

Introduction The changing season reminds us of death and dying. As the liturgical year draws to a close, we are encouraged to think about death and dying in the context of our faith. What are we looking forward to?

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom, God's loving purpose for us, is waiting for us to find her.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul gives us reasons to hope. If we die in Jesus, God will bring us with him to stay with him for ever.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus warns us to stay awake, ready for the bridegroom to come, ready for the wedding feast of heaven.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

NOVEMBER

12 Leo Warren **14** Siobhan Turner

16 Peter Bakalarski, Alan Fawcett, Mary Balshaw

17 Bishop Thomas Bernard Pearson (Aux. Bishop of Lancaster)

18 Michael Cray, Ellen Sanders, Herbert Sawarbrick

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need.

Thank you for your prayers.

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th November 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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**Stay awake for you
know neither the day
nor the hour.**

Matthew 25:13

SATURDAY 11 November

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) Successful Operation (7954)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website



SUNDAY 12 November (MB p152)
Remembrance Sunday



9.00am (Lea Town) All buried in St Mary's Cemetery

10.30am People of the Parish

3.00pm (Cottam) All buried in St Andrew's Cemetery

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

6.00pm Deceased Clergy of the Deanery

MONDAY 13 November

9.15am John McLaughlin (7939)

TUESDAY 14 November - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 15 November

St. Albert the Great (Opt Memorial)

9.15am (Cottam) Albert & Cecilia Whalley (7947)

THURSDAY 16 November

St. Edmund of Abingdon (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) Holy Souls (7948)

FRIDAY 17 November - St. Hilda (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am Repose of the soul of Margaret Wilson Lately Dead
(7953)

SATURDAY 18 November

Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul (Opt. Mem.)

9.15am NO MASS

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) Deceased brothers KSC Council 383
and widows

Confessions next Saturday 4.30pm to 5.00pm

NO Afternoon Devotions owing to the Cemetery Mass

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 THIS WEEKEND Sunday 12th 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.

St Andrew's Mulled Wine & Minced Pies Friday 8th December at 7pm
Parish social, all welcome.

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

St Mary's Special Coffee Morning TODAY 12th November, straight after the 9am 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.

Carol Service to be held at St. Mary's Church, Lea Town on **Friday 15th December at 7.00pm**. It will consist of carols, scripture readings, poems and bidding prayers. It will be followed by hot mulled wine (alcoholic and non alcoholic) and mince pies, in the annex. Please sign the list at the back of church for catering purposes.

Parish SVP Thank you for all the donations of non-perishable food and toiletries. We will continue to support our local food bank with your kind donations.

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.

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.