

Introduction. Faith is a two-way relationship. Human beings yearn for God, and God our Father longs for us to turn back to him. We are free either to answer that call, or to turn away. We have both the freedom and the responsibility to choose the Christian life.

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

The word of the Lord is like rain falling on the earth, enabling it to bear fruit.

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23

Humanity, like creation, is waiting for God to set it free.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

People are like the places where seeds fall – their faith will determine whether there is a harvest of God's riches.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

JULY

11 Norbert Lovatt, John Bell **12** Leo Craven **13** Winifred Jackson, Marie Gibson, Julie Oakes **15** Anne Marie Porter, **17** Thomas Bilborough, Colm Begley **18** James Horan, Finola Tyson

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.

Sea Sunday Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously to support its important work.

For more information about its work visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 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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My word shall not return
to me void, but shall do
my will, achieving the end
for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

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SATURDAY 11th July

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Mary & David Hurst (8779)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 12th July

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 364)

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Brenda Gildert – Lately Dead (8805)

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

6.00pm Cottam Thanksgiving (8803)

MONDAY 13th July

St. Henry - Opt. Memorial

9.15 am Cottam Winifred Winders (8802)

TUESDAY 14th July

St. Camillus of Lellis – Opt. Memorial

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 15th July

St. Bonaventure - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Deceased Members of SABS & Benefactors (8807)

THURSDAY 16th July

11.00 am NB Time Lea Town School Leavers Mass

FRIDAY 17th July

9.15am Cottam Joseph Malone RIP - Anniversary (8757)

SATURDAY 18th July

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Josette Black – Lately Dead (8780)

Confessions next Saturday 18th July 4.30pm – 4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Lourdes Petitions or Candle Donations Deacon John Cliffe will be going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July (23rd- 30th), if you have any petitions that you would like him to take, or donations to light candles in Lourdes, please let Deacon John know, or place envelopes at the back of church or in the collection by latest **19th July**.

Cafod-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives.

Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030.

Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

St Mary's Red Boxes

Could red Missio box holders please bring them to church for collection by Sunday 19th July. If anyone has a box which they want collecting but are unable to come to church can they please contact Patricia by text or phone – 07532 820662.

The summer edition of the Missio magazine is available at the back of church.

Catholic Holidays in the Lake District this Summer

During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

Quiet Retreats for Adults this October

During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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.