

Introduction: The theme that holds all the readings together today is faithfulness: faithfulness to God, faithfulness to our vows and promises, and faithfulness to Jesus whom Simon Peter calls “the Holy One of God”.

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua asks the people to renew their promise to serve the Lord always.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:21-32

St Paul speaks about marriage, obedience and fidelity, love and self-sacrifice.

Gospel John 6:60-69

Jesus, like Joshua, calls for his disciples to remain faithful after some had gone away.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

AUGUST

Lucy Barton, George Darwen and John Fleming

Mass Intentions Canon Adrian has just a very few Mass intentions left, required for specific dates, which explains why there are several Masses being celebrated this week with no Mass offerings or Intentions attached. 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 back of church.

Gift Aid This makes such a difference to our Parishes' income at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim 25p for every £1 you give. Please consider taking out a Standing Order, or if at St Andrew's you can register a payment card to use on the card reader, either online or the reader itself.

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**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th August 2024**

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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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Be subordinate to one
another out of reverence
to Christ.

Ephesians 5:21

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SATURDAY 24th August

5.30pm Vigil Mass Daniel Fowler (8195)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website



Welcome
To Elfie Margaret Simpson who will be baptised
today at St Mary's

SUNDAY 25th August – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.00am (Lea Town) Olive Osborne (5204)

10.30am Repose of the souls of Bernard Butler & Dorothy Butler
(8205)

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm People of the Parish

MONDAY 26th August

Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God (Dominic Barberi)

Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam

TUESDAY 27th August - NO MASS

St. Monica - Memorial

WEDNESDAY 28th August

St. Augustine - Memorial

9.15am Alison Hurst – (ill) (8213)

THURSDAY 29th August

The Passion of St. John the Baptist - Memorial

8.15am (Lea Town)

FRIDAY 30th August

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

SATURDAY 31st August

St. Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne – Opt. Memorial

9.15 am NO MASS

5.30pm Vigil Mass Michael Vincent (seriously ill) (8207)

No Confessions on Saturday 1st September

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction There is a break until 8th September.

Adoremus - Eucharistic National Congress 2024

Saturday 14th September 2024 10.30am – 6pm; Oscott Seminary, Birmingham. Come as a pilgrim for the Diocese of Lancaster to join Catholics from all over the country to a full day of renewing and deepening devotion to the Eucharist; led by Cardinal Nichols and all the bishops of England and Wales. The event will include Mass, Exposition, Eucharistic procession and benediction, rosary walk, museum visit, presentations and workshops.

Cost £25.00 to cover travel. Free entry. Coach leaving Workington (4am) with pick-ups in Carlisle (5am), Lancaster (6.30am) and Preston (7.30am). There are only 44 places for Lancaster Diocese. Booking is essential; email Helen Mackay at: helen.mackay@lrcd.org.uk Places will be allocated on a first come basis, following confirmation and payment. Further details of event schedule: [National Eucharistic Congress 2024 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Castlerigg – Gap Year

Do you know anyone who is still at a loose end for the year ahead and might be interested in joining the team at Castlerigg?

Our youth ministry internship program provides comprehensive training and experience which looks great on a CV. We also provide accommodation and food for the year as well as some pocket money each week.

Hundreds of young people from across the region have done gap at Castlerigg and found that it has really helped them to grow.

We are looking for people aged between 18 and 22 who identify as Christian and who are at least interested in growing in their faith.

We are taking very late applications, so if you know anybody who is interested, please have them get in touch with me - director@castleriggmanor.co.uk