

**Introduction:** The Gospels emphasise that the Son of Man came to serve, rather than to be served. Today we explore this, inspired by Jesus' example of service.

**First Reading** Isaiah 50:5-9

The anonymous servant of the Lord faces terrible persecution on account of his preaching. He does not resist.

**Second Reading** James 2:14-18 - James maintains that the real sign of faith is putting that faith into practice.

**Gospel** Mark 8:27-35 - Peter says, "You are the Christ," but he fails to see that the Christ must suffer.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**SEPTEMBER**

**14** Jack Valentine **15** John Bisby **16** James Michael McEnnerney  
**17** Ellen Gray, Marie Holtom, Mary Love **18** George Miller  
**19** Joseph Pegg **20** Eileen Wardle **21** Albert Whalley, Dr Robin  
Noblett, Margaret Mary Hammond

**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 tax payer 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
15<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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Keep warm and  
eat well

James 2:16

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**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
5.30pm Vigil Mass Catherine Bentley (8202)  
**This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website**



**Welcome**  
To Elliott Oliver Pitt who will be baptised today at  
St Andrew's

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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9.00am People of the Parish  
10.30am Cottam William Pyke – Anniversary (8216)  
**No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today**  
6.00pm Deceased Kennedy Family (8223)

**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian - Memorial**  
9.15am Cottam Fr Paul Fox & Family (8219)

**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> September - NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.15am Cottam Harry Ronson (8214)

**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
**St. Theodore of Canterbury - Opt. Memorial**  
8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of SABS & Benefactors (8215)

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions- Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Chris Graham (8220)

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**St. Matthew - Feast**  
9.15 am Cottam Holy Souls  
5.30pm Vigil Mass Mary Hurst RIP (8187)

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

**Special Collection** There is a Special Collection today for Home Mission Sunday- Evangelii Gaudium Day.

**Lancaster Diocese Faith & Justice Commission** Invites you to their 'BRINGING COMMUNITIES ALIVE' event on **Saturday 12th October** at the Lancaster Cathedral Social Centre, Balmoral Road, Lancaster, LA1 3BT.

Speakers will include: **Bishop Paul Swarbrick, Sir John Battle and Clare Dixon** from CAFOD. You are most welcome to attend for some or all of the day but **please bring your own lunch** if you are attending over the lunchtime period. Tea and coffee will be provided. If you would like to register your interest to come please contact Sue Grubic - **ldfjsue@gmail.com** or by text on **07791444417**

**Itinerary:** 10.00 – 10.30am Tea/coffee/welcome/prayer/Message from Fr Hugh Pollock Chair of Lancaster Diocese Faith and Justice Commission 10.30 – 11.00am – Keynote speaker- Bishop Paul How does Faith bring Communities together? (Stories from afar!) 11.15 – 11.15am - Tea/coffee 11.15 – 12.00 pm – Keynote speaker- Clare Dixon (CAFOD) 12.00pm – 12.30pm – Questions and responses 12.30 – 1.00pm – Lunch (Participants asked to bring their own) 1.00pm – 1.45pm – Keynote speaker- Sir John Battle 1.45pm – 2.00pm – Chat and Comfort break 2.00pm – 2.15pm - Keynote speaker- Alison Fisher 2.15pm – 3.00pm - Questions and responses 3.00pm – Final prayer – Fr Hugh

**Special Collection** Next Sunday there will be a Special Collection for the Bishop's Administration Fund.

**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.