

Introduction: Jesus journeys towards Jerusalem and his destiny. He is totally focused on his mission and the destination to which he journeys. Often those he encounters on the way have a poor appreciation of what is really valuable in life.

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 - "Vanity of vanities." Possibly the most striking introduction to any biblical book. The writer has come to realise that material things give no lasting joy.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11
A focus on the things of the life beyond this is the non-negotiable centre of life for those who believe in Christ.

Gospel Luke 12:13-21 - A family dispute is aired in public. Jesus is not impressed at being drawn into the argument.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

AUGUST

2 Joseph Allen **3** Teresa Begley **4** The Haworth Family **5** Jean Laking
6 Mary Gilligan **8** Peter Ian Cross

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 taxpayer 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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd August 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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What profit comes from
toil and anxiety?

Ecclesiastes 2:22

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SATURDAY 2nd August

5.30pm Vigil Mass Mary & David Hurst (8487)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish Website

SUNDAY 3rd August

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Missals page 936)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam James Cookson (8502)

Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today at 3.00pm at St Andrews

6.00pm Cottam Holy Souls

MONDAY 4th August

St. John Vianney - Memorial

9.15 am Cottam

TUESDAY 5th August

Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major – Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 6th August

The Transfiguration of the Lord - Feast

9.15am Cottam John Cookson (8499)

THURSDAY 7th August

St. Edmund Arrowsmith, St. Ambrose Barlow & Companions

Lancashire Martyrs - Memorial

8.15am (Lea Town)

FRIDAY 8th August

St. Dominic - Memorial

9.15am Cottam

SATURDAY 9th August

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

(Edith Stein) – Feast

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass In thanksgiving for the marriage of Rebecca Lord & Michael McCullough (8506)

No Confessions Saturday 9th August

Please note there will be a break in Afternoon Devotions and Benediction after this Sunday until September.



Welcome

Amal Fernandes-Mascarenhas who will be baptised today at St Andrew's

Eucharistic Ministers

Deacon John Cliffe will be celebrating a Holy Hour at St Andrew's on Tuesday evening 19th August at 7pm for all existing Eucharistic Ministers and also the newly asked to be Ministers. All will be shown what to do and commissioned. This is for both parishes St Andrew's and St Mary's. If you cannot attend please let Deacon John know.

St Francis Leprosy Guild – working for a world without Leprosy

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity. Founded in 1895, and with Cardinal Vincent Nichols as our patron, SFLG today supports over 30 centres in 13 countries, caring for people who have been marginalised by leprosy. We also fund research projects, hospitals and an active case-finding programme to detect and diagnose people affected by leprosy as early as possible to stop the transmission of the disease and prevent lifelong disabilities occurring.

Will you help SFLG work towards a leprosy-free world?

For more information, please find our Spring Newsletter at the back of the church, visit our website www.stfrancisleprosy.org or email parishes "stfrancisleprosy.org"

A Thank You from CAFOD

A big thank you for supporting our parish petition on debt justice at St Andrews, Cottam and St Mary's Lea Town, and adding your voices to the voices of many Catholics across the world calling for a financial system which restores justice and human dignity across the globe.

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.