Introduction The coming of the Messiah to save the world, so longed for and anticipated by the prophets, has been fulfilled by the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

First Reading Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8
The Prophet cries out for God to tear the heavens open and come down to save us.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 - St Paul constantly thanks God for the graces his converts received in Corinth.

Gospel Mark 13:33-37
Jesus entrusts the Church, his followers, with our own special tasks as we live out our personal Christian vocations.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

NOVEMBER

28 Rose Fletcher **29** Norman Nicholson, Frances Jean Alldred-Aspden
30 John Gerard Eastham, Bob Billington, Winifred Burke

DECEMBER

1 Deceased of the Murray family **2** Dorothy Duffy, Theresa Acken, Rosemary Logan **3** David Turner, David Hurst **5** Angela Cookson, Freda Burns, Julia Fletcher, Mary Carter, William Shuttleworth

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
First Sunday of Advent
29th November 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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The night is far spent;
the day draws near.

Romans 13:12

SATURDAY 28th November
5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Mary and Eddie Sinnott RIP (8892)
This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 29th November
First Sunday of Advent
(New Missals page 529)
9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish
10.30am Cottam Eileen Hall (seriously ill) (8903)
No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today
6.00pm Cottam Celebrant's Intention

MONDAY 30th November
St. Andrew - Feast
9.15 am Cottam Ita Thomas – Lately Dead (8900)
TUESDAY 1st December
NO MASS
WEDNESDAY 2nd December
9.15am Cottam Christine Anne Fletcher RIP (8890)
THURSDAY 3rd December
St. Francis Xavier – Memorial
Migrants Day
8.15am Lea Town Angus and Leila Lindsay Deceased (8893)
7.00pm Alston Lane Reception of Body and Deanery Mass for Canon Harry Doyle
FRIDAY 4th December
St. John Damascene – Opt. Memorial
9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**
11.00am Alston Lane Requiem Mass for Canon Harry Doyle
SATURDAY 5th December
9.00am NB Time Cottam Christians of the Holy Land
5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass David Hurst – Anniversary (8891)

Confessions next Saturday 5th December 4.30pm-4.55pm at St Andrew's.

This weekend there is a special collection for the Diocesan Poor Missions.



Welcome
Ronnie Harnett who will be baptised today at St Andrew's.

RCIA Course
Meeting this Friday 4th December 7.00pm–8.00pm in the Haydock Room.

Sacramental Preparation Classes We are looking forward to starting our Sacramental Preparation Classes. Please contact Canon Adrian or School if you wish your child to take part. Classes will be led by Jackie Fitzpatrick and Angela Pye, both retired teachers, at 3.20pm after school in the Church Annexe and then collected after class at 4.20pm.

Christmas Raffle at St Mary's
The Raffle will be held after 9am Mass next **Sunday 6th December** in the Annexe together with Coffee morning. Many thanks for your support with prize donations or by purchasing tickets. There are St Mary's Raffle Tickets at the back of both churches. Please fill in stubs and put both stubs and money in an envelope marked ST MARY'S RAFFLE and place on the collection plate.
All Raffle Tickets and Prizes must be in by 29th November.

Carol Service at St. Mary's on **Friday 11th December at 6.30pm**.
It will consist of carols, scripture readings, poems and bidding prayers, and will be followed by mulled wine (alcoholic and non alcoholic) and mince pies in the annexe. All welcome from both parishes. Please sign the list at the back of both churches for catering.

Make a Christmas Wreath at St Mary's
Join us after the 9.00am Mass on **Sunday 13th December** to make your own Christmas Wreath. Moss, a metal wreath ring and reel wire will be provided, but tree ivy, conifer, holly, greenery etc, would be needed if people could please bring their own, together with decorations, fruit, baubles etc. Cost will be £5.00. All welcome from both parishes. Please sign list at the back of the church if interested by Sunday **6th December**.