

**Introduction:** When Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove. It marked the moment he began his ministry of doing good and healing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

**First Reading** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah offers a beautiful description of the Messiah, who comes to serve the cause of right and bring healing to humanity.

**Second Reading** Acts 10:34-38 - St Peter tells a Roman soldier, whom he baptised, how Jesus had gone about doing good and healing.

**Gospel** Matthew 3:13-17 - Jesus, at his baptism, receives the Holy Spirit and is proclaimed to be God's beloved Son.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**JANUARY**

**11** Victor Wells **13** Joan Cookson **14** John Lamb, Jane Pegg, Mary Margaret McMurrough **15** Ellen Sumner, Catherine Green

**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](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)

**Parishes of  
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,  
and St Mary, Lea Town  
The Baptism of the Lord  
11<sup>th</sup> 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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Here is my servant,  
my chosen one with  
whom I am well pleased.

Isaiah 42:2

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## **SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> January**

5.30pm Vigil Mass The Watt Family RIP (8625)

**This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website**

## **SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> January**

### **The Baptism of the Lord - Feast**

(New Missals page 65)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Rose Taylor (8596)

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

6.00pm Cottam Jack Lord (8631)

## **MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> January**

### **St. Aeed of Rievaulx – Opt. Memorial**

9.15 am Cottam Christopher Alldred (8643)

## **TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> January**

### **St. Kentigern – Opt. Memorial**

**NO MASS**

## **WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> January**

9.15am Cottam Thanksgiving for birth of a healthy baby (8645)

## **THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> January**

8.15am Lea Town

## **FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> January**

9.15am Cottam

## **SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> January**

### **St. Anthony - Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Eddie and Damian Williams (8593)

**Confessions** next Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

**Next Sunday** is the Day of Prayer for Peace.

**RCIA Course** Next meeting this **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 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>

## **The Priest and the Holy Family: 11-15<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

I am delighted to confirm details of our next clergy retreat, which will be preached by Bishop John Keenan of Paisley diocese, on the theme of "The Priest and the Holy Family." This will run from Monday 11th - Friday 15th May 2026. For further information and to book, please visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-priest-and-the-holy-family>

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's** Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. St Mary's will be open at these times and anyone who wishes to pay a visit and spend some time in prayer are most welcome.

## **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.