

**Introduction:** Pride and humility – these are the contrasting themes found in the scriptures today. Let us ask God to take away our pride and to grant us humility.

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29

The author stresses the importance of humility for those in positions of authority and the unfortunate state of those who are overcome by pride.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24

The assembly of Moses and the people at Mount Sinai, when God's gift of the Law was accompanied by thunder, lightning and fire, is contrasted with the assembly in the heavenly sanctuary of all who are redeemed in Christ.

**Gospel:** Luke 14:1. 7-14

When guests at a meal choose places of honour for themselves, Jesus reminds them that in the kingdom of heaven it is the lowly who will be exalted.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

### **SEPTEMBER**

**2** Harry McGuinness **3** Pat Barrow **4** Harold Wareing **5** Margaret Rowe  
**6** Joseph Mercer, Lionel Dutton

### **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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 31<sup>st</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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**You have approached  
Jesus, the mediator  
of a new covenant.**

**Hebrews 12:22-24**

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## **SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> August**

5.30pm Vigil Mass Bernard & Dorothy Butler (8519)

**This Mass will be live streamed from Parish Website**

## **SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(New Missals page 952)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Thanking God and praying for his continued mercies, for life, good health and progress (8515)

6.00pm Cottam Willie Pike - RIP Anniversary (8522)

## **MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

9.15 am Cottam

## **TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

## **WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**St. Gregory the Great - Feast**

9.15am Cottam

## **THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**St. Cuthbert - Memorial**

8.15am (Lea Town)

## **FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**St. Herbert – Opt. Memorial**

9.15am Cottam

## **SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> September**

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Chris Mould (8511)

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

**Please note** Afternoon Devotions and Benediction resumes 21<sup>st</sup> September.



## **Welcome**

Edward James Stewart-Lynskey who will be baptised today at St Andrew's

**Special Collection** this weekend for Catholic Trust for England and Wales. Please give generously, as the levies on each parish are £831.38 for St Andrew's and £168.81 for 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/>

## **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.