

**Introduction:** Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, a gift that every Christian receives when they are baptised.

**First Reading** Acts 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit is poured out on the disciples of Jesus. This is the final act in the Easter mystery, which is now complete.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

The apostle Paul reflects on the gifts of the Spirit in the lives of believers and encourages us to play our part, whatever that may be, in building up the life of our community.

**Gospel** John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus makes himself present to his disciples and commissions them to carry on his work.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**MAY**

**24** Hilda Myerscough **25** Maureen Middlemiss, Mary Spencer, Clare Horan, Damon Edmond Williams **26** Freda Haughey, Agnes Kitchen

**27** Phyllis Baines **28** Richard Ainsworth **29** Jack Grimshaw  
Michael Edward Connors

**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.

**Walsingham 2026**

I am delighted to say that the response to my invitation to join me and other pilgrims from around the diocese has been very good. There remain a few places still open. Maybe you have never been before, or have a particular intention, either way please do come. Bookings will close on 31st May. If you would like to come along for this time of healing, reconciliation and grace please get in touch with Deacon Charlie Conner on 07711 345 176 or [charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk)

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

**PENTECOST**

**24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Send forth your Spirit  
and renew the  
face of the earth.

Psalm 104:30

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## **SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Lee Moyes RIP (8735)

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

## **SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Pentecost**

(New Missals page 321)

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Patrick Duane – Anniversary (8729)

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

6.00pm Cottam Fr Seamus Flannery – Lately Dead (8767)

## **MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church - Memorial**

9.15 am Cottam Francis Gillespe (8734)

## **TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**St. Philip Neri - Memorial**

**NO MASS**

## **WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**St. Augustine of Canterbury - Feast**

9.15am Cottam Lee Moyes RIP (8736)

## **THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest - Feast**

8.15am Lea Town 'Theresa' RIP (8737)

## **FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**St. Paul VI - Opt. Memorial**

9.15am Cottam Tina Thompson RIP (8738)

## **SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.15am Cottam Holy Souls

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Anthea Walmsley - Lately Dead (8766)

**Confessions** next Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 4.30pm - 4.55pm at St Andrew's.



## **Welcome**

Rafe Robert Michael Fitchett who will be baptised today at St Andrew's.

## **DO YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO PRAY?**

Do you struggle to pray? Fr Stephen Wang has produced a series of enjoyable and easily accessible videos to help us in our journey of prayer. Why not come along to some or all of the sessions which will continue on Fridays 7.00-8.00 p.m. in the Haydock Room at St Andrew and Blessed George Haydock, Cottam.

### **How to Pray:**

Seven Rules of Prayer – 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Praying the Bible – 29<sup>th</sup> May

How to pray the Mass – 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### **The Heart of Prayer:**

The Prayer of Adoration, Praise and Worship – 12<sup>th</sup> June

The Prayer of Sorrow, Contrition and Confession – 26<sup>th</sup> June

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Gratitude – 3<sup>rd</sup> July

The Prayer of Asking and Intercession – 10<sup>th</sup> July

**There will be further sessions in September.**

## **Annual Corpus Christi Procession**

At St. Walburges' Shrine Church **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 2.00pm.**

All Parishioners and Parish groups, Schools, Colleges, Choirs, Uniformed organisations, Readers, Religious, Clergy, Catholic Organisations, Families, Children and especially, First Holy Communicants, are all invited to take part, on this special and important Feast Day, in this public act of Witness of our Faith.

**Catholic Legacy Week** 24<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> May, is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week at [cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek](http://cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek)