

Introduction: In today's Gospel Jesus turns water into wine, and it is not the only transformation that takes place: sadness is turned to joy and need into abundance. We, too, are invited to change; we, too, may be filled again with the Holy Spirit.

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so the Lord delights in his holy people.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Each person is specially and uniquely gifted. These gifts come from God and they are given so that all may benefit.

Gospel John 2:1-11

The wedding at Cana in Galilee was a sign of God's love for us. Jesus transforms us, too, that we might experience the Spirit-filled life.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

JANUARY

18 John Whalley, Margaret Carruthers, **19** Rt Rev. Hugh Lindsay (Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle) **20** Margaret Miller, Osbourne Phoenix **21** Joseph Gardner, Mary Hiles, Frank Curran **22** Richard Brierley, Veronica Harrison, Ted Russell **23** John Powell **24** Vincent Philbin, Ellen Boulton **25** George Longton, George Masey

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
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th January 2025**

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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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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As a groom rejoices in
his bride, so shall your God
rejoice in you.

Isaiah 62:5

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SATURDAY 18th January

5.30pm Vigil Mass John Whalley (8339)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 19th January (New Missals page 783)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Edmond & Damian Williams (8346)

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Cottam Jack Lord (8352)

MONDAY 20th January

St. Fabian – Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Margaret Miller (8347)

TUESDAY 21st January - NO MASS

St. Agnes - Memorial

WEDNESDAY 22nd January

St. Vincent – Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Kathleen Lord (8354)

THURSDAY 23rd January

8.15 am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of SABS & Benefactors (8344)

FRIDAY 24th January

St. Francis de Sales - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Marian Hallmarsh (8353)

SATURDAY 25th January

The Conversion of St. Paul - Feast

9.15 am Cottam Mildred and Stephen Ogdin (8340)

5.30pm Vigil Mass Frank Curran – Anniversary (8334)

Confessions Saturday 25th January 4.30pm – 4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Today is the Day of Prayer for Peace

Network for a Better World

At Masses next week we welcome Sheila Cogley from Network for a Better World, a lay missionary group which works for the relief of poverty with specific support for women and children in a rural mission parish in Southern Malawi. She will speak about the work of the organization and how we can all be involved in the mission of the Church overseas. There will be a retiring collection in support of their work.

Sacramental Preparation Classes

We are looking forward to starting our Sacramental Preparation Classes. Please contact Canon Adrian or School if you wish your child to take part. Classes will be led by Jackie Fitzpatrick and Angela Pye, both retired teachers, at 3.20pm after school in the Church Annexe and collected after class at 4.20pm.

First Reconciliation Dates:

11th February

25th February

4th March (First Confession)

First Holy Communion Dates:

25th March

1st April

22nd April

27th April (First Holy Communion)

PACT – Police and Communities Together

On Tuesday the 28th January there is a PACT meeting in the Haydock Room from 6.30pm – 7.30pm for parishioners and the local community, with Ben Ward the elected County Councillor and Police Officers currently working in our area. It is an opportunity to discuss any problems or questions you may have.

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.