

Introduction Jesus promises that he will not leave us orphans, but sends the Holy Spirit to be with us and defend us. Gathered today by that same Spirit, we offer our praise and our thanks to God.

First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17 - The Holy Spirit is given to those who have accepted Christ and been baptised.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18
Peter says that followers of Jesus must be prepared to suffer, just as Christ our Lord suffered for our salvation.

Gospel John 14:15-21
Through our love of Christ, we are drawn into the very life of the God who is Father, Son and Spirit.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MAY

9 Norman Gerrard Hindle **10** Maggie McConnell, William McCallion
11 Bernard Clarke **12** Kevin Bilsborough, Margaret Nuttall **13** Thomas Bilsborough, Helen Mary Clark **14** Olive Slater **16** Marilyn James, Margaret Kelly, Edward Kelly

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.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10th 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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Peter and John prayed
for them that they might
receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:14–15

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SATURDAY 9th May

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass David Fogell – Lately Dead & Family (8724)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 10th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

(New Missals page 293)

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam John Cookson (8730)

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

6.00pm Cottam Holy Souls

MONDAY 11th May

9.15 am Cottam

TUESDAY 12th May

Sts. Nereus & Achilleus – Opt. Memorial

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 13th May

Our Lady of Fatima – Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam For a successful operation (8723)

THURSDAY 14th May

The Ascension of the Lord - Solemnity

9.15am Cottam People of the Parish

7.00pm Cottam Seamus O'Grady (8727)

FRIDAY 15th May

9.15am Cottam

SATURDAY 16th May

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

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

Confessions next Saturday 16th May 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

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.



Welcome

Amelia Ivy Fishwick 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

The Adventure of Prayer:

Silent Prayer and the Presence of God – 4th September

How to offer your sufferings to God – 11th September

Praying to the Saints – 18th September

Praying to Mary and Praying the Rosary – 25th September