

**Introduction:** The challenge of Lent is to let go of our pride, entrusting ourselves entirely to Jesus. He has shown us the way to overcome temptation and walk the path of eternal life.

**First Reading** Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Adam and Eve yield to temptation in the garden of Eden.

**Second Reading** Romans 5:12-19

Jesus' gift of divine life more than outweighs the loss suffered by Adam when he fell.

**Gospel** Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus sees off Satan in the wilderness and shows us how to walk in the path of life.

Please pray for Deacon Tom Butler Lately Dead (St Anthony's) and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## FEBRUARY

**22** Pat Ellis, Andrew Cooney **23** Helen Minchin **24** John Strathdee, Fr Ken Hodson, Fr Fred Hamer (pp). Frank Dillon, Donna Michelle Fildes **25** Catherine Spencer, Fr Joe Bamber **26** Agnes Knowles, Paul John Edwards **27** Ethel Hesmondhalgh **29** John Pollett, John Henry Cookson

### 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 First Sunday in Lent 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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Not by bread alone are  
you to live but by every  
utterance that comes  
from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

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## **SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> February**

5.30pm Vigil Mass Benefactors of St Andrew & Blessed George  
Haydock Parish (Annual Mass)

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

## **SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

### **First Sunday in Lent**

(New Missals page 122)

9.00 am (Lea Town) Valentina Stapleton (8670)

10.30am Cottam Avril Chester - Lately Dead (8669)

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction today at 3pm at St Andrew's**

6.00pm Cottam People of the Parish

## **MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

### **St. Polycarp - Memorial**

9.15 am Cottam Joseph & Mary Jane Hoole (8668)

## **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**NO MASS**

## **WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> February**

9.15am Cottam The Wallis Family (8674)

## **THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> February**

8.15am Lea Town

**6.30pm (St Anthony's) Deanery Mass for Deacon Tom Butler RIP**

## **FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> February**

### **St Gregory of Narek – Opt. Memorial**

### **Family Fast Day**

9.15am Cottam Susan Dutton (8675)

**11.30am (St Anthony's) Requiem Deacon Tom Butler**

## **SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> February**

9.15am Cottam Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8613)

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Vera and Osborne Phoenix (8656)

**Confessions** next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.



## **Welcome**

Roman Alexander Guarracino who will be  
baptised today at St Andrew's.

**RCIA Course** This **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** 7.00pm - 8.00pm at St Andrew's.

## **Sacramental Preparation Classes**

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

## **CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection**

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

## **Day of Renewal**

Led by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans) and a priest since 1980. 'Unpacking the Paschal Mystery – to get the best Celebration of Easter' on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 10am-4pm at St Clare's Church Parish Hall, the day starts with Mass at 10am. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee available. For further information contact Christine Tel: 07745009694 or Annette Tel: 07954429333.

## **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.