

Introduction We are the “living stones” making up the body of Christ here on earth. As such we are invited to trust our future to Christ who is our way to the Father.

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

Trusting in the Holy Spirit, the Church grows in number.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Christ is the cornerstone of our faith.

Gospel John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples not to be troubled. He will show us the way.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MAY

1 Mildred Myerscough **2** Sarah Kelly **3** Raymond Hodson **4** Geoff Plumb, Francis Potts **5** Elizabeth Mercer **6** Brian Dixon, Fr. Gerard Dakin **7** Robert Gardner **8** Monica Mary McCartney **9** Norman Gerrard Hindle

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.

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.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3rd May 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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You are a people called
out of darkness into
wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

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SATURDAY 2nd May

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Rimmer Family (8716)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 3rd May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(New Missals page 289)

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Denis Wilson (8714)

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

6.00pm Cottam Gerald Edward Dickinson RIP (8722)

MONDAY 4th May

The English Martyrs - Feast

9.15 am Cottam Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY 5th May

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 6th May

9.15am Cottam Paul Brown & Family (8702)

THURSDAY 7th May

8.15am Lea Town Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY 8th May

9.15am Cottam Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY 9th May

9.15am Cottam Holy Souls

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass

Confessions next Saturday 9th May 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Advance Notice The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass, is on Thursday 14th May. Masses will be at 9.15am and 7pm both at St Andrew's.

Lancaster Martyrs Pilgrimage

15 men gave their lives for Christ in the 16th and 17th centuries in the city of Lancaster. This **Monday 4th May** (Bank Holiday) the Bishop will lead our pilgrimage in their honour, meeting at 10.30am outside Lancaster Castle (where the martyrs were imprisoned), walking the route the martyrs took to their place of execution, finishing with 12.15 Mass in the Cathedral and followed by tea, coffee and cake in the cathedral library.

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.

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan - Give monthly

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: *"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."* Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan

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.