

Introduction: Friends in Christ, brothers and sisters of the Lord, let us rejoice in the resurrection of our saviour from the dead. Let our thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth.

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43 - Those who saw the Lord ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4
St Paul, thrilled by the true life Christ gives us, calls on us to raise our eyes and thoughts to the things that are in heaven.

Gospel John 20:1-9 - Mary Magdalene, Peter and John find the Lord's tomb empty on Easter morning.

Please pray for Mary Blocksidge and Kath Critchley Lately Dead and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

APRIL

4 James Roche **7** Pauline Noblett **8** Nora Fern **9** Pam Haslem, Eileen Beckett **10** Sylvester Lakeland, Joseph Vincent Holden, Olive Noblett, Charles Gerard Ethrington **11** Tom Green, Francis Sydney Love, Beatrice Langtree

Gift Aid

A Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify the Parish Secretary if you are no longer a taxpayer or you paid insufficient tax during 2025/26 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year. At the present standard rate of tax of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated. If you have moved house during the tax year please also ensure that you have notified the parish.

As we approach the end of the current tax year if you are a UK taxpayer perhaps you could consider registering for Gift Aid.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 5th April 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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The disciples saw and believed

John 20:8.

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SATURDAY 4th April

8.00pm Easter Vigil Michael Vincent – Lately Dead (8685)
This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 5th April

Easter Sunday (Solemnity)

(New Missals page 271)

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Alfredo Fecci – Lately Dead (8696)

No Afternoon Devotions today

6.00pm Cottam Repose of the Souls of the Deceased Members of
the McCann Family (8699)

EASTER MONDAY 6th April (Solemnity)

9.15 am Cottam Edna Wilson (8705)

11.00am Lea Town Wedding: James Michael Hounslea and Kerry Gilmore

EASTER TUESDAY 7th April (Solemnity)

11.00am Cottam Requiem – Mary Blocksidge

EASTER WEDNESDAY 8th April (Solemnity)

9.15am Cottam John Cookson (8708)

EASTER THURSDAY 9th April (Solemnity)

8.15am Lea Town Kath Critchley – Lately Dead (8709)

EASTER FRIDAY 10th April (Solemnity)

9.15am Cottam Joan and Edward Bradley (8703)

EASTER SATURDAY 11th April (Solemnity)

9.15am Cottam Members & Benefactors Living & Dead

Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8619)

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Chris Mould (8692)

Confessions next Saturday 11th April 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

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.

Congratulations to James Hounslea and Kerry Gilmore who will be married at St Mary's this Monday.

St Mary's Coffee Morning

Everyone is invited to coffee morning in the Annexe following 9am Mass on Easter Sunday.

May Half Term B&B Stays at Castlerigg Manor

In May half-term, Castlerigg Manor (Catholic Retreat Centre in Keswick, Cumbria) will once again be opening their doors for B&B stays. A great way for families, groups of friends, and individuals to get an affordable stay in Keswick. Mass will be provided on site. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> stay with us

Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026

Our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, will take place 28 September to 1 October 2026. Some of you are familiar with Walsingham. For others, it will be your first visit. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is "Mary, cause of our Joy." During our days in Walsingham, we will consider the causes of John Bradburne, Servant of God and Ann Fenwick, who is intimately linked with the Catholic mission of Hornby. Also, we will spend some time reflecting on the life of St Carlo Acutis and Eucharistic miracles. The all-inclusive cost is £360.00-£420.00 (dependent on accommodation type). Coach collection/drop off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster and Preston.

For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner on 07711 345 176 or email charlie.conner@lrccd.org.uk

The places will be limited, so please book in good time.

+Rt Rev Paul Swarbrick

Bishop of Lancaster

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.