

Introduction: Advent invites us to open our hearts to the hope that the Lord gives us as we celebrate once again his birth and look forward to his coming at the end of time.

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the pilgrims climbing up to Jerusalem and finding peace. We are called to make our home in Christ and in his kingdom where there will be peace, justice and joy. The Church shows us the way.

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

In a stark warning, St Paul calls us to amend our lives and return to the way of the Lord.

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus warns against complacency and summons us to focus on Christ and his life.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

NOVEMBER

29 Norman Nicholson, Frances Jean Alldred-Aspden **30** John Gerard Eastham, Bob Billington, Winifred Burke

DECEMBER

1 The Murray family **2** Dorothy Duffy, Theresa Acken, Rosemary Logan
3 David Turner, David Hurst **5** Angela Cookson, Freda Burns, Julia Fletcher, Mary Carter, William Shuttleworth

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.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
First Sunday of Advent
30th November 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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The night is far spent;
the day draws near.

Romans 13:12

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SATURDAY 29th November

5.30pm Vigil Mass David and Mary Hurst (8577)

Please note this Vigil Mass will not be live streamed.

SUNDAY 30th November

First Sunday of Advent

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9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam James William (Bill) Beesley (8566)

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

6.00pm Cottam Martin Brennan (AP) (8581)

MONDAY 1st December

9.15 am Cottam Christine Anne Fletcher-RIP (8580)

TUESDAY 2nd December

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 3rd December

St. Francis Xavier – Memorial

Day of Prayer for Migrants

9.15am Cottam Bill Fowler (Anniversary) (8582)

THURSDAY 4th December

St John Damascene – Opt. Memorial

8.15am (Lea town) Repose of the soul of Jacob Varkey (8575)

FRIDAY 5th December

10.00am NB Time Cottam Requiem - Susan Maria Dutton

SATURDAY 6th December

St. Nicholas – Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Tony Griffin - Lately Dead (8583)

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass David Hurst (8576)

Confessions next Saturday 6th December 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Today Special Collection for the Diocesan Poor Missions Fund.

Vigil Mass The 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 30th November will be streamed. We will revert to the normal Saturday Vigil streaming next weekend.



Welcome

Jessica Larcombe who will be baptised today
at St Andrew's

RCIA Course

Meeting again this Wednesday 3rd December 7.00pm – 8.00pm at St Andrew's.

St Mary's School is consulting regarding their 27/28 Admissions, for further information please see the school website or contact the school office.

Sacramental Preparation Classes We are looking forward to starting our Sacramental Preparation Classes. Please contact Canon Adrian or School if you wish your child to take part. Classes will be led by Jackie Fitzpatrick and Angela Pye, both retired teachers, at 3.20pm after school in the Church Annexe and then collected after class at 4.20pm.

First Reconciliation Dates:

Tuesday 27th January 2026

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Tuesday 10th February 2026 (First Confession)

First Holy Communion Dates:

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Tuesday 10th March 2026

Tuesday 17th March 2026

Sunday 22nd March 2026 (First Holy Communion)

Carol Service at St Mary's

On Friday 12th December there will be a Carol Service at 6.30pm at St Mary's Church, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Annexe. There will be a list at the back of both Churches to add your name for catering purposes if you wish to join us for this lovely event.

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.