

Introduction: Many people are searching for peace and contentment in their lives. We need a guide we can trust. Jesus is that guide. In today's Mass, he teaches us the way to find true happiness.

First Reading Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

The day of judgement will leave a humble remnant to enjoy the earth in peace.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

In choosing "nobodies", God makes a nonsense of our human scale of values.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus teaches that only a life of integrity can bring true and lasting happiness.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

JANUARY

31 Margaret Cray

FEBRUARY

1 Bernard Parkinson, Joyce Clayton **2** Kevin McEvoy **3** Maria Murray

4 Betty Llewellyn **5** John McCallion, Joseph Lonsdale, Ronald Bond

6 Stella Stewart **7** Joseph Burrow, Joan Redmond

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 in Ordinary Time
1st February 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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God chose
the weak of the world
to shame the strong.

1 Corinthians 1:27

SATURDAY 31st January

5.30pm Vigil Mass Christopher Mould (8599)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 1st February

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 88)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8610)

Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today at 3.00pm at St Andrew's

6.00pm Cottam Gerard Salisbury (8630)

MONDAY 2nd February

The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas, Feast

Today is the Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

9.15 am Cottam Ann Brennand – Lately Dead (8659)

TUESDAY 3rd February

St. Blaise - Opt. Memorial

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 4th February

9.15am Cottam Anthony Francis Butler – Lately Dead (8660)

THURSDAY 5th February

St. Agatha – Memorial

8.15am Lea Town

FRIDAY 6th February

SS Paul Mikki & Companions - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Margaret Miller (8666)

SATURDAY 7th February

9.15am Cottam Peace in the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Joan Redmond (8623)

Confessions next Saturday 7th February 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Today is Racial Justice Day.

RCIA Course Next meeting this **Wednesday 4th February** 7.00pm - 8.00pm at St Andrew's.

Sacramental Preparation Classes

Next Sacramental Preparation Class **Tuesday 3rd February** at 3.20pm after school in St Mary's Church Annexe, children collected after class at 4.20pm.

St. Mary's Church - Coronation Community Orchard

The Orchard is part of the nationwide scheme to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, Duke of Lancaster.

Join us on **1st February** after the 9am Mass in the Church Annexe for tea, coffee and cake from 10.00am to 11.00am to help celebrate the planting of the first fruit trees in the Community Orchard. All welcome.

Mission Appeal

Canon Adrian would like to thank all parishioners for their very generous donations to the recent Mission Appeal for the Society of African Missions (SMA). The total amounts raised of **£791.00** from St Andrew's and **£87.00** from St Mary's have been forwarded to them. Thank you all.

The Lady Altar St Andrew's

Unfortunately the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes suffered irreparable damage when being moved for the Crib owing to the failure of a previous repair. However, we have been able to acquire a second-hand statue of Our Lady of Lourdes at a cost of £1,440.00. It is temporarily in place now on the Lady Altar but some further work on the altar itself is required to accommodate it permanently.

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.