

Introduction: Today's readings speak to us of drawing closer to God in prayer. It's through prayer that we can grow in friendship and communion with God.

First Reading Genesis 18:20-32 - Abraham, the friend of God, asks God to have mercy on a sinful city.

Second Reading Colossians 2:12-1 - Paul assures us that God's forgiveness of sin is total and absolute.

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches those who follow him to call God "Father" and invites them into his own life of prayer.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time especially
Anne Marie Porter lately dead

JULY

26 Margaret Swarbrick **30** James Gardner, Terry Entwistle, Mary Moore

31 Rose Masheter, Jim Cookson

AUGUST

1 The Green Family **2** Joseph Allen

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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th July 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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Christ has forgiven our
transgressions, obliterated
the bond against us,
nailing it to the tree.

Colossians 2:13–14

SATURDAY 26th July

5.30pm Vigil Mass Mother Anila's Intentions (8495)

Please note this weekend the 6pm Mass will be live streamed

SUNDAY 27th July

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 932)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Winifred Winders (8503)

Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today at 3.00pm at St Andrews

6.00pm Cottam Holy Souls

MONDAY 28th July

9.15 am Cottam

TUESDAY 29th July

Sts. Mary, Martha & Lazarus - Memorial

9.15am Cottam - **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 30th July

St. Peter Chrysologus – Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Successful Operation for Sheila (8504)

THURSDAY 31st July

St. Ignatius of Loyola - Memorial

8.15am (Lea Town)

FRIDAY 1st August

St. Alphonsus - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Repose of the soul of Don Agostino Strumia (8505)

SATURDAY 2nd August

St. Peter Julian Eymard – Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Mary & David Hurst (8487)

Confessions Saturday 2nd August 4.30pm – 4.55pm 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.

Family and Group Stays at Castlerigg Manor this August

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and this summer they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups. A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/open/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Once again we are having an Open Day this September. It's happening on Sunday 14th September. Doors open at Midday. Mass with Bishop Paul at 2pm.

CAFOD- Cancel Debt, Choose Hope

The world is currently facing one of the most severe debt crises in history, 54 countries are facing debt distress. In this Jubilee year, time to act is now, to restore justice and human dignity. Please sign the petition at the back of church to help fulfil Pope Francis's words:

'It's more a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice.'

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.