

**Introduction:** Jesus came to set the earth ablaze with the purifying fire of God's Holy Spirit, and in today's Mass we glimpse his vision of a world transformed. We, too, like the saints who have gone before us, are called to be a stirring, sometimes disquieting, presence in the world in which we live.

**First Reading** Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10 - People resisted the uncomfortable truths spoken by Jeremiah and threw him into an empty well. He was rescued, not by someone of his own faith, but by a man, like him, who was prepared to speak out for what was right.

**Second Reading** Hebrews 12:1-4 - Inspired by the saints who have gone before us, and especially by the sacrifice of Jesus, we persevere in the living out of our faith, however much people may oppose us.

**Gospel** Luke 12:49-53 - Before he could baptise the world with the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit, Jesus knew he must undergo the ordeal of crucifixion. In people's responses to him, many a household will be divided.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

### **AUGUST**

**16** James Michael McEnnerney **17** Ellen Gray, Marie Holtom, Mary Love **18** George Miller **19** Joseph Pegg **20** Eileen Wardle **21** Albert Whalley, Dr Robin Noblett, Margaret Mary Hammond **22** William Vincent Hall **23** David Haslem

### **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.

### **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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17<sup>th</sup> 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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Let us persevere in running  
the race that lies before us.

Hebrews 12:1

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### **SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> August**

5.30pm Vigil Mass Henry (Harry) Finn – Anniversary (8509)  
**This Mass will be live streamed from Parish Website**

### **SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> August**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (New Missals page 944)

9.00 am (Lea Town) Olive Osborne – Anniversary (8513)

10.30am Cottam Gerard Edward Dickinson (8518)

**No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today**

6.00pm Cottam People of the Parish

### **MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> August**

9.15 am Cottam Thanking God and praying for his continued mercies, for life,  
good health and happiness (8514)

### **TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> August**

**St. John Eudes - Opt. Memorial**

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

### **WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**St. Bernard - Memorial**

9.15am Cottam

### **THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> August**

**St. Pius X - Memorial**

8.15am (Lea Town)

### **FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Memorial**

9.15am Cottam

### **SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

**St. Rose of Lima – Opt. Memorial**

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Trudy Hide (ill) (8510)

**Confessions** resume Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Deacon John Cliffe will be celebrating a Holy Hour at St Andrew's on Tuesday evening 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic?**

Beginning on Wednesday evenings in October at St Andrew's there will be the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith and preparation for those who wish to become Catholics. More information to follow.

### **Share-It Foodbank**

Our Share-It foodbank group at St Andrew's would like to thank the kind donors of food and other necessities, which we collect in a box in the church porch. We would be especially grateful for hair shampoo at the moment – must be the hot weather! Thank you!

### **Thank You from Stella Maris**

Thank you to all parishioners who gave generously to the special collection on Sea Sunday. St Andrew's total was £203.51 and St Mary's £41.70. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend of seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk)

### **Red Mission Boxes - St Mary's**

Thank you to all parishioner's who returned their Mission Boxes, the amount raised was £136.39 this has been sent to Missio.

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's**

Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. St Mary's will be open at these times and anyone who wishes to pay a visit and spend some time in prayer are most welcome.