

Introduction: Today's readings are not for the faint-hearted; they tell us that faith is of little value unless it is reflected in the way we live our lives.

First Reading Amos 6:1. 4-7

Amos condemns the people of Samaria who lounge comfortably on their couches while the nation is facing moral disaster.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Timothy is urged to live a Christian life of faith, love and patience, that he may be ready for the coming of Christ.

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

The ancient parable of the rich man who ignored his poverty-stricken neighbour speaks powerfully to the modern world.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

SEPTEMBER

27 James Ambrose Hays **28** James Hayes **29** James Flemming

30 Netchell Roocroft

OCTOBER

1 Charles Edward Power **2** Cecilia Whalley, Alice McCauley

3 Catherine Connolly **4** Robert & Elizabeth Haslem, Bernard Chambers

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
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
28th 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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Their wanton revelry shall
be done away with.

Amos 6:7

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SATURDAY 27th September

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

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish Website

SUNDAY 28th September

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 968)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Ann Ruane – First Anniversary (8542)

Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today at 3.00pm at St Andrews

6.00pm Cottam Holy Souls

MONDAY 29th September

Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Feast

9.15 am Cottam Mrs Indrani Gorosingne (8528)

TUESDAY 30th September

St. Jerome - Memorial

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 1st October

St. Therese of the Child Jesus - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Christopher Aldred (8533)

THURSDAY 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels - Memorial

8.15am (Lea Town)

FRIDAY 3rd October

Harvest Fast Day

9.15am Cottam Mrs Sheila Holt – Lately Dead (8536)

SATURDAY 4th October

St. Francis of Assisi - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass John Durkin (8360)

Confessions Saturday 4th October 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Cafod Family Fast Day Friday 3rd October Please give generously – you are truly offering new signs of hope in this Jubilee Year.



Welcome

Matilda and Henry Stone who will be baptised today at St Mary's

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.

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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