

Introduction: Christ was the supreme broadcaster. He came to glorify God on earth and make his Father known. On this World Communications Day, we celebrate the role of the media in continuing his mission.

First Reading Acts 1:12-14 - Jesus' disciples were known as "apostles", a word that means sent on a mission.

Second Reading 1 Peter 4:13-16 - St Peter tells us that it is a glorious thing to bear the name "Christian".

Gospel John 17:1-11 - Jesus hands on his mission and prays for those to whom it has been entrusted.

Please pray for Fr. Seamus Flannery and Seamus O'Grady lately dead and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MAY

16 Marilyn James, Margaret Kelly, Edward Kelly, **19** Austin Myerscough, Ted Bradley **22** John Waring, John Stephenson

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.

Exciting Job Vacancy in Preston:Chaplaincy Team Member

Metanoia Project provide full time Chaplaincy Services to a local Catholic High School and full time provision for Students and Young Adults in the City Centre in connection with the University of Lancashire. We are looking for an enthusiastic and competent person to assist in providing the most engaging, Christ-centred and fruitful ministry possible in both settings. Accommodation available if required. Full details of salary and benefits are listed in the Application Pack on our website <https://metanoiaproject.co.uk/chaplaincy-team-member/> .
Closing Date Friday 22nd May. Further information from Ruth White 07878 832457 ruth@metanoiaproject.co.uk

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

17th 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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Whoever is made to suffer
as a Christian should not
be ashamed but glorify God

1 Peter 4:16

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SATURDAY 16th May

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Edna Wilson – Lately Dead (8726)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 17th May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

(New Missals page 302)

9.00am (Lea Town) Patricia Corrigan RIP (3rd Anniversary) (8716)

10.30am Cottam People of the Parish

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Cottam Fr Paul Watson RIP (8765)

MONDAY 18th May

St. John I - Opt. Memorial

9.15 am Cottam Margaret Marlow – Anniversary (8732)

TUESDAY 19th May

St. Dunstan - Opt. Memorial

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 20th May

St. Bernardine of Siena - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Service of the Word with Exposition (Deacon John)

THURSDAY 21st May

St. Christopher of Magallanes - Opt. Memorial

8.15am Lea Town **NO MASS**

FRIDAY 22nd May

St. Rita of Cascia - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Francis Gillespe RIP (8733)

SATURDAY 23rd May

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Lee Moyes RIP (8735)

Confessions next Saturday 23rd May 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Today is World Communications Day of Prayer - the Special Collection is for Catholic Media.



Welcome

Lian Samuel Obehi Jonathon who will be baptised today at St Andrew's.

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.

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 be on Fridays 7.00-8.00 p.m. in the Haydock Room at St Andrew and Blessed George Haydock, Cottam.

How to Pray:

Prayer for Beginners – 15th May

Seven Rules of Prayer – 22nd May

Praying the Bible – 29th May

How to pray the Mass – 5th June.

The Heart of Prayer:

The Prayer of Adoration, Praise and Worship – 12th June

The Prayer of Sorrow, Contrition and Confession – 26th June

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Gratitude – 3rd July

The Prayer of Asking and Intercession – 10th July

There will be further sessions in September.

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.