponsor a Book The school is looking to add lots of new and exciting books to their school collection. They are asking for people to sponsor a book for £5.00. Please take a letter from the back of church. You can return your sponsorship in the collection plate in an envelope labelled 'Sponsor A Book'.

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.

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 **28**th **October 7pm** we will have a celebratory meal at Barton Manor. Bookings on website from Monday.

On the **16**th **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 soon..

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.

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