

**Introduction:** Jesus walks with each of us on our journey through life. We do not always recognise him, but he is always there, supporting us and challenging us as he thinks best for us. During our Mass together we reflect on this great gift of his steadfast presence.

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14. 22-33

God raised Jesus to life, and all his disciples are witnesses to that.

**Second Reading:** Peter 1:17-21

It is through Christ that we have faith in God, who raised him from the dead.

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

The risen Lord walks with his disciples and talks to them on the road.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

#### APRIL

**18** Charles Paul Etherington **19** Anne Basley, Mary Helena Taylor

**20** Brian Murphy, Elsie Lawrenson **23** Patrick Barry, Thomas Noblet

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

#### 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.

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

**WEBSITE: [www.standrewscottam.org.uk](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)**

## Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**19<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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Were not our hearts  
burning within us?

Luke 24:32

## **SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Repose of the soul of Mary Blocksidge (8701)

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

## **SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

(New Missals page 280)

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Graham and Barbara Hodson – 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (8710)

### **No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today**

6.00pm Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

## **MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April**

9.15 am Cottam Priest and People of Holy Family Parish (Ingol)

Donor's Intention (8712)

## **TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**St. Anselm – Opt. Memorial**

**NO MASS**

## **WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

9.15am Cottam Service of Word and Exposition (Deacon John)

## **THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**St. George - Solemnity**

8.15am Lea Town **NO MASS**

## **FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Adalbert – Opt. Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Pia Bagnoli – Lately Dead (8713)

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

**St. Mark - Feast**

9.15am Cottam Holy Souls

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Repose of the soul of Barbara Wood

Lately Dead (8704)

**Confessions** next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.



## **Welcome**

Josephine Collier who will be baptised today at St Andrew's.

**Next Sunday** is Vocations Sunday there will be a Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

**Annual Solemn Exposition** at St Andrew's will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April beginning after the 10.30 a.m. Mass until the closing service at 3.00 p.m. A list for those willing to watch for a period before the Blessed Sacrament is at the back of the church.

## **Called to Love 2nd – 3rd May 2026**

A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage.

A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2nd May to Sunday 3rd May, with the option of staying Friday night.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

## **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.

[www.christianleadershipformation.com](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com)

## **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.