

Introduction: Our God is a God of mercy, who hears the cry of poor people and cares for those who are oppressed and for widows. As Christians we are called to be “apostles of hope” to those on the margins of life.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19 The Lord hears our prayers and calls us to serve him with all our hearts.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18 In all the circumstances of our lives, God is always with us.

Gospel Luke 18:9-14 It is those who acknowledge their own sin and weakness who are open to receive God’s mercy.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

OCTOBER

25 Joseph Miller, Joseph Allen, Norman Hodgkinson, Samuel Sellers
26 Elizabeth Mercer, Eileen Rose Beatson **27** John Barry Dilworth,
Peter Gudgeon **28** June Knowles, Bernard Gillies, Penelope Ann
Chaloner **29** Clive Matthews, Marjorie Richardson, Michael McCartney
30 Ann Pollett **31** Elizabeth Haslem, Sheila Entwistle

NOVEMBER

1 Catherine Green, Jessie McGaharan, Nadia Farrelly, Richard Miller,
Joseph Reeder Melling, Noel Hogan

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.

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Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th 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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O God,
be merciful to me,
a sinner.

Luke 18:13

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SATURDAY 25th October

5.30pm Vigil Mass Joseph & Margaret Miller (8397)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish Website

SUNDAY 26th October

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 983)

9.00 am (Lea Town) Christopher Mark Bradley–Lately Dead (8561)

10.30am Cottam People of the Parish

Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today at 3pm at St Andrew's

6.00pm Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

MONDAY 27th October

9.15 am Cottam Ann & Arthur Wright (8559)

TUESDAY 28th October

Sts. Simon & Jude - Feast

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 29th October

9.15am Cottam Safe Journey (AP) (8553)

THURSDAY 30th October

8.15am (Lea Town)

FRIDAY 31st October

9.15am Cottam Repose of the soul of Annamma Paul (8535)

SATURDAY 1st November

9.15am Cottam Deceased Clergy of the Diocese

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Mollie Currie (8560)

Confessions next Saturday 1st November 4.30pm–4.55pm at St Andrew's.

This weekend There is a Special Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund.



Welcome

George Mulliner who will be baptised today at St Mary's

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

There is a break this Wednesday (school half term) and so will continue next Wednesday 5th November 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.**

The Parish Books of Remembrance

During November we pray in a special way for the Faithful Departed. The Book of Remembrance will be on the sanctuary throughout the month. The Remembrance Books are available at the back of each of our churches, for you to add names of loved ones not already listed.

Annual Cemetery Masses

On Remembrance Sunday 9th November we will celebrate the Annual Cemetery Masses for all those buried in our cemeteries: **9.00am at St Mary's** and **3pm at St Andrew's**. Please inform relatives and friends who may not live in our parishes but who have loved ones buried in our cemeteries.

Date for your Diary

On Friday **12th December** there will be a Carol Service at **6.30pm** at St Mary's Church, followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Annexe. All 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.