

Introduction: Our faith is a wonderful gift and blessing, but Jesus warns us how it can go wrong and what we need to do to make it true and authentic.

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses rejoices at the great gift of the Law, which the Lord has given to his people, and urges them to keep his commandments.

Second Reading James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27 - St James insists that true religion involves not just words but actions like helping widows and orphans.

Gospel Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23 - Jesus tells us to make sure we observe God's commandment and not just human traditions.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

SEPTEMBER

2 Harry McGuinness **3** Pat Barrow **4** Harold Wareing

5 Margaret Rowe **6** Joseph Mercer, Lionel Dutton

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st September 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 doers of the word
and not hearers only.

James 1:22

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SATURDAY 31st August

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

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 1st September – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.00am Lea Town

10.30am Cottam People of the Parish

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Cottam

MONDAY 2nd September

9.15am Canon Nicholas McArdle 10th Anniversary

TUESDAY 3rd September - NO MASS

St. Gregory the Great - Feast

WEDNESDAY 4th September

St. Cuthbert – Memorial

7.30am NB time Cottam

THURSDAY 5th September

St. Herbert - Opt. Memorial

8.15am (Lea Town)

FRIDAY 6th September

9.15am Barbara Ashcroft (seriously ill) (8206)

SATURDAY 7th September

9.15 am Cottam

5.30pm Vigil Mass Mary Hurst (8186)

Confessions Saturday 4.30 – 5pm at St Andrew's.

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction Resumes 8th September.

Special Collection - Next Sunday is Education Day there will be a collection for the Catholic Education Services.

Sunday Missal

From Advent 2024 a new translation of the readings at Mass will be used. This means that the parish Mass books will no longer have the correct translations and will be redundant. If you would like to follow the Sunday Mass readings from Advent 2024 onwards, we have the opportunity for you to pre-order your personal Sunday Missal, covering the whole three year cycle of the Sunday readings. It is being offered at a discount, £13 instead of £18.99 in either red or blue binding.

There is a list at the back of church and also an online form on our parish website for you to pre-order. Payment will only be requested when the Missals arrive.

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

CSSA The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) will be conducting an audit of safeguarding processes in the Diocese of Lancaster in September 2024. As part of this audit, they would like to hear the views of as many people as possible about safeguarding in the Diocese.

There is a link on our parish website and the survey remains open until 1st September 2024.

Afternoon Club The club meets each **Tuesday** at 1.15pm, in the Haydock Room, Cottam. Prize bingo and refreshments. There will be a charge of 50p per book with no charge for refreshments.