

Introduction: Jesus teaches us to pray constantly and to nourish our life of prayer by listening to the holy scriptures.

First Reading Exodus 17:8-13

Moses prays during battle for the Lord to save his people.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2 - From early childhood, Timothy listened to the scriptures and was inspired by them.

Gospel Luke 18:1-8 Like the persistent widow, who will not give up on justice, we are invited to storm heaven with prayer.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

OCTOBER

18 Mary Agnes Lowery, Clare Ainsworth **19** Jack Snalam, Kathleen Helm **20** Patricia Norcross, Terry Moore, Mary Fitzpatrick **21** Jim McGahran **22** Elizabeth Duckworth **23** Monsignor Francis J Gillow (former PP), Bill Kelly, Jade M^cGlashon **24** Mary Ann M^cCallion **25** Joseph Miller, Joseph Allen, Norman Hodgkinson, Samuel Sellers

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th 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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Proclaim, convince,
reprimand, encourage
through all patience
and teaching.

2 Timothy 4:2

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SATURDAY 18th October

5.30pm Vigil Mass Bill Beesley (Birthday memories) (8500)
This Mass will be live streamed from Parish Website

SUNDAY 19th October

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 979)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Thomas McBride RIP (8469)

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Cottam James Walmsley (Birthday) (8547)

MONDAY 20th October

9.15 am Cottam Thomas & Marjorie Phillips RIP (8558)

TUESDAY 21st October

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 22nd October

St. John Paul II - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Safe Journey (AP) (8552)

THURSDAY 23rd October

St. John Capistrano - Opt. Memorial

8.15am (Lea Town) Holy Souls

FRIDAY 24th October

St. Anthony Mary Claret - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam In Thanksgiving (8554)

SATURDAY 25th October

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Joseph & Margaret Miller (8397)

Confessions next Saturday 25th October.

Today Special Collection for World Mission Day – APR Missio. The Autumn edition of the Missio magazine is available at the back of church.

Next Sunday Special Collection for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund.



Welcome

Rebecca Barker who will be baptised today at
St Andrew's

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

Continuing **this Wednesday 22nd October** 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.**

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

Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

If your role within church requires an Enhanced DBS certificate and you have not completed mandatory training online, the following training session with Sharon Tipping, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, is available in the Haydock Room, Cottam, Saturday **25th October 2025 9.30am-12.30pm**. To book a place call Rachel 01524 596069 or email safeguarding@lrcd.org.uk or Christine Murphy Parish rep 07928 532310.

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.