

Introduction: Today's readings tell us stories of offering welcome to strangers and showing true hospitality. As we gather here today, we too are being offered the hospitality of God.

First Reading Genesis 18:1-10 - Abraham and Sarah unwittingly offer hospitality to God and receive God's blessing.

Second Reading Colossians 1:24-28

Paul unites his own sufferings with those of Christ for the Church.

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

On being welcomed into their home, Jesus teaches Martha and Mary the meaning of true hospitality.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

21 Sarah Cray, Mary Allen, Marian Taylor, Kathleen Gallagher

22 Roseann Haughey, Mary Milton **23** Clare Brierley, Doreen Keefe

24 Monica Brierley **25** Roy Anderton **26** Margaret Swarbrick

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.

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.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th 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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There is need of
Only one thing.

Luke 10:42

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SATURDAY 19th July

5.30pm Vigil Mass Vera Towers (8452)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish Website

SUNDAY 20th July

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 928)

9.00 am (Lea Town) Olive Osborne

10.30am Cottam People of the Parish

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Cottam Repose of the soul of HH Gerard Humphries
KC*HS (8496)

MONDAY 21st July

St. Laurence of Brindisi – Opt. Memorial

9.15 am Cottam Holy Souls

TUESDAY 22nd July

St. Mary Magdalen - Feast

9.15am Cottam - **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 23rd July

St. Bridget – Feast

9.15am Cottam Doreen Keefe (8351)

THURSDAY 24th July

St. John Boste, Bl. Christopher Robinson & Companions

Martyrs of Cumbria - Memorial

8.15am (Lea Town) Patrick & Delia Durkin (8359)

FRIDAY 25th July

St. James - Feast

9.15am Cottam Ellen Clarkson - Birthday Memories (8491)

SATURDAY 26th July

St. Joachim & St. Anne - Memorial

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

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

No Confessions Saturday 26th July

Special Collection today for the Good Shepherd Fund



Welcome

Frankie Marie Simpson who will be baptised
today at St Andrew's

Congratulations to Rebecca Lord and Michael McCullough who will be married on Saturday 26th July at St Mary & St James, Scorton. Canon Adrian will be officiating.

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.'

St Mary's Red Boxes

Could red Missio box holders please bring them to church for collection by Sunday 27th July. If anyone has a box which they want collecting but are unable to come to church can they please contact Patricia by text or phone – 07532 820662.

The summer edition of the Missio magazine is available at the back of church.

Lourdes Petitions or Candle Donations Deacon John Cliffe will be going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July, if you have any petitions that you would like him to take, or donations to light candles in Lourdes, please let Deacon John know, or place envelopes at the back of church or in the collection by latest 20th July.

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.