

Introduction: As we gather here to celebrate the Eucharist together, let us offer Jesus our love and our commitment.

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

No human being can know God's mind; it is hard enough to work out what is on earth. God's wisdom has taught human beings those things that it pleases God for us to know.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10. 12-17

St Paul writes a plea to Philemon. The letter accompanies a freed slave, Onesimus. Paul doesn't just ask for mercy for Onesimus; he requests that Philemon welcomes him as a brother in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus addresses the crowds and tells them that in order to follow him they must reject their families and take up their cross. He asks which of them wouldn't plan properly before going into battle or building a tower.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

SEPTEMBER

6 Joseph Mercer, Lionel Dutton **8** Jack Basley, Joseph Rainford
10 Margaret Bury, Ethel Bannister, Una Worrall **11** Michael Masheter,
Ron Watts **12** William Green **13** Betty Hollinghurst, Marie Hayes

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.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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The earthen shelter
weighs down the mind
that has many concerns.

Wisdom 9:15

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SATURDAY 6th September

5.30pm Vigil Mass Chris Mould (8511)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish Website

SUNDAY 7th September

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 955)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land (8524)

6.00pm Cottam Celebrant's Intention

MONDAY 8th September

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast

9.15 am Cottam

TUESDAY 9th September

St. Peter Claver - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 10th September

9.15am Cottam Thanking God and praying for his continued mercies, for life, good health and progress (8516)

THURSDAY 11th September

8.15am (Lea Town)

FRIDAY 12th September

The Most Holy Name of Mary - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam

SATURDAY 13th September

St. John Chrysostom - Memorial

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Gillian Pearson (8521)

Confessions resume Saturday 20th September.

Please note Afternoon Devotions and Benediction resumes 21st September.

Next Sunday is the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** and Education Day, there will be a special collection for Catholic Education Services at all Masses.

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.

St Francis Leprosy Guild – working for a world without Leprosy

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity. Founded in 1895, and with Cardinal Vincent Nichols as our patron, SFLG today supports over 30 centres in 13 countries, caring for people who have been marginalised by leprosy. We also fund research projects, hospitals and an active case-finding programme to detect and diagnose people affected by leprosy as early as possible to stop the transmission of the disease and prevent lifelong disabilities occurring.

Will you help SFLG work towards a leprosy-free world?

For more information, please find our Spring Newsletter at the back of the church, visit our website www.stfrancisleprosy.org or email parishes stfrancisleprosy.org

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.