

**Introduction:** The journey of faith requires us to be open to the Lord, to hear his call. We come together in a spirit of trust, being prepared to listen, and sometimes to be surprised and even amazed by God.

**First Reading** Genesis 12:1-4

When God calls Abram, it is a life-changing moment, for he is asked to leave everything that he knows.

**Second Reading** 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Paul tells Timothy that Jesus brings us the Good News, but following him can come at a price.

**Gospel** Matthew 17:1-9 - The wondrous sight of Christ in glory also inspires fear in the apostles.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### MARCH

2 Monica Norman 3 Robert Hollinghurst, Malcolm Phillips 4 Margaret Billington 5 Lilian Beesley 6 Jim Lowery 7 Helen Keefe, Bernard Baldwin

### 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 Second Sunday in Lent 1<sup>st</sup> March 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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Christ's face became  
as dazzling as the sun,  
his clothes as radiant  
as light.

Matthew 17:2

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

5.30pm Vigil Mass Vera and Osborne Phoenix (8656)

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

## **SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March**

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

(New Missals page 127)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam John Cookson (8676)

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

6.00pm Cottam Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8914)

## **MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

9.15 am Cottam

## **TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**NO MASS**

## **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> March**

### **St. Casimir – Opt. Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Donor's Intention (Thessy) (8680)

## **THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March**

8.15am Lea Town

## **FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

9.15am Cottam Patrick Barry (8683)

## **SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Sts. Perpetua & Felicity - Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Holy Souls

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Michael Benton (8622)

**Confessions** next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

**Please return CAFOD envelopes from Lent Fast Day.**



## **Welcome**

Evran Paul Holden who will be baptised today  
at St Andrew's.

**RCIA Course** This **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** 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.

## **An Online Week of Retreat and a School of Prayer**

March 9<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> each evening 7pm – 8.30pm plus day retreat Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 3pm.

If you feel you need help with prayer, you are in good company; so did the first disciples. During this week in mid-Lent we will introduce a variety of ways of praying each evening, and do the same again on Saturday. Come to any or all of the online evening meetings or the Saturday. If you want a double dose come to both!

The week is being led by Members of the Jesuit Institute for anyone in Lancaster Diocese, with Bishop Paul's blessing. **(And it's free).**

The Diocese is covering the entire cost.

**All the sessions are online.**

No need to register. To receive the zoom link, and a reminder that it's happening nearer the time, email Ursula, our Diocesan Spirituality Rep. [uwalker@uwclub.net](mailto:uwalker@uwclub.net)

## **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.