

Introduction We gather today as a community of believers, called by God our Father to love him and serve him, and to love our neighbours. We commit ourselves to service, especially for those in the greatest need, and to mirror Christ's own compassion.

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26 - The Lord will hear the cry of those who call out to him, for he is full of compassion.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 - The people who broke with idolatry and converted to God now follow the risen Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40 - The greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbour.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

OCTOBER

24 Mary Ann McCallion **25** Joseph Miller, Joseph Allen, Norman Hodgkinson, Samuel Sellers **26** Elizabeth Mercer, Eileen Rose Beatson **27** John Barry Dilworth, Peter Gudgeon **28** June Knowles, Bernard Gillies, Penelope Ann Chaloner **29** Clive Matthews, Marjorie Richardson, Michael McCartney **30** Ann Pollett **31** Elizabeth Haslem, Sheila Entwistle

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th October 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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Those who cry out
to me I will hear for
I am compassionate.

Exodus 22:22

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SATURDAY 24th October

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Winifred & Jeff Guy (8864)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 25th October

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(New Missals page 422)

9.00am (Lea Town) Mgr. T.G. Turner (8876)

10.30am Cottam People of the Parish

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

6.00pm Cottam James & Rosemary Walmsley RIP (8669)

MONDAY 26th October

Sts. Chad & Cedd - Opt. Memorial

9.15 am Cottam

TUESDAY 27th October

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 28th October

Sts. Simon & Jude - Feast

9.15am Cottam The Bennett Family (8868)

THURSDAY 29th October

8.15am Lea Town

FRIDAY 30th October

9.15am Cottam Jim & Mary Lowery (8875)

SATURDAY 31st October

The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15am Cottam

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Winifred and Jeff Guy (8864)

Confessions next Saturday 31st October 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Next Sunday is All Saints Day a Holy Day of Obligation.

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. **continuing this Friday 30th October** in the Haydock Room. Please let Canon Adrian know if you would like to come along.

All Saints & All Souls Days Next Sunday 1st November is All Saints Day. The following day, Monday 2nd November, is All Souls Day. On that day, in addition to the 9.15 a.m. Mass, there will be a Mass at 7.00 p.m. to give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend Mass and pray for the Faithful Departed, especially our loved ones.

All Souls Day Indulgence and Cemetery Indulgence See notice at the back of church for information about how these indulgences can be gained for the Holy Souls.

Books of Remembrance During November we pray in a special way for the faithful departed. The Book of Remembrance will be on the sanctuary throughout the month. The Remembrance Book is available at the back of each of our churches, for you to add names of loved ones not already listed.

Annual Cemetery Masses Sunday 8th November.

St Mary's Lea Town the 9.00am Mass

St Andrew's Cottam Mass at 3.00pm followed by tea/coffee in the Haydock Room

Please inform relatives and friends who may not live in our parish but who have loved ones buried in our cemeteries.

St Mary's Coffee Morning & Bulb Planting

Next Sunday 1st **November** coffee morning after 9am Mass followed by bulb planting in the new orchard at St Mary's. Everyone welcome for coffee and cake. Please bring your wellies and a trowel!

Dates for your Diary at St Mary's Christmas Raffle following 9am Mass **Sunday 6th December**, Carol Service **Friday 11th December**, Wreath Making **Sunday 13th December** following 9am Mass.