

Introduction: The readings of today's Eucharist speak of the way that the Lord calls believers to serve his purpose of spreading the good news.

First Reading Isaiah 49:3.5-6

With God, failure is often a prelude to a greater success. Failing with Israel, the mission of Isaiah becomes a mission to the world.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

For St Paul, the only true nation is the nation of those who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel John 1:29-34

John was born to reveal Jesus to Israel. We are to reveal him to the world.

Please pray for Fr Peter Foulkes and Fr Bryan Irving lately dead and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

JANUARY

18 John Whalley, Margaret Carruthers **19** Rt Rev. Hugh Lindsay (Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle) John Dennis Aspden **20** Margaret Miller, Osbourne Phoenix **21** Joseph Gardner, Mary Hiles, Frank Curran **22** Richard Brierley, Veronica Harrison, Ted Russell **23** John Powell **24** Vincent Philbin, Ellen Boulton

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.

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**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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Look there!
The Lamb of God
who takes away
the sin of the world.

John 1:29

SATURDAY 17th January

5.30pm Vigil Mass Eddie & Damian Williams (8593)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 18th January**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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9.00 am (Lea Town) Jack and Elizabeth Singleton (8644)

10.30am Cottam People of the Parish

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Cottam John Whalley (8628)

MONDAY 19th January**St. Wulstan - Opt. Memorial**

9.15 am Cottam Marian Hallmarsh (8632)

TUESDAY 20th January**St. Fabian - Opt. Memorial**

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 21st January**St. Agnes - Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Mildred and Stephen Ogdin (8648)

THURSDAY 22nd January**St. Vincent – Opt. Memorial**

8.15am Lea Town Kathleen Lord (8633)

FRIDAY 23rd January

9.15am Cottam Michelle Hugonnet – Lately Dead (8655)

SATURDAY 24th January**St. Francis de Sales - Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Fr. Peter Foulkes – Lately Dead (8649)

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Francis Curran (8621)

Confessions next Saturday 24th January 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

RCIA Course Next meeting this **Wednesday 21st 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. This weekend 17th-18th January we welcome Fr Thomas J Ryan SMA who will be making the appeal in our parishes.

Sacramental Preparation Classes A reminder that 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 St Mary's Church Annexe and the children 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)

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 in place now on the Lady Altar but it does need some TLC, so next Advent, when the Crib is erected again we shall send it away for restoration so that it can be back in time for when the Crib is taken down.