

Introduction: As we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas, we prepare also to receive him when he comes again to welcome us into his kingdom.

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

The descendant of Jesse will usher in an age of peace such as the world has never known.

Second Reading Romans 15:4-9

Inspired by the scriptures, Christ's followers are called to be examples of tolerance for the world to follow.

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist calls for repentance because the judge is coming.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

DECEMBER

7 David Jackson **8** Eileen Woodcock, Agnes Bilsborough, Edmund Allen, Stella Marie Snailham **9** Lorraine Butler, John Wyzinski, Marie Hindle **10** Edward Singleton, Jane Southworth, Francis Myerscough **11** Elizabeth Kelly **12** Emma Constance Roche, George Gardner, Kenneth Sanders **13** Winifred Forrest

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.

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.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
Second Sunday of Advent
7th 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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Then the wolf shall be
a guest of the lamb,
with a little child
to guide them.

Isaiah 11:6

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SATURDAY 6th December

5.30pm Vigil Mass David Hurst (8576)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

**SUNDAY 7th December
Second Sunday of Advent**

(New Missals page 9)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Deceased Members of the Lakeland Family (8585)

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

6.00pm Cottam Fr Anthony Walsh - Lately Dead (8588)

MONDAY 8th December

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Solemnity)**

9.15 am Cottam Leonard Hallmarsh (8362)

TUESDAY 9th December

**St. John Diego Cuauhtlatotzin - Opt. Memorial
NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY 10th December

Our Lady of Loreto - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam

THURSDAY 11th December

St Damasus 1 - Opt. Memorial

8.15am (Lea town) Special Intention (8590)

FRIDAY 12th December

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam

SATURDAY 13th December

St. Lucy - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Deacon Bill Adams - Lately Dead (8589)

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass David & Mary Hurst (8578)

Confessions next Saturday 13th December 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

RCIA Course

Meeting again this Wednesday 10th 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.

Youth 2000 Preston

Ready for a truly special encounter with Jesus? Join us for the next Youth 2000 retreat at Corpus Christi School in Preston on Saturday 13th December. These retreats are unique, filled with awesome music, powerful prayer, inspiring talk and great community. It's the perfect chance to deepen your faith and meet amazing young Catholics.

We can't wait to see you there! <https://castleriggmanor.com/events/>