

**Introduction:** There is a difference between being *childish* and being *childlike*. Today we are called to imitate the simple honesty and transparency of a small child who can sometimes recognise truths that adults have not noticed.

**First Reading** Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

Wrongdoers are reluctant to trust people who focus on doing what is right and sometimes try to catch them out.

**Second Reading** James 3:16 – 4:3 - Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

**Gospel** Mark 9:30-37

Jesus says that anyone who welcomes a little child in his name welcomes Christ himself; and anyone who welcomes Christ welcomes not him but the Father who sent him.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

### SEPTEMBER

**21** Mavis Tyrrell **22** Ron Carruthers, James Walmsley **23** Elsie Hardiker **24** Henry Rimmer, Fr Frank Hodson, Mary Pye **25** Vincent Crook, Ann Lakeland **26** Fred Barton, Fr James Keville **28** James Hayes

**Mass Intentions** Canon Adrian has just a very few Mass intentions left, required for specific dates. 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 22<sup>nd</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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Whoever receives  
one child such as  
this receives me.

Mark 9:37

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## **SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> September**

5.30pm Vigil Mass Mary Hurst RIP (8187)

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

## **SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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9.00am People of the Parish

10.30am Charles & Margaret Ronksey – Memorial (8233)

**Devotions and Benediction today at St Andrew's at 3.00pm**

6.00pm Repose of the soul of Walburga Myerscough (8237)

## **MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**St. Pius of Pietrelcina - Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Mary & Bernard Boylan RIP (8228)

## **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> September - NO MASS**

**Our Lady of Walsingham - Memorial**

## **WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> September**

9.15am Cottam John Cookson (8224)

## **THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Sts. Cosmas & Damian - Opt. Memorial**

8.15am (Lea Town) Repose of the soul of Walburga Wright (8236)

## **FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**St. Vincent de Paul - Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Rosemary Small RIP (8229)

## **SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**St. Wenceslaus - Opt. Memorial**

9.15 am Cottam Holy Souls

5.30pm Vigil Mass Adam Goldhawk (ill) (8235)

**Confessions** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 4.30 – 4.55pm at St Andrew's.

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



## **Welcome**

To Joseph John Riding who will be baptised today at St Andrew's

## **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 become redundant. Pre-Ordering has now closed, however, Missals can be ordered direct from the publisher Hodder & Stoughton: For sales enquiries email: missals@hodder.co.uk or call 020 3122 6074.

## **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.

## **Boarbank Hall Events** A week on Care for Creation (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October)

Advent Hope in Health weekend (6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> December) All events combine talks, prayer, time outdoors and social time. For more information, see [www.boarbankhall.org.uk/whats-on/](http://www.boarbankhall.org.uk/whats-on/) or email Sr Margaret Atkins on [margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk).

**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.