

Introduction: The Word of God is alive and present among us. Each time we listen to the scriptures, each time we celebrate the sacraments, each time we gather together in the Lord's name, he reveals himself to us.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2. 8-12

Wisdom has taken root in God's people.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-6. 15-18 We have been chosen to live through love in God's presence as God's adopted children.

Gospel John 1:1-18

The Word was made flesh and lived among us.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

JANUARY

3 Iris Moulding, Deceased members of Farrelly family, **4** Tom Begley, Teresa Noblet **6** Mary Ventimiglia, Herbert Rowe **7** Thomas McConnell, Jack Lord **8** Canon Thomas Mason (former PP of Cottam), John Hothersall, Dermott James McKavanagh, Sabina Mary Holderness

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.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town Second Sunday after the Nativity 4th January 2026

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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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SATURDAY 3rd January

5.30pm Vigil Mass Christopher Mould (8600)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 4th January

Second Sunday after the Nativity

(New Missals page 55)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Nell Colgan (8627)

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

6.00pm Cottam Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8609)

MONDAY 5th January

9.15 am Cottam Helen Townley – Lately Dead (8629)

TUESDAY 6th January

The Epiphany of the Lord - Solemnity

9.15am Cottam People of the Parish

7.00pm Cottam Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY 7th January

St. Raymond of Penyafort - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY 8th January

8.15am Lea Town Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY 9th January

9.15am Lea Town NB Venue Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY 10th January

9.15am Cottam EOHSJ Lieutenancy of England & Wales

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass The Watt Family RIP (8625)

Confessions next Saturday 10th January 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Please note the 9.15 am Mass this Friday will be at **St Mary's**.



Welcome

Axel and Arlo Davis who will be baptised today
at St Mary's

Epiphany of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass. There will be Mass at 9.15am and 7.00pm on that day, both at St Andrew's.

RCIA Course Next meeting this **Wednesday 7th January** 7.00pm - 8.00pm at St Andrew's.

Annual Mission Appeal

This year the Society of African Missions (SMA) Fathers will be making the Mission Appeal in our Diocese. On the weekend 17th-18th January we will be welcoming Fr Thomas J Ryan SMA who will be making the appeal in our parishes.

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Men's retreat 4 & 11 February 2026

A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), who were founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a particular apostolate to men. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

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.