

**Introduction:** This Sunday has been designated by the Church as the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a day for us to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches.

**First Reading** Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

After their return to their homeland from exile, the people of Israel are moved to tears by the public reading of God's word.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 - St Paul teaches that we together are Christ's body, made up of many different parts.

**Gospel** Luke 1:1-1-4; 4:14-21

The beginning of Luke's Gospel: Jesus proclaims God's word and sets out his mission statement.

Please pray for Shaun Aspden and all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

#### **JANUARY**

**25** George Longton, George Masey **26** Frank Turner, Mary Burrow  
**27** Sheila Barker, Lilian Singleton, **28** Kathleen Gosling, Kathleen Parr  
**29** George Spencer, Annie Waring, Patricia Ethrington, Francis Kerfoot  
Vera Phoenix **30** Arthur Gray, Patricia Dickinson **31** Margaret Cray

#### **FEBRUARY**

**1** Bernard Parkinson, Joyce Clayton

**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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 26<sup>th</sup> 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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He has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings.

Luke 4:18

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### **SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> January**

5.30pm Vigil Mass Frank Curran – Anniversary (8334)  
**This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website**

### **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> January** (New Missals page 787)

#### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Martin Doherty RIP (8348)

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

6.00pm Cottam Members & Benefactors Living & Dead Lancashire  
Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8321)

### **MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **St. Angela Merici – Opt. Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Strength in Marriage (8367)

### **TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> January - NO MASS**

#### **St. Thomas Aquinas - Memorial**

### **WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> January**

9.15am Cottam Teresa Possamai (8349)

### **THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> January**

8.15 am (Lea Town) Paul Johnstone – Lately Dead (8338)

### **FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> January**

#### **St. John Bosco - Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Juliet Banks (8314)

### **SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> February**

9.15 am Cottam **NO MASS**

5.30pm Vigil Mass Angela Eugenia Madronero Vargas (8279)

**No Confessions** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

**There is a Mission Appeal today.**

### **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.

### **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:**

11<sup>th</sup> February

25<sup>th</sup> February

4<sup>th</sup> March (First Confession)

#### **First Holy Communion Dates:**

25<sup>th</sup> March

1<sup>st</sup> April

22<sup>nd</sup> April

27<sup>th</sup> April (First Holy Communion)

### **Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes during this Diocesan Centenary Year.

For further information please check the Diocesan Pilgrimage Website [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk) or

email [operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk)

### **Centenary Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Book before 11<sup>th</sup> February the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes to receive a £100 contribution from the Diocese, which will be paid on receipt of £100 deposit.

Email [youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk) for details.

### **PACT – Police and Communities Together**

On Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> 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.