

## Introduction:

In today's Mass we are reminded that God offers us courage, invites us to love without exception and brings us to healing and wholeness.

### First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

God offers courage to all those with faith.

### Second Reading James 2:1-5

Do not be deferential to those with riches or power.

### Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Our call to have "hearts without borders".

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

## SEPTEMBER

**8** Peter Ian Cross **11** Pauline Elizabeth Kelly **13** Elizabeth Evelyn  
Bernie, Nigel Mark Whalley **14** Jack Valentine

**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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8<sup>th</sup> 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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Then will the eyes of  
the blind be opened and  
the lame leap like a stag.

Isaiah 35:5–6

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## **SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> September**

5.30pm Vigil Mass Mass Mary Hurst (8186)

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

## **SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> September – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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9.00am Miles Stapleton (8127)

10.30am Cottam John Rochford – RIP (8209)

**Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today at 3.00pm at St Andrews**

6.00pm People of the Parish

## **MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**St. Peter Claver - Opt. Memorial**

9.15am Cottam

## **TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> September - NO MASS**

## **WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> September**

9.15am Cottam Patrick Smith – Lately Dead (8208)

## **THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**The Most Holy Name of Mary - Opt. Memorial**

8.15am (Lea Town)

## **FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**St. John Chrysostom - Memorial**

9.15am Cottam

## **SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast**

9.15 am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Vigil Mass Catherine Bentley (8202)

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

**Special Collection** - Today is Education Day there will be a special 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.

## **Next Sunday**

After the 10.30 a.m. Mass next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September in the Haydock Room there will be the opportunity to hear from Philo (Philomena), who is a guest of the Nuns and attached to their Order, her remarkable account of her miraculous healing which has been described as truly inspiring. All welcome.

## **Laudato Si**

Laudato Si - Caring for our precious Earth. Meeting 7pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September in St Mary's annexe.

Our speaker will be Bernard Pendleton, who cares for the grounds at The Willows, has worked at Myerscough and is a Britain in Bloom judge. He has many entertaining stories and insights. All are welcome, refreshments will be provided.

## **Bulb Planting**

Annual bulb planting at St Mary's on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October after 9am Mass. Coffee morning that day, everyone welcome, bug and foliage hunt for the children. Have your wellies and trowel at the ready.

**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.