

**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.

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## **Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15<sup>th</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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Before us are life  
and death; whichever  
we choose shall be  
given to us.

Sirach 15:17

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**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February**

5.30pm Vigil Mass David Hurst (8665)

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

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> February**

9.15 am Cottam Kathleen Lord (8635)

**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

9.15am Cottam Holy Souls

7.00pm Cottam John McDonald RIP (8673)

**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**2.30pm Cottam Requiem – Kazimierz Kozlowski**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February**

9.15am Cottam

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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.