

Introduction There are many divisions in our world today, not least between rich and poor, between those who have a daily struggle to make ends meet and those who are comparatively well off. The Gospel tells us that our God is generous and has a special care for those who are in most need.

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

God is nearby and can be found.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Christ is in our living and dying, present to us beyond the grave and for all eternity.

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

The landowner practised positive discrimination towards the latecomers and less able workers.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

SEPTEMBER

24 Henry Rimmer, Fr Frank Hodson, Mary Pye

25 Vincent Crook, Ann Lakeland **26** Fred Barton,

Fr James Keville **28** James Hayes **29** James Flemming

30 Netchell Roocroft

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 weekend Masses. Mass intention envelopes are at the back of church.

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th September 2023

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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.

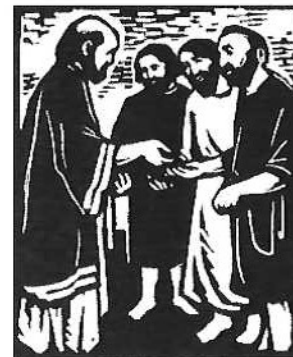
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Are you envious because
I am generous?

Matthew 20:15

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SATURDAY 23 September

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) Deceased Members of the Watt Family
(7898)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 24 September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (PMB page 131)

9.00am(Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am A family member going through a difficult time
(7895)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions and Benediction

6.00pm Rosemary & James Walmsley (7919)

Special Collection for the Bishop's Administration Fund

MONDAY 25 September

9.15am Recovery of Lucy Eshareturi
from her spinal stroke (7910)

TUESDAY 26 September - NO MASS

Sts. Cosmas & Damian (Opt. Memorial)

WEDNESDAY 27 September – St. Vincent de Paul (Memorial)

9.15am Service of the Word with Exposition (Deacon John)

THURSDAY 28 September- St. Wenceslaus (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) NO MASS

FRIDAY 29 September

SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Feast)

9.15am Service of the Word with Exposition (Deacon John)

SATURDAY 30 September – St. Jerome (Memorial)

9.15am Fr John Walsh (Anniversary) (7927)

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) Fr John Mackie (7881)

Confessions Saturday 4.30pm to 5.00pm

Praying the Rosary October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Please join Canon Adrian to pray the Rosary, either in St Andrew's or on livestream, at 7.00pm on the Thursdays of October.

Prayers Please pray for the priests of the Diocese who will be on retreat this week.

Tea/Coffee & Light refreshments in the Haydock Room after 10.30am Mass. All welcome.

Foodbank Donations – Our branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society works with the multi-church foodbank, Share-It, Ingol. The foodbank needs food donations and we hope our parishes will help. There is a particular shortage of tins of meat (corned beef, mince, hot dogs, etc) and tinned fish. We've also had a sudden spike in requests for baby nappies, size 6. Other foods or toiletries are welcome but of course, not fresh or frozen items. Donations can be left in the basket at the back of church.

Donations of items, as well as enquiries from anyone interested in volunteering for a hour a week, can also be received at the Foodbank on Redcar Avenue. Ingol at opening times:

Mon , Tues 2.30-3-30, Wed 2.30-3-30, Thurs 10-1, Sat 10-11

Special Collection today for the Bishop's Administration Fund.

Day of Renewal led by Brother Jonathan of the Friars of Renewal. 'Hearing the Heart of Mary in Scripture', Saturday 14th October 2023 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at St Clare's Church (Parish Hall) Day starts with Mass at 10.00 a.m. Please bring packed lunch. Tea and coffee available. Further Information contact Christine 07745009694 or Annette 07954429333

Lancaster Diocese Faith & Justice Commission invite you to a 'Care of Creation' event on Saturday 7 October, 9.30 – 3.00pm at

St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 4HT. The theme of the event is 'Let Justice and Peace flow'.

Guest speakers include: Sr Margaret Atkins, Dr Stephen Garsed, Dr Paul Kelly and John Paul de Quay. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. For further information or to confirm your attendance at the event please contact Sue Grubic ldfsue@gmail.com or text 07791444417