

Introduction: On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord we renew the promises we made at our own baptism: that we will be the Lord's loyal followers and be generous with our lives in the way that he has shown us.

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

The glory of the Lord will be revealed for all of us to see it.

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God has saved us through the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

JANUARY

11 Victor Wells **13** Joan Cookson **14** John Lamb, Jane Pegg, Mary Margaret McMurrough **15** Ellen Sumner, Catherine Green **18** John Whalley, Margaret Carruthers

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 The Baptism of the Lord 12th 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.

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You will be baptised with
the Holy Spirit and fire.

Luke 3:16

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SATURDAY 11th January

5.30pm Vigil Mass Success of an operation (8335)
This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 12th December (New Missals page 74)

The Baptism of the Lord - Feast

9.00am (Lea Town) Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8321)

10.30am Cottam People of the Parish

Afternoon Devotions & Benediction today at 3.00pm at St Andrew's

6.00pm Cottam Gerard Salisbury (8305)

MONDAY 13th January

St.Kentigern – Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Phillips & Boylan Families Deceased (8331)

TUESDAY 14th January - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 15th January

9.15am Cottam Winifred & William Fowler (8337)

THURSDAY 16th January

8.15 am (Lea Town) Mary Griffin – Lately Dead (8336)

FRIDAY 17th January

St Anthony - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Anthony & Damian (8332)

SATURDAY 18th January

The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15 am Cottam Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

5.30pm Vigil Mass John Whalley (8339)

Confessions Saturday 18th January 4.30pm – 4.55pm at St Andrew's.

White Flower Appeal – The annual appeal of The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will take place **this weekend**. Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please be as generous as you can.



Welcome

To Sylvie Anna Dickinson and Elma Bel Dickinson who will be baptised today at St Mary's

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)

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

Afternoon Club The club meets this **Tuesday 14th January** 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.