

Introduction: Elijah encounters God not in dramatic signs but in a gentle whisper.

First Reading 1 Kings 19: 11-13a

This reading reminds us that God's presence is often found in quiet, subtle moments rather than in overwhelming displays of power.

Second Reading Romans 9: 1-5

Paul expresses deep sorrow for his fellow Israelites who have not embraced Christ. His heartfelt lament shows the depth of Christian charity – willing even personal loss for the salvation of others.

Gospel Matthew 14: 22-33

Jesus walks on water and invites Peter to trust Him amid the storm. The Gospel reveals that fear subsides when we keep our eyes on Christ, who meets us in the midst of life's turbulence.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

AUGUST

8 Peter Ian Cross **11** Pauline Elizabeth Kelly **13** Elizabeth Evelyn
Bernie, Nigel Mark Whalley **14** Jack Valentine **15** John Bisby

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**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th 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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And in the fourth watch
of the night he came to them,
walking on the sea.

Matthew 14:25

SATURDAY 8th August

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Repose of the soul of Peter Anthony Blocksidge (8794)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 9th August

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam Craig Carden – Lately Dead (8816)

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Cottam Holy Souls

MONDAY 10th August

St. Lawrence - Feast

9.15 am Cottam Celebrant's Intention

2.00pm Cottam Funeral Service – Bernard Bennett

TUESDAY 11th August

St. Clare - Memorial

12 noon Cottam Requiem - Rosalie Croft

WEDNESDAY 12th August

St. Jane Frances de Chantal - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY 13th August

St. Pontianus & St. Hippolytus - Opt. Memorial

8.15am Lea Town Mother Anila (Feast Day) (8820)

FRIDAY 14th August

St. Maximilian Kolbe - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY 15th August

The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Roz (Rosalie) Croft - Lately Dead (8813)

No Confessions during August.



Welcome

Harriet Francis Howard-Moran who will be baptised today at St Andrew's.

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

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.