

**Introduction** The Church observes the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and to religious life, and for every calling that contributes to making God's dream come true, of a human family united in love.

**First Reading** Acts 2:14. 36-41

A call to repentance, and a radical new way of thinking and behaving. Peter declares that the Holy Spirit is promised to all whom God calls.

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 2:20-25

Peter calls us to turn back "to the shepherd and guardian of our souls". We are called to do what is right, even if it means suffering.

**Gospel** John 10:1-10

Jesus is the shepherd and the gate of the sheepfold, guarding and protecting the sheep.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**APRIL**

**25** Dorothy Hogan, Fr Francis Worden (pp), Mary Lowery,

**26** Joan Valentine, Graham Norton, Tish Nicholson, Philip Murray

**27** Cliff Harrison, Gerald Dickinson **29** Leonard Hallmarsh

**MAY**

**1** Mildred Myerscough **2** Sarah Kelly

**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 begin the new tax year if you are a UK taxpayer perhaps you could consider registering for Gift Aid.**

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**Parishes of  
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,  
and St Mary, Lea Town**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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made to you.

Acts 2:39

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## **SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Repose of the soul of Barbara Wood  
Lately Dead (8704)

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

## **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

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9.00am (Lea Town) Patricia Corrigan's Intentions (8715)

10.30am Cottam Robert Thomas (8717)

**Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today at 3pm at St Andrew's**

6.00pm Cottam People of the Parish

## **MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> April**

9.15 am Cottam Deceased Members of SABS and Benefactors (8719)

## **TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Peter Chanel – Opt. Memorial**

**NO MASS**

## **WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Catherine of Siena - Feast**

9.15am Cottam Leonard Hallmarsh (8636)

## **THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Pius V – Opt. Memorial**

8.15am Lea Town Results of a medical procedure (8720)

## **FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**St. Joseph the Worker – Opt. Memorial**

9.15am Cottam

## **SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**St. Athanasius - Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Rimmer Family (8718)

**Confessions** next Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

**Today Annual Solemn Exposition** at St Andrew's beginning after the 10.30 a.m. Mass until the closing service at 3.00 p.m.

**Special Collection** today for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund (EEF).

**THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST?** Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: **Saturday 30 May 12.15pm – 2.30pm at St Peter's Cathedral, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT.** Gather in the Cathedral for Mass at 12.15, followed by lunch and meeting with Bishop Paul. To book email Heather: Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge. As well as meeting the Bishop, you will have the opportunity to get to know how discernment works and who can assist you. You will also meet many others from across the Diocese of Lancaster exploring a vocation to priesthood.

## **Forming Catholic Student Leaders**

Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character.

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## **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.