

**Introduction:** Lazarus, the friend of Jesus and the brother of Martha and Mary, is at the centre of today's Gospel. Lazarus is brought back to life in Jesus' spectacular and final "sign", as miracles are termed in John's Gospel.

**First Reading** Ezekiel 37:12-14

Through the prophet, the Lord speaks to the community in exile: "I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live."

**Second Reading** Romans 8:8-11

Paul focuses on how God's Spirit lives in us.

**Gospel** John 11:1-45

The extraordinary account of the final sign that Jesus gave – the raising of Lazarus from death itself.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### **MARCH**

**21** Edward & Edith, Jim Hall, Jim Martin, Eileen M<sup>c</sup>Kavanagh, Kathleen Sheldon, John Lowery, **22** Robert Ibson **23** Fr Henry Gillett (pp)

**24** Patricia & Eve Kelly, James Turnbull, Camille Johnston, Gerardo Rosero, Gerard Anthony Hindle **25** William Beesley **26** Ursula Twist, Veronica Rimmer, John Egan, Alice Myerscough **27** Mary Gardner, Dorothy Gardner, Canon Henry Tootell **28** Clifford Critchley, Robert Blacoe

### **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 Fifth Sunday in Lent 22<sup>nd</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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**Lazarus, come out!**

**John 11:43**

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

5.30pm Vigil Mass Kathleen Sheldon (8677)

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

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

#### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

(New Missals page 144)

9.00 am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Mary and Jim Lowery (8693)

**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 (8617)

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

#### **St. Turibius of Mongrovejo – Opt. Memorial**

9.15 am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

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

**NO MASS**

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

#### **The Annunciation of the Lord - Solemnity**

9.15am Cottam Mary and Bernard Boylan RIP (8689)

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

8.15am Lea Town

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

9.15am Cottam Susan Stoker (8694)

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

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Elizabeth Veronica Towers

First Anniversary (8688)

**No Confessions** next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **First Holy Communion**

Please pray for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion today at St Mary's.



#### **Welcome**

Brady William Evans who will be baptised today at St Andrew's.

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

#### **Palm Sunday**

Please note that the Mass on the **29<sup>th</sup> March** at St Mary's will begin at the earlier time of **8.30am** with the blessing of the palms.

#### **Holy Week and Easter Services**

##### **MAUNDY THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**7.00pm** Cottam Mass of the Lord's Supper with watching until 10.00pm (Compline at 9.45pm)

##### **GOOD FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**9.00am** Cottam Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

**11.00am** Cottam Stations of the Cross

**3.00pm** Cottam Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

##### **HOLY SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.00am** Cottam Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

**8.00pm** Cottam Easter Vigil Mass

##### **EASTER SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April**

##### **The Resurrection of the Lord**

**9.00am** Lea Town      **10.30am** Cottam      **6.00pm** Cottam

#### **Easter Flowers**

Donations towards flowers for Easter will be gratefully received.

#### **Catholic Family Retreat at Castlerigg Manor // March 27-29th // £160-230 per family**

For the first time since Covid, Castlerigg Manor are bringing back their popular family retreats. There will be streams for different ages and fun activities for everybody including Mass in the evening and time to explore Keswick. For more info >> [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) >> events