

Introduction What do we do with the evil in our midst? We may need to confront it, but sometimes we must wait patiently, confident that God will bring justice in the end.

First Reading Wisdom 12:13. 16-19
God is mild in judgement and governs with great lenience.

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27
The Spirit expresses our prayer in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43
God is patient with sinners so that they may repent before the final harvest of judgement.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

JULY

18 James Horan, Finola Tyson **21** Sarah Cray, Mary Allen,
Marian Taylor, Kathleen Gallagher **22** Roseann Haughey, Mary Milton
23 Clare Brierley, Doreen Keefe **24** Monica Brierley **25** Roy Anderton

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th 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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It is the smallest of all
the seeds, yet when
full grown it is the
largest of plants.

Matthew 13:32

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SATURDAY 18th July

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

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 19th July

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 369)

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Tara Pike – Lately Dead (8800)

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Cottam Holy Souls

MONDAY 20th July

St. Apollinaris - Opt. Memorial

9.15 am Cottam Thanksgiving St. Jude (8787)

TUESDAY 21st July

St. Laurence of Brindisi – Opt. Memorial

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 22nd July

St. Mary Magdalen - Feast

9.15am Cottam Poulouse & Annamma Kaithakkal - Anniversary (8797)

THURSDAY 23rd July

St. Bridget – Feast

8.15am Lea Town Doreen Keefe (8647)

FRIDAY 24th July

St. John Boste, Bl. Christopher Robinson & Companions

Martyrs of Cumbria - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Patrick & Delia Durkin (8638)

SATURDAY 25th July

St. James - Feast

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

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

Confessions next Saturday 25th July 4.30pm – 4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Special Collection this weekend for the Good Shepherd Fund.

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.

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