Introduction The changing season reminds us of death and dying. As the liturgical year draws to a close, we are encouraged to think about death and dying in the context of our faith. What are we looking forward to?

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom, God's loving purpose for us, is waiting for us to find her.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Paul gives us reasons to hope. If we die in Jesus, God will bring us with him to stay with him for ever.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus warns us to stay awake, ready for the bridegroom to come, ready for the wedding feast of heaven.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

NOVEMBER

7 Ellen Clarkson **8** Theo de Jong, James Sheldon **9** Sally Dutton, Margaret Powell, Alice Carter, Bill Finn, Alice Leeming, Marian Hallmarsh **10** Bernard Samuel Oakes, Florence Hall **11** Canon Quirian Klomp (former PP) **12** Leo Warren **13** Bernard Evans Bannister **14** Siobhan Turner

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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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th 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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Stay awake for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 25:13

SATURDAY 7th November
5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass James Sheldon (8860)
This Mass will be live streamed from the Parish Website

SUNDAY 8th November
Remembrance Sunday
(New Missals page 429)
9.00am (Lea Town) All buried in St Mary's cemetery
10.30am Cottam People of the Parish
3.00pm Cottam All buried in St Andrew's cemetery
6.00pm Cottam Emma & Sam Bennett - Donor's Intention (8879)

MONDAY 9th November
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast
9.15 am Cottam Marian Hallmarsh (8640)
TUESDAY 10th November
St. Leo the Great - Memorial
NO MASS
WEDNESDAY 11th November
St. Martin of Tours - Memorial
9.15am Cottam Service of the Word and Benediction (Deacon John)
THURSDAY 12th November
St. Josaphat - Memorial
NO MASS
FRIDAY 13th November
9.15am Cottam Arthur and Ann Wright (8881)
SATURDAY 14th November
NO MASS
5.30pm Cottam Vigil Mass Jonathan Palliser (8884)

No Afternoon Devotions today owing to Cemetery Mass being celebrated at 3.00pm.

No Confessions next Saturday 14th November.

RCIA Course
Continuing this Friday 13th November 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.

Annual Cemetery Masses this weekend 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.

Night Vigil – National Eucharistic Procession 2026 Jesus Youth UK warmly invites you to a Night Vigil at St Mary's, Lea Town, today **Sunday 8th November 2026**, starting at 9:00 pm, as part of the National Eucharistic Procession. Join us for a special time of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration as we gather to encounter Jesus and grow together in faith.

Share-It One of our parishes' key activities is our participation in the Share-It Foodbank, a collaboration of five local churches, Catholic, Anglican and Methodist. Donations of food and cash are taken every week to help people in crisis. We very much need two people to attend the three committee meetings per year. To find out more please leave contact details in the Foodbank collection box at the back of St Andrew's or speak to Canon Adrian.

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

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**.**