

Introduction: Today is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church. We are celebrating, not only a momentous event that happened long ago, but the outpouring of God's love into our lives day by day.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11 - An unusual noise brought people rushing to where the apostles were. They found them filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in diverse languages.

Second Reading Romans 8:8-17

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit transforms human beings so that they become spiritual people.

Gospel John 14:15-16. 23-26

The Spirit of God comes to dwell with all who live by Christ's teachings, guiding them in how to live.

Please pray for Margaret Mary Doherty lately dead and all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

JUNE

7 Thomas Grimshaw, Richard Salisbury **8** Marjorie Miller **9** George Holden, Mildred Wareing **10** Rose Robinson, Bishop John Brewer (4th Bishop of Lancaster) **11** Gerard Francis Ibison, Margaret Wells, Edmond Williams **12** George Green **13** Phillip Forrest **14** Pamela Gudgeon

Lark Hill Association

All past pupils of Lark Hill Convent School, Preston are invited to come to Cardinal Newman College, Preston on Saturday 29th June for a Mass at 2.00pm in the Chapel followed by a get together. This is a chance to meet up with friends and there will be opportunity to explore the College on the Lark Hill site.

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.

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Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town Pentecost 8th June 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 breathed on them
and said,
"Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 20:22

SATURDAY 7th June

5.30pm Vigil Mass Thomas Singleton (8379)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 8th June (New Missals page 876)

Pentecost - Solemnity

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Patrick Ruane – Anniversary (8454)

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

6.00pm Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

MONDAY 9th June

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church - Memorial

9.15 am Cottam Mary Hellon (8456)

TUESDAY 10th June

9.15am Cottam - **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 11th June

St. Barnabas - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Neil Power – Recently Deceased (8463)

THURSDAY 12th June

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest - Feast

8.15am Lea Town Sr. Genevieve SABS – RIP (8465)

FRIDAY 13th June

St. Anthony of Padua – Memorial

9.15am Cottam Eileen Finn (8468)

SATURDAY 14th June

9.15am Cottam Holy Souls

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Repose of the soul of Mrs Vera Towers (8424)

Confessions Saturday 14th June 4.30pm – 4.55pm at St Andrew's.

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.

Annual Deanery Corpus Christi Procession led by Canon Adrian will begin at St Walburge's at **2.00pm on Sunday 22nd June**. Readings, prayers, hymns, outdoor procession and Benediction. All parish groups including First Holy Communicants are encouraged to come along and join in this public act of witness of our Faith and to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. In the event of rain the procession will be held in the church.

Message From Fr. Philip

The Syrian Refugees and the Displaced Lebanese thank Canon Towers and the parishes of St. Andrew, Cottam and St. Mary, Lea Town for their donations to Aid to the Church in Need project in Zahleh, Lebanon.

St. Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam donated £505.00

St. Mary, Lea Town donated £170.00. Thank you.

The project aims to feed 1500 Refugees each weekday and with special care and attention to the Sick, Elderly and Infirm.

Aid to the Church in Need advises that 10 euros (roughly £10) will feed ONE person for ONE week.

The total raised is £9,100.20 Thank you.

Fr. Philip will offer three Masses for the intentions and well-being of all benefactors.

In Christ, Fr. Philip

Confirmations 2025

Preparation classes are currently taking place on a Monday afternoon at St Mary's School 3.15pm to 4.30pm. We will be joining Our Lady & St Edward's Parish for Service of Confirmation which is to take place on **Monday 23rd June** at 6.30pm.

Date for your Diary – Parish Social Evening

Indian Evening is Friday 27th June in the Haydock room. Indian Food. Ticket price £15.00 available after weekend Masses. Arrive from 6.30pm, meal will be served at 7pm.