

Introduction “Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life”, says the psalmist, “and I shall dwell in the Lord’s own house for ever”. So it is that we come here today as honoured guests of our heavenly Father.

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10 - The prophet shares his vision of a heavenly banquet to which all are invited.

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20 - The joys of heaven outweigh whatever hardships we may be suffering now.

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14 - Not everyone chooses to accept God’s invitation; indeed, some are not yet ready.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

OCTOBER

15 Patrick Gilligan, Anthony Gilligan

16 William Cliffe, Mary Wallbank, Robert Fletcher

17 Paul M^cMurrough, Richard Barrie Southworth

18 Mary Agnes Lowery, Clare Ainsworth

19 Jack Snalam, Kathleen Helm

20 Patricia Norcross, Terry Moore, Mary Fitzpatrick

21 Jim McGahran

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.

World Mission Sunday Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. By supporting World Mission Sunday you are directly helping over 1,000 dioceses bring hope and new life to people yearning to hear God’s love for them.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th October 2023

Parish Priest: Canon Adrian J. Towers VF

114 Hoyles Lane, Cottam, PR4 0NB

Tel: (01772) 726166 E-mail: parishpriest@standrewscottam.org.uk

Deacon: Rev. John W Cliffe

Tel: 01257 264445 johncliffe@standrewscottam.org.uk

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:

Tony Murphy 07557 373534 (St Andrew’s)

Mike Fitzpatrick 07739 880965 (St Mary’s)

Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk

Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered-Charity Number
234331



**The Lord God will
wipe away the tears
from all faces.**

Isaiah 25:8

© Liturgy Training Publications,
art by Julie Lonneman

SATURDAY 14 October

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) Wedding Anniversary (SA) (7937)
Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 15 October (PMB page 140)

9.00am(Lea Town) People of the Parish
10.30am Recovery of Lucy Eshareturi
from her spinal stroke (7912)

NO Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Fr John Dobson (LISCF) (7906)

MONDAY 16 October - St. Hedwig (Opt Memorial)

9.15am For a successful operation (JP) (7934)

TUESDAY 17 October - St. Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial)
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 18 October - St. Luke (Feast)

9.15am William (Bill) Beesley – Birthday Remembrance (7794)

THURSDAY 19 October

St. John Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Comps (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) Fr James Keville (Anniversary) (7940)

7.00pm (Cottam) Recitation of the Holy Rosary

The Rosary will be live streamed from Parish website

FRIDAY 20 October

9.15am Chris Graham RIP (7938)

SATURDAY 21 October

9.15am 'Happy Birthday Jim' (7926)

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) Health Olive Lovely (7941)

Confessions Saturday 4.30pm to 5.00pm



Welcome to Toby Thomas Seville and
Sebastian Isaiah Lowe
who will be baptised today.

Parishes' Mission Group It is wonderful to welcome new people moving into our parishes at St Andrew's and at St Mary's. We should like to celebrate the gifts, talents and ideas of all our parishioners, new and long-standing. Please do come along to a meeting in the Haydock Room at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th October to see how we might plan and implement a vision for the transformation of our parishes going forward.

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.

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

Honey from the hives at St Mary's. £9.00 for a 1lb jar. Please see Andrew Fowler after Mass contact him on 07914 751020

The Knights of St. Columba are an order that follows the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church and who work for the moral and social welfare of our communities. If you would like the opportunity to help "fundraise for charitable causes and make a difference", to have a purpose in life and make lifelong friends, then come and join us!

To find out more about the Knights of St. Columba contact Andrew Fowler on 07914 751020 or Cuthbert Culshaw on 07802 473504 or go to www.ksc.org.uk.

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. 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

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS - Castlerigg Manor

(The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Youth Ministry Internship Programme. The scheme gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the English Lake District. For more information contact

director@castleriggmanor.co.uk