

Introduction Today we celebrate the importance of love and respect for God, for each other and for all God's creation. God is the Lord of all.

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord is loved and tended by God.

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

The God of peace will be with those who are virtuous and who fill their minds with all that is good and pure.

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

In this parable, a landowner leases his vineyard to tenants, but when he sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest owed to him they are beaten and killed. When the landowner sends his son, he too is killed.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

OCTOBER

3 Catherine Connolly **4** Robert & Elizabeth Haslem, Bernard Chambers
5 Monica Healy, Joan Hynes, Edmund Snailham **6** Doris Bond, Judith Mary Holman **7** Ellen (Nell) Fellows, Agnes Fletcher **8** Mary Grimshaw, Marie Brickell **10** Pat Eastham, Henry Hall

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th 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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He will lease his vineyard
to other tenants who
will give him the produce
at the proper times.

Matthew 21:41

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SATURDAY 3rd October

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Peter Boyle (8852)

This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 4th October

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9.00am (Lea Town) Holy Souls

10.30am Cottam People of the Parish

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

6.00pm Cottam John Durkin (8639)

MONDAY 5th October

Dedication of the Cathedral - Feast

9.15 am Cottam Evelyn Steel – Lately Dead (8863)

TUESDAY 6th October

St. Bruno – Opt. Memorial

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary - Memorial

9.15am Cottam Richard Leo Barker Family (8855)

THURSDAY 8th October

8.15am Lea Town Folushase Micah Momo (Donor's Intention) (8861)

FRIDAY 9th October

St. John Henry Newman - Feast

9.15am Cottam Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY 10th October

St. Paulinus of York - Opt. Memorial

9.15am Cottam Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Repose of the souls of the Ryan Family (8859)

Confessions next Saturday 10th October 4.30pm - 4.55pm at St Andrew's.

Today return of Harvest Fast Day envelopes.

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.

Thinking of being a priest?

Come to the Day of Discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: **Saturday 31 October 10am - 3.30pm** at St Peter's Cathedral, Balmoral Rd, Lancaster LA1 3BT. Enter at Cathedral House on Balmoral Rd. The day includes Mass, adoration, reflections and lunch with Bishop Paul. To book, email Heather: heather.watts@lrcd.org.uk or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge for the day. As well as meeting the Bishop, you will have the opportunity to get to know how discernment works and who can assist you. You will also meet many others from across the Diocese of Lancaster exploring vocation to priesthood.

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 12.15pm** 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.

Heritage Open Afternoon - Lancaster Cathedral

An opportunity to get to know and explore our diocesan cathedral. Saturday **10th October 1pm to 4pm**. There will be guides in the cathedral to show you some details that perhaps you have missed and explain the story of our cathedral, as well as an exhibition of historic vestments and art in the sacristy. Organ Recital by Dr Damian Howard at 3.30pm. Refreshments will be served in Cathedral House. Please pop in and bring a friend!