Introduction: On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the kingship of Christ: a fitting end to the Church's year. The liturgy for today makes clear, however, that Christ's kingship has little to do with the exercise of monarchical power in a worldly sense.

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

David is chosen as the undisputed king of Israel by all the tribes at Hebron. David was God's choice; people agree that he alone is fit to lead God's people.

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20

The Son of God is the image of the unseen God, the firstborn of all creation, the one who existed before anything was created.

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

The kingship of Jesus is recognised by the unlikeliest of people: a self-confessed criminal who admits he deserves to die for what he has done.

Please pray for Canon Harry Doyle lately dead and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

NOVEMBER

21 Peter Taylor **22** Irene Marchant **24** Jacob Willett **25** Margaret Nicholson **27** May Waring, John Simpson, Kathleen M^{c}Ennerney **28** Rose Fletcher

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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Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

22nd 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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Lord, when did we see
you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked
or ill or in prison?

Matthew 25:44

SATURDAY 21st November
5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass For those who have died and have no one to pray for them (8893)
This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 22nd November
Our Lord Jesus Christ – King of the Universe
(New Missals page 437)
9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish
10.30am Cottam June Sharpe – Lately Dead (8895)
Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today at 3pm at St Andrew's
6.00pm Cottam Holy Souls

MONDAY 23rd November
St. Clement 1 - Opt. Memorial
9.15 am Cottam Brian McNulty (8889)
TUESDAY 24th November
St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions - Memorial
NO MASS
WEDNESDAY 25th November
St. Catherine of Alexandria - Opt. Memorial
9.15am Cottam Tony Griffin (8890)
THURSDAY 26th November
8.15am Lea Town John Whalley (8891)
FRIDAY 27th November
7.30am NB Time Cottam Ann Scott – Lately Dead (8894)
SATURDAY 28th November
9.15am Cottam **NO MASS**
5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Mary and Eddie Sinnott RIP (8892)

No Confessions next Saturday 28thNovember.

Today is Youth Day there is a special collection for Youth Services.

Next Sunday there is a special collection for the Diocesan Poor Missions.



Welcome
Annie Sullivan who will be baptised today at St Mary's.

RCIA Course
No meeting this Friday 27th November. Next meeting Friday **4th December** 7.00pm–8.00pm in the Haydock Room.

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.

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.
First Reconciliation Dates:
First class Tuesday 2nd February 2027
Second class Tuesday 23rd February 2027
Tuesday 2nd March 2027 (First Confession)
First Holy Communion Dates:
First class Tuesday 9th March 2027
Second class Tuesday 23rd March 2027
Third class Tuesday 13th April 2027
Sunday 18th April 2027 (First Holy Communion)

Christmas Raffle at St Mary's
The Raffle will be held after 9am Mass on 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.