

Introduction Embarrassing events in life may have their amusing side, but often they have something to teach us; they may show us that embarrassment hurts our pride. We don't want others to see us at our worst. But our God, who knows us so well, loves us despite everything. In fact, our God seems to love us even more when we're down on our luck, when things go badly, when we are struggling with difficulties of one kind or another. And that is the encouraging message that our Mass has for us today.

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10

The prophet visualises the Messiah arriving in Jerusalem and being presented to the crowds as their king – a humble king, seated on a donkey.

Second Reading Romans 8:9. 11-13

Paul reminds the early Christians in Rome that God has filled them with the life-giving Spirit of Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Throughout Matthew's Gospel Jesus teaches us that we show that we are true followers of his not so much by our words as by our deeds.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

JULY

5 John Newton **7** Margaret & Elizabeth Grimshaw, Francis Keighley, Joseph Waring **8** George Ignatius Green, Catherine Nielson, Alice Maud Brierley, **9** Marie Turnbull, Rachel Carr **11** Norbert Lovatt, John Bell

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

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th 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.

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Come to me, all you who
labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

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SATURDAY 4th July

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Philip Taylor – Lately Dead (8775)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 5th July

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Deceased Kennedy Family (8790)

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

6.00pm Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

MONDAY 6th July

St. Maria Goretti – Opt. Memorial

9.15 am Cottam Mildred and Stephen Ogdin - Anniversary (8795)

TUESDAY 7th July

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 8th July

9.15am Cottam Canon Thomas Dakin RIP (8801)

THURSDAY 9th July

St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions – Opt. Memorial

8.15am Lea Town For a peaceful family life, for all families (8796)

FRIDAY 10th July

9.15am Cottam Stephanie Smith – Lately Dead (8792)

SATURDAY 11th July

St. Benedict - Feast

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

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

No Confessions next Saturday 11th July.

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.



Welcome

Erin Raye Jones and Eden Alexandra Jones 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.

The Heart of Prayer:

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

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.

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**.

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.