

Introduction: God's Spirit of love is at work in all our lives. Let us be bold and use the gifts God has given us. Let us fan the flames of faith to serve others and the common good.

First Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The prophet is overwhelmed by all the violence he sees and asks why God tolerates evil deeds.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14 - Paul teaches that "the spirit of timidity" does not come from God and that we should not be ashamed of our testimony to Jesus Christ.

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

Proximity to Jesus does not guarantee unwavering faith. According to Luke, the ones closest to Jesus believe they need more faith. "Increase our faith," they plead.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

OCTOBER

4 Robert & Elizabeth Haslem, Bernard Chambers **5** Monica Healy, Joan Hynes, Edmund Snailham **6** Doris Bond, Judith Mary Holman, **7** Ellen (Nell) Fellows, Agnes Fletcher, **8** Mary Grimshaw, Marie Brickell **10** Pat Eastham, Henry Hall

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th October 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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Bear your share of the
hardship for the gospel
with the strength that
comes from God.

2 Timothy 1:8

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SATURDAY 4th October

5.30pm Vigil Mass John Durkin (8360)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish Website

SUNDAY 5th October

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 972)

9.00 am (Lea Town) Private Intention (8549)

10.30am Cottam People of the Parish

Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today at 3.00pm at St Andrews

6.00pm Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

MONDAY 6th October

St. Bruno – Opt. Memorial

9.15 am Cottam Christopher Alldred (8534)

TUESDAY 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary - Memorial

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 8th October

9.15am Cottam Sylvester Lakeland (8543)

THURSDAY 9th October

St. John Henry Newman - Feast

11.00am NB Time (Lea Town) School Welcome Mass

FRIDAY 10th October

St. Paulinus of York - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Repose of the souls of Walburga Wright and
Walburga Myerscough (8544)

SATURDAY 11th October

St. John XXIII - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Rimmer Family (8529)

No Confessions next Saturday 11th October.

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

Beginning **this 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.**

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/>
or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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.