

Introduction We can always change. There is no value in merely talking about how we are going to do good. What matters is that we do it.

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

It is right that we receive the just rewards of our actions, good or evil.

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11

In our minds we must be like Christ Jesus, who emptied himself that he might be raised by God in glory.

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

We receive the reward of true righteousness.

Please pray for Bill Shannon lately dead and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SEPTEMBER

26 Fred Barton, Fr James Keville **27** James Ambrose Hays **28** James Hayes **29** James Flemming **30** Netchell Roocroft

OCTOBER

1 Charles Edward Power **2** Cecilia Whalley, Alice McCauley
3 Catherine Connolly

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.

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.

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Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th 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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Christ emptied himself,
taking the nature
of a slave.

Philippians 2:7

SATURDAY 26th September

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

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 27th September

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.00am (Lea Town) Christopher Bradley (First Anniversary) (8839)

10.30am Cottam People of the Parish

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

6.00pm Cottam Holy Souls

MONDAY 28th September

St. Wenceslaus – Opt. Memorial

9.15 am Cottam Stacey Bailey - Lately Dead (8858)

TUESDAY 29th September

Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Feast

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 30th September

St. Jerome - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Mary & Bernard Boylan RIP (8843)

THURSDAY 1st October

St. Therese of the Child Jesus - Memorial

8.15am Lea Town

FRIDAY 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels – Memorial

Harvest Fast Day

9.15am Cottam Bill Shannon – Lately Dead

SATURDAY 3rd October

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Peter Boyle (8852)

Confessions next Saturday 3rd October 4.30pm - 4.55pm at St Andrew's.

There is a special collection today for the Bishop's Administration

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 this Friday 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.

Date for your Diary

The next Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting will be at 6.30 - 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th November in the Haydock Room.

Missio

The collection from the red Missio boxes at St Mary's was **£201.52** thank you to all box holders for your generosity. The Autumn edition of the Missio magazine is available at the back of church.