

Introduction: The parables of the Gospels, especially Luke, are often parables of entrustment, but God has entrusted to us not just the good things of this world, but Christ his Son, through whom we are to redeem the world.

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

Liturgy is not something to get over with. It is the point of living.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8 - Our opinion about leaders is worth so much less than our prayers for them.

Gospel Luke 16:1-13 - The unjust steward is driven by his own self-interest, but this does not fool his master.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

SEPTEMBER

20 William Powell, Mary Ellen Thompson **21** Mavis Tyrrell **22** Ron Carruthers, James Walmsley **23** Elsie Hardiker **24** Henry Rimmer
Fr Frank Hodson, Mary Pye **25** Vincent Crook, Ann Lakeland
26 Fred Barton, Fr James Keville **27** James Ambrose Hays

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.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st September 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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Never will I forget a thing
that they have done!

Amos 8:7

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SATURDAY 20th September

5.30pm Vigil Mass Jenny Jones (ill) (8523)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish Website

SUNDAY 21st September

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 964)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Marie Hothersall (8540)

Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today at 3.00pm at St Andrews

6.00pm Cottam James Walmsley - Anniversary (8546)

MONDAY 22nd September

9.15 am Cottam Julie Therese Butler (8520)

TUESDAY 23rd September

St. Pius of Pietrelcina - Memorial

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham - Feast

9.15am NB Lea Town Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY 25th September

8.15am (Lea Town) Patrick Daly (8548)

FRIDAY 26th September

Sts. Cosmas & Damian - Opt. Memorial

9.15am NB Lea Town Bernard & Mary Boylan RIP (8526)

SATURDAY 27th September

St. Vincent de Paul - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Eileen McGowan RIP and Rosemary Small RIP (8525)

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Vocations to our Diocesan Priesthood (8545)

Confessions resume next Saturday 27th September 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Next Sunday

There will be a special collection for the **Bishops Administration Fund**.

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

Beginning on Wednesday October 8th 7.00pm – 8.00pm 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. It is also open to anyone wanting to know more about our Faith.

Diocesan Centenary Mass of Celebration

Will be held at the cathedral at 11.30am on Saturday 18th October.

Entrance by ticket only. We have only been allocated 4 tickets because of limited numbers reserved for parishes within the Diocese. If you would like to go, please sign the list at the back of the churches and the first four names drawn out by lot shall be given the tickets. The draw will be made after the evening Mass next Sunday.

Thinking of being a Priest?

Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: **Saturday 22nd November 10am-4pm at the Cathedral in Lancaster.** The day will include Mass, adoration, guided prayer, talks to assist discernment, lunch. To book email Heather:

Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk or Tel:01524 841190. There is no charge.

Date for your Diary

As a commitment to **Laudato Si** - Caring for our precious Earth, there will be **Bulb Planting** at St Mary's on Sunday 12th October after 9am Mass. Coffee morning that day, everyone welcome, bug and foliage hunt for the children. Have your suitable clothing, wellies and trowel ready.

Family & Group Stays at Castlerigg Manor this October Half Term

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups once again during October Half Term (Oct 27th-31st). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country.

Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/>

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