

Introduction: For a people in darkness Isaiah foretells a great light – a prince of peace who will free us from all oppression. Jesus in Galilee fulfils this promise.

First Reading Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

People who once suffered invasion and war will one day be blessed with the joy of true light and liberty.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

Paul appeals for unity among the followers of the Lord.

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission in Galilee with the light of his teaching and his healing power.

Please pray for Eileen Lafferty lately dead and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

JANUARY

24 Vincent Philbin, Ellen Boulton **25** George Longton, George Masey
26 Frank Turner, Mary Burrow **27** Sheila Barker, Lilian Singleton
28 Kathleen Gosling, Kathleen Parr **29** George Spencer, Annie Waring,
Patricia Ethrington, Francis Kerfoot, Vera Phoenix **30** Arthur Gray,
Patricia Dickinson **31** Margaret Cray

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th 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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The people who have
walked in darkness have
seen a great light.

Isaiah 9:1

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SATURDAY 24th January

5.30pm Vigil Mass Francis Curran (8621)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 25th January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 84)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Martin Doherty – Anniversary (8657)

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

6.00pm Cottam Christian Community in the Holy Land

MONDAY 26th January

Sts. Timothy & Titus - Memorial

9.15 am Cottam Fr. Osmond Aisbitt – Lately Dead (8651)

TUESDAY 27th January

St. Angela Merici - Opt. Memorial

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 28th January

St. Thomas Aquinas - Memorial

9.15am Cottam John Cookson (8658)

THURSDAY 29th January

10.30am NB Time Cottam Requiem – Eileen Lafferty (8653)

FRIDAY 30th January

8.45am NB Time Cottam Fr Bryan Irving – Lately Dead

SATURDAY 31st January

St. John Bosco - Memorial

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Christopher Mould (8599)

No Confessions next Saturday 31st January.

Today is the Sunday of the Word of God.

RCIA Course Next meeting this **Wednesday 28th January** 7.00pm - 8.00pm at St Andrew's.

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)

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.

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.