

Introduction There are many divisions in our world today, not least between rich and poor, between those who have a daily struggle to make ends meet and those who are comparatively well off. The Gospel tells us that our God is generous and has a special care for those who are in most need.

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9
God is nearby and can be found.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27
Christ is in our living and dying, present to us beyond the grave and for all eternity.

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16
The landowner practised positive discrimination towards the latecomers and less able workers.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SEPTEMBER

19 Jean Singleton, Kim Rose Ashurst, Helen Minchin, Marie Hothersall, Barbara June Snalam, **20** William Powell, Mary Ellen Thompson
21 Mavis Tyrrell **22** Ron Carruthers, James Walmsley **23** Elsie Hardiker
24 Henry Rimmer, Fr Frank Hodson, Mary Pye **25** Vincent Crook, Ann Lakeland **26** Fred Barton, Fr James Keville

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.

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Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Evangelii Gaudium Day 20th September 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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Are you envious because
I am generous?

Matthew 20:15

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SATURDAY 19th September

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Harry Ronson (18th Anniversary) (8846)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 20th September

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Cottam William Pike – Anniversary (8849)

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Cottam Holy Souls

MONDAY 21st September

St. Matthew - Feast

9.15 am Cottam Bernard Madden (8848)

TUESDAY 22nd September

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 23rd September

St. Pius of Pietrelcina - Memorial

9.15am Cottam John Cookson (8854)

THURSDAY 24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham - Feast

8.15am Lea Town Fr. James Keville

FRIDAY 25th September

9.15am Cottam

SATURDAY 26th September

Sts. Cosmas & Damian - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass The Watt Family RIP (8829)

Confessions next Saturday 26th September 4.30-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Diocesan Ladyewell Pilgrimage next Saturday 26th September.

Next Sunday there is a special collection for the Bishop's Administration Fund.

Course on Prayer continuing this Friday 25th September 7-8pm in the Haydock Room at St Andrew's.

The Adventure of Prayer:

Praying to Mary and Praying the Rosary – 25th September

RCIA Course Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or just wants to know more about the Faith? The course will be on Fridays 7.00-8.00 p.m. beginning on 2nd October in the Haydock Room. Please let Canon Adrian know if you would like to come along.

Day of Renewal

Led by Fr Stephen Bamber who was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lancaster on 27th June 2026. Before entering formation, he worked in the drug and alcohol treatment sector in a variety of roles, including training and programme development. He has recently been appointed Assistant Priest at the Cathedral Parish of St Peter and the Lancaster Martyrs.

'Being lost, being found' Saturday 3rd October 2026, 10am-4pm at St Clare's Church Parish Hall, the day starts with Mass at 10am. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee available. For further information contact Christine Tel: 07745009694 or Annette Tel: 07954429333.

Mass for Healthcare Workers

All those working in healthcare (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, receptionists, porters, chaplains and many more) are invited to Mass with our bishop on Saturday 17th October at 12.15 in Lancaster Cathedral. The bishop will celebrate a votive Mass of St Luke, the patron saint of doctors, praying for all those in our diocese who work in healthcare and all those they care for. There will be a chance to meet up with other Catholic healthcare workers over a cup of tea in the social centre afterwards.

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.