

Introduction: We come here today to listen to the Good News – of God with us – just as those who went before us heard the Good News, and to be thankful for the Lord's continuing presence, and to take him out to the world.

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14- The people should not put God to the test, but they will be given a miraculous sign.

Second Reading Romans 1: 1-7

The promise of God is revealed in God's Son and it is his Good News that the faithful are to take out to the world.

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

The world is turned upside down but we need not be fearful.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

DECEMBER

20 Marian Beesley, Clifford Ward **23** Rt Rev Brian Charles Foley (3rd Bishop of Lancaster), John Embery **24** Edna Dawson, William Peter Higham **25** Mark Bateson, Pat Hope, Jim M^c Intyre **26** Margaret Cliffe **27** May Grimbaldston

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 tax payer 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.

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Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town Fourth Sunday of Advent 21st December 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 virgin shall
be with child.

Matthew 1:23

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SATURDAY 20th December

5.30pm Vigil Mass Norman and Mary Blocksidge (8591)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 21st December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today is a Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

(New Missals page 17)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Bernard Hothersall (8606)

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Cottam John Durkin (8363)

MONDAY 22nd December

9.15 am Cottam Bernard Hothersall (8607)

TUESDAY 23rd December

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 24th December

CHRISTMAS EVE

9.15am Cottam Shaun Aspden RIP (8584)

5.30pm Cottam Children's Mass Eddie Williams (8592)

8.30pm Cottam People of the Parish

THURSDAY 25th December

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - Solemnity

9.00am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of the Oakes Family (8598)

10.30am Cottam Edmund Winders (8587)

FRIDAY 26th December

St. Stephen - Feast

11.00am NB Time Cottam Peter Holden (8586)

SATURDAY 27th December

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil For the souls of Lilian, Austin & Francis Ryan (8620)

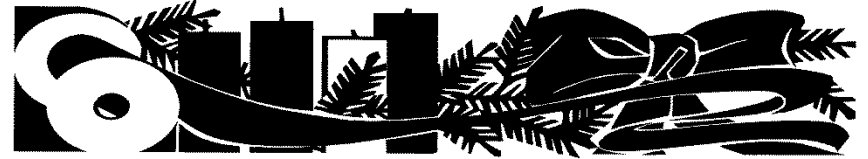
Confessions next Saturday 27th December 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

RCIA Course Next Meeting **Wednesday 7th January** 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. at St Andrew's.



Welcome

Penelope Cross who will be baptised today at St Andrew's



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Cottam 5.30pm Vigil Children's Mass

Cottam 8.30pm Mass During the Night

Christmas Day

Lea Town 9.00am Mass at Dawn

Cottam 10.30am Mass During the Day



'A light will shine on us this day, the Lord is born for us: he shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace, Father of the world to come, and his kingship will never end.'

As we celebrate our Saviour's birth this Christmas, may we all be richly blessed with the peace and joy the Christ-child came to bring.

A very happy and holy Christmas to you all.

Canon Adrian and Deacon John.

Christmas Flowers

Donations for flowers to decorate both Churches for Christmas will be gratefully received.