

**Introduction** In the Our Father we pray, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us". Today's readings show us the gift of God's abundant gift of mercy and invite us to mirror this in our lives by forgiving others.

**First Reading** Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

**Second Reading** Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others.

**Gospel** Matthew 18:21-35

Peter asks how many times he must forgive someone who wrongs him. Jesus replies, "Not seven, but ... seventy-seven times".

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**SEPTEMBER**

**17** Harry Ronson, Ann Martin **19** Jean Singleton, Kim Rose  
Ashurst, Helen Minchin, Marie Hothersall **20** William Powell,  
Mary Ellen Thompson **21** Mavis Tyrrell  
**22** Ron Carruthers, James Walmsley **23** Elsie Hardiker

**Mass Intentions** 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 weekend Masses. Mass intention envelopes are at the back of church.

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**Parishes of  
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,  
and St Mary, Lea Town**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Evangelii Gaudium Day  
17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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Baptisms and Marriages by Arrangement.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday (4.30pm to 5pm) or on request. Please call in to the Presbytery or speak to Canon Adrian before or after Mass.

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Should you not  
have had pity on your  
fellow servant, as  
I had pity on you?

Matthew 18:33

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**SATURDAY 16 September**

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) David Parker RIP (7907)

**This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website**

**SUNDAY 17 September**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (PMB page 128)**

9.00am (Lea Town) People of the Parish

10.30am Recovery of Lucy Eshareturi  
from her spinal stroke (7909)

6.00pm Harry Ronson – Anniversary (7899)

**Special Collection for Home Missions**

**MONDAY 18 September**

9.15am Canon Kevin Kenny (7925)

**TUESDAY 19 September**

**St. Theodore of Canterbury (Opt. Memorial)**

**10.30am Lea Town School Welcome Mass**

**WEDNESDAY 20 September**

**Sts. Andrew KimTae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang &  
Companions, Martyrs of Korea (Memorial)**

9.15am Fr Michael Murray (7877)

**THURSDAY 21 September – St. Matthew (Feast)**

8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased Members of SABS and Benefactors  
(7916)

**FRIDAY 22 September**

9.15am Rosemary Small RIP (7923)

**SATURDAY 23 September – St. Pius Pietrelcina (Memorial)**

9.15am Repose of the soul of Fr John Dobson (LISCF) (7903)

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) Deceased Members of the Watt Family  
(7898)

Confessions Saturday 4.30pm to 5.00pm

**Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer**

*Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. 'Evangelii Gaudium' is Latin for 'Joy of the Gospel'. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023 Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024 To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and its role in the modern world. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-Sunday> A range of resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which include a course on the Lord's Prayer for small groups for Lent, encouragement to try different ways of praying drawing on the tradition of the Church. The Mission Directorate will be supporting the Jubilee co-ordinator appointed by each diocese. The second collection today will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

**Foodbank Donations** – Our branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society works with the multi-church foodbank, Share-It, Ingol. The foodbank needs food donations and we hope our parishes will help. There is a particular shortage of tins of meat (corned beef, mince, hot dogs, etc) and tinned fish. We've also had a sudden spike in requests for baby nappies, size 6. Other foods or toiletries are welcome but of course, not fresh or frozen items. Donations can be left in the basket at the back of church. Donations of items, as well as enquiries from anyone interested in volunteering for a hour a week, can also be received at the Foodbank on Redcar Avenue. Ingol at opening times:  
Mon, Tues 2.30-3.30, Wed 2.30-3.30, Thurs 10-11, Sat 10-11

**Lancaster Diocese Faith & Justice Commission** invite you to a 'Care of Creation' event on Saturday 7 October, 9.30 – 3.00pm at **St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 4HT**. The theme of the event is 'Let Justice and Peace flow'. Guest speakers include: Sr Margaret Atkins, Dr Stephen Garsed, Dr Paul Kelly and John Paul de Quay. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. For further information or to confirm your attendance at the event please contact Sue Grubic [ldfsue@gmail.com](mailto:ldfsue@gmail.com) or text 07791444417

**Tea/Coffee & Light refreshments** in the Haydock Room after 10.30am Mass. All welcome.