

Introduction The desire of God the Father is that we become “true images” of his Son so that he may share the treasures of the kingdom of heaven with each one of us.

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12
Wisdom is a gift to be sought after.

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30
We are chosen to be “true images” of Christ.

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52 - Jesus’ parables give a picture of the true nature of the kingdom of heaven.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

JULY

25 Roy Anderton **26** Margaret Swarbrick **27** Alessia Pamela Nixon
30 James Gardner, Terry Entwistle, Mary Moore **31** Rose Masheter
Jim Cookson

AUGUST

1 The Green Family

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.

Gift Aid This makes such a difference to our Parishes’ income at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim 25p for every £1 you give. Please consider taking out a Standing Order, or if at St Andrew’s you can register a payment card to use on the card reader, either online or the reader itself.

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th 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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The reign of heaven is like a
treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and
sells all to buy that field.

Matthew 13:44

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SATURDAY 25th July

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Dixon/Palmi Families Past & Present (8781)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 26th July

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 373)

9.00am (Lea Town) Olive & Fred Osborne (8808)

10.30am Cottam Florence Redmond – Lately Dead (8799)

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

6.00pm Cottam People of the Parish

MONDAY 27th July

9.15 am Cottam Leonora Fahy – Special Intention (8759)

TUESDAY 28th July

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 29th July

Sts. Mary, Martha and Lazarus - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Oirion Carey Holden – Family Intention

(Second Anniversary) (8812)

THURSDAY 30th July

St. Peter Chrysologus – Opt. Memorial

8.15am Lea Town Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY 31st July

St. Ignatius of Loyola - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Mary Buckley – Special Intention (8760)

SATURDAY 1st August

St. Alphonsus - Memorial

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Thanksgiving (8782)

Afternoon Devotions today at 3pm at St Andrew's. There will then be a break, beginning again in September.

No Confessions during August.

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

Join Bishop Swarbrick on the London March for Life on 5th September 2026

"SPUC Preston have booked a coach to the **March for Life**, tickets are on sale now! **Tickets are available** on Eventbrite, search 'Coach from Lancaster and Preston to M4LUK'. For the itinerary or anything else please contact the secretary on 07523 183758 or at spucpreston@gmail.com

The Traditional Roman Rite study weekend 11-13 September 2026

Join us in the beautiful setting of Stonyhurst to explore the key elements of the Roman Church's liturgical tradition. The weekend is intended to offer a deeper understanding of both the Traditional Rite specifically as well as of the New Rite of the Mass, which draws principally on the same heritage of the Church's worship over the centuries. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-traditional-roman-rite-study-weekend/>

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.