

**Introduction** We belong to God, but not like inanimate objects. We have a choice. Belonging to God is belonging to God's creation in a way that allows God's creation to belong to us. We belong to each other, if we belong to God.

**First Reading** Isaiah 45:1. 4-6 - We are all instruments of God, but not always willingly, so that we do not know the true meaning of our lives.

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 - Sometimes we only appreciate the power of God's word in the lives of others who receive it. This is why converts will always give hope to the Church.

**Gospel** Matthew 22:15-21 - Don't be afraid of tough questions. Every question has an answer from God.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

### OCTOBER

**22** Elizabeth Duckworth **23** Monsignor Francis J Gillow (former PP), Bill Kelly, Jade M<sup>c</sup>Glashon **24** Mary Ann M<sup>c</sup>Callion **25** Joseph Miller, Joseph Allen, Norman Hodgkinson, Samuel Sellers

**26** Elizabeth Mercer, Eileen Rose Beatson **27** John Barry Dilworth, Peter Gudgeon **28** June Knowles, Bernard Gillies

**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** This weekend, 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.

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

### 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 22<sup>nd</sup> October 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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Repay to Caesar  
what is Caesar's and  
to God what is God's.

Matthew 22:21

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**SATURDAY 21 October**

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) Health of Oliver Lovly(sic) (7941)

**Mass will be live streamed from Parish website**

**SUNDAY 22 October (PMB page 143)**

**Mission Sunday**

9.00am(Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Pauline Hogan (7920)

**3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction**

6.00pm Tim Haley's Intentions (7945)

**Special Collection – World Missions**

**MONDAY 23 October - St. John of Capistrano (Opt Memorial)**

9.15am Recovery of Lucy Eshareturi from her spinal stroke (7913)

**TUESDAY 24 October - St. Anthony Mary Claret (Opt. Mem)**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 25 October**

9.15am Deceased Members Ryan Family –

Lilly, Francis & Austin (7935)

**THURSDAY 26 October**

**St. Chad & Cedd (Opt. Memorial)**

8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased Members SABS & Benefactors  
(7943)

**7.00pm (Cottam) Recitation of the Holy Rosary**

**The Rosary will be live streamed from Parish website**

**FRIDAY 27 October**

9.15am Holy Souls

**SATURDAY 28 October – Sts. Simon & Jude (Feast)**

9.15am **NO MASS**

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) Repose of the soul of Margaret Hindle  
(7942)

No Confessions next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**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.

**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 THIS Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October** to see how we might plan and implement a vision for the transformation of our parishes going forward.

**Books of Remembrance** During November we pray in a special way for the faithful departed. The Book of Remembrance will be on the sanctuary throughout the month. The Remembrance Book is available at the back of each of our churches, for you to add names of loved ones not already listed.

**Annual Cemetery Masses Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.**

**St Mary's Lea Town** the 9.00am Mass

**St Andrew's Cottam** Mass at 3.00pm followed by tea/coffee in the Haydock Room.

**Please inform relatives and friends** who may not live in our parish but who have loved ones buried in our cemeteries

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

**St Mary's a special Coffee Morning** on November 12<sup>th</sup> for a very special coffee morning straight after the 9 o'clock Mass. Everyone will be invited to help plant a new hedge and take part in a nature quiz (bring your wellies as this will be partly based in the grounds). Of course you're always welcome if you would just like a cup of tea or coffee and some cake. **Please note this replaces the November 5<sup>th</sup> coffee morning.**

**HELPING HANDS at ST MARY'S SCHOOL** Helps families that are in urgent need. At the back of St Mary's church is our Helping Hands Box for any kind donations of nonperishable food and toiletries. Our coffee mornings have raised over £70 for the school to use for children they see as in need.

**Can you help, please?** St Mary & St Andrews Catholic primary school in Barton serves the parishes of St Mary's, Barton and St Andrews, Cottam. There is currently a vacancy for a foundation governor, preferably someone with a background in finance. This is not a huge commitment in time, but is a very rewarding experience. If you're interested, please have an informal chat with Ann Holden after 10.30am Mass today, or contact the headteacher, Sarah Roach, at head@st-mary-st-andrews.lancs.sch.uk or 01772 **862335**.