

Introduction In the Our Father we pray, “forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us”. Today’s readings show us the gift of God’s abundant gift of mercy and invite us to mirror this in our lives by forgiving others.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others.

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Peter asks how many times he must forgive someone who wrongs him. Jesus replies, “Not seven, but ... seventy-seven times”.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SEPTEMBER

12 William Green **13** Betty Hollinghurst, Marie Hayes **15** Clare Slater, Joan Pollard **16** Myra Simpson **17** Harry Ronson, Ann Martin **19** Jean Singleton, Kim Rose Ashurst, Helen Minchin, Marie Hothersall, Barbara June Snalam

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th 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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Should you not
have had pity on your
fellow servant, as
I had pity on you?

Matthew 18:33

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SATURDAY 12th September

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Geraldine Hyde (8827)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 13th September

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9.00am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of SABS and Benefactors (8842)

10.30am Cottam People of the Parish

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

6.00pm Cottam Bernard Madden – Lately Dead (8841)

MONDAY 14th September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast

9.15 am Cottam Helen and Joe Walker (8845)

TUESDAY 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows - Memorial

11.00 am Lea Town School Mass (in church)

WEDNESDAY 16th September

Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Edmund and Winifred Winders

THURSDAY 17th September

St. Robert Bellarmine - Opt. Memorial

8.15am Lea Town **NO MASS**

FRIDAY 18th September

9.15am Cottam

SATURDAY 19th September

St. Theodore of Canterbury - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Repose of the soul of Fr Michael O'Leary (Salford) (8834)

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

Confessions next Saturday 19th September 4.30-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Next Sunday Evangelii Gaudium Day there is a special collection for Home Mission.

Birthday Canon Adrian is celebrating his 70th birthday today (Sunday)! Please pray he will keep his health and strength to continue serving you until he is allowed to retire at 75.

Course on Prayer continuing this Friday 18th September 7-8pm in the Haydock Room at St Andrew's.

The Adventure of Prayer:

Praying to the Saints – 18th September

Praying to Mary and Praying the Rosary – 25th September

CAFOD school volunteers needed! Could you visit your local Catholic school to **talk about the work of CAFOD**? We are looking for **volunteers** to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anna Letizia on **07710 094449** or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

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. in the Haydock Room. Please let Canon Adrian know if you would like to come along.

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.