

Introduction: God our Father gives us life, and pours his love upon us in Christ Jesus. Let us, like the crowds in Galilee, come before the Lord, listen to his voice, and be fed by him.

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-3

The prophet calls us to fullness of life. Listen and your soul will live.

Second Reading Romans 8:35. 37-39

Paul proclaims the utter certainty of Christ's triumph over death.

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus escapes the threats of Herod and meets the needs of the crowds.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

AUGUST

1 The Green Family **2** Joseph Allen **3** Teresa Begley **4** The Haworth Family **5** Jean Laking **6** Mary Gilligan **8** Peter Ian Cross

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd August 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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All you who are thirsty,
come to the water.

Isaiah 55:1

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SATURDAY 1st August

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Thanksgiving (8782)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 2nd August

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.00am (Lea Town) Winifred and David Jackson (8811)

10.30am Cottam People of the Parish

No Afternoon Devotions during August

6.00pm Cottam Celebrant's Intention

MONDAY 3rd August

9.15 am Cottam Antony Mulavana - Anniversary (8798)

TUESDAY 4th August

St. John Vianney - Memorial

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 5th August

Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Ruth and Bernard Potts – Silver Wedding Anniversary (8711)

THURSDAY 6th August

The Transfiguration of the Lord - Feast

8.15am Lea Town Mr Ray Little RIP (8761)

FRIDAY 7th August

St. Edmund Arrowsmith, St. Ambrose Barlow & Companions

Lancaster Martyrs - Memorial

9.15am Cottam James Cookson – Anniversary (8818)

SATURDAY 8th August

St. Dominic - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Repose of the soul of

Peter Anthony Blocksidge (8794)

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.