

Introduction: The invitation to be a member of God's family is offered to everyone, whatever their nationality or status. This is good news, and it is the news that we are told to go and proclaim to the nations.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord is coming to gather all peoples to himself so that all will be witnesses to his light and his love.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that suffering is a part of life, but the lessons we learn from it can lead us to grow in compassion and love of others.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Those who assume they have some right to a place in the kingdom of God before others are in for a nasty shock. The invitation goes out to all the nations and excludes no one; but there are those who may miss out because of their arrogance or complacency.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

AUGUST

23 David Haslem **27** Lucy Barton, George Darwen **29** John Fleming,
Marie Theresa Livesey

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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th 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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For what child is
there that a father
does not discipline?

Hebrews 12:7

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SATURDAY 23rd August

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

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish Website

SUNDAY 24th August

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Missals page 948)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Albert & Cecilia Whalley (8508)

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Cottam Celebrant's Intention

MONDAY 25th August

St. Louis - Opt. Memorial

9.15 am Cottam

TUESDAY 26th August

Dominic Barberi - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 27th August

St. Monica - Memorial

9.15am Cottam

THURSDAY 28th August

St. Augustine - Memorial

8.15am (Lea Town)

FRIDAY 29th August

The Passion of St. John the Baptist - Memorial

9.15am Cottam

SATURDAY 30th August

Sts. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward

Martyrs - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Bernard & Dorothy Butler (8519)

Confessions resume Saturday 20th September.

Please note Afternoon Devotions and Benediction resumes 21st September.

Next Sunday there is a Special Collection for Catholic Trust of England & Wales.



Welcome

Freddy James Fletcher who will be baptised today at St Mary's

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.

The Martyr-Saints of the North West, 12-14 September 2025

Join us for this weekend studying some of the Reformation-era Martyrs of the North West region. Part retreat, part biographical, the weekend will be led by Mgr John Allen of Salford Diocese, who has recently published a history of the Diocese with a forward by Eamon Duffy.

For more information and to book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/>

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!

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.

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.