

Introduction: If we would be true followers of Christ we are encouraged to look below the surface of things, to get to the heart of what our belief truly asks of us.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

We are given the choice of life or death.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

The gift of the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

Our virtue must go deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees.

Please pray for Kazimierz Kozlowski Lately Dead and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FEBRUARY

14 William James Bickerstaffe **15** Fr John Danson (pp), Joan Bradley,
16 Kathleen Lord, John Pegg **17** Ann Newton **19** David Bailey, Ann
Myerscough **20** Margaret Connolly, Bert Holtom **21** Fr Edmond
McCartan (pp), John O'Brien, Agnes Hind, Marjorie Shaw, Cecily
Waring, Dr Jacob Ayathamattam Joseph, John Raymond Airey

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
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th 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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Before us are life
and death; whichever
we choose shall be
given to us.

Sirach 15:17

SATURDAY 14th February

5.30pm Vigil Mass David Hurst (8665)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 15th February

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 96)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Marcus Ruane - Lately Dead (8664)

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Cottam Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8612)

MONDAY 16th February

9.15 am Cottam Kathleen Lord (8635)

TUESDAY 17th February

Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order – Opt. Memorial
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 18th February

Ash Wednesday

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

9.15am Cottam Holy Souls

7.00pm Cottam John McDonald RIP (8673)

THURSDAY 19th February

8.15am Lea Town Edna Wilson - for God's mercy and peace (8672)

2.30pm Cottam Requiem – Kazimierz Kozlowski

FRIDAY 20th February

9.15am Cottam

SATURDAY 21st February

9.15am Cottam Repose of the soul of Jacob Joseph (8662)

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

Confessions next Saturday 21st February 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.



Welcome

Maria Grace McCarthy who will be baptised today at St Andrew's.

Today is the Day for the Unemployed Please pray today for all those throughout the world who are striving to find work.

The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday 18th February. There will be an additional Mass at 7.00pm at St Andrew's. Ashes will be distributed at both 9.15am and 7.00pm Masses.

RCIA Course No meeting this Wednesday, recommencing next **Wednesday 25th February** 7.00pm - 8.00pm at St Andrew's.

Sacramental Preparation Classes

Next Sacramental Preparation Class **Tuesday 3rd 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 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 28th 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.