

Introduction: Life isn't about "me" and my wants. Life is about noticing the vulnerable people around us and sharing our time and energy to support them. We are called to be the voice for those who do not find the justice that they need to live in dignity and peace.

First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10

If we are prepared to share even life's essentials with others and to act with justice, then we will be very close to God.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Our faith should not be placed in human wisdom, but in God's power.

Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

If we are truly the salt of the earth and the light of the world, people should be able to see Jesus alive and active in us.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FEBRUARY

7 Joseph Burrow, Joan Redmond **8** Mary Lee **9** Joseph Kelly **11** Mary Cross **13** Elizabeth Noblett **14** William James Bickerstaffe

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
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th February 2026**

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Baptisms and Marriages by Arrangement.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday (4.30pm to 4.55pm) 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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**Your light must shine
before others.**

Matthew 5:16

SATURDAY 7th February

5.30pm Vigil Mass Joan Redmond (8623)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 8th February

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 92)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Dominic McCormack-Lately Dead (8663)

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

6.00pm Cottam Jack Lord (8634)

MONDAY 9th February

9.15 am Cottam Patrick Kelly – Lately Dead (8661)

TUESDAY 10th February

St. Scholastica - Memorial

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes – Feast

World Day for the Sick

9.15am Cottam Margaret Miller (8666)

THURSDAY 12th February

8.15am Lea Town Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8611)

FRIDAY 13th February

9.15am Cottam Nick Sullivan (8667)

SATURDAY 14th February

Sts. Cyril & Methodius - Feast

9.15am Cottam Our Lady of Ransom-White Ransomer Intention

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass David Hurst (8665)

Confessions next Saturday 14th February 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Today – Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking and those who work to combat it.



Welcome

Theodore James Anderton and Sofia Grace Anderton who will be baptised today at St Andrew's

RCIA Course Next meeting this **Wednesday 11th February** 7.00pm - 8.00pm at St Andrew's.

Sacramental Preparation Classes

Next Sacramental Preparation Class **Tuesday 10th February (First Confession)** at 3.20pm after school in St Mary's Church Annexe, children collected after class at 4.20pm.

Reconciliation Please pray for the children who will be taking their First Confession this Tuesday.

The Feast of our Lady of Lourdes

Patroness of the Diocese of Lancaster and World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

On Wednesday 11th February 2026 **St Clare's** are celebrating this feast with **Mass and Anointing of the Sick at 12 noon**. This will be followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall.

All are welcome. If anyone needs transport please contact St. Clare's. Email: enquiries@saintclares.co.uk or ring 01772 719604.

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.

Please Note the new email address for the Parish Secretary.