

Introduction God's kingdom is a living power among us. We experience it wherever we make peace, serve one another and respect all living things. Let us prepare to be touched and challenged by God's generosity and the work of the Holy Spirit.

First Reading Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

Religious leaders are warned that they have caused many to "stray" and "stumble" because of their teaching and actions.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13 - God's message is a "living power" among communities of Christians.

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

The failures of the scribes and Pharisees are identified, and Jesus suggests that his followers seek a path of humility and service.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

NOVEMBER

6 Frederick Logan 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)

Carol Service to be held at St. Mary's Church, Lea Town on **Friday 15th December at 7.00pm**. It will consist of carols, scripture readings, poems and bidding prayers. It will be followed by hot mulled wine(alcoholic and non alcoholic) and mince pies, in the annex. Please sign the list at the back of church for catering purposes.

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th November 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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You have turned aside
from the way and have
caused many to falter by
your instruction.

Malachi 2:8

SATURDAY 4 November

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) James Sheldon (7900)
Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 5 November (PMB page 149)

9.00am(Lea Town) People of the Parish
10.30am Denis O'Sullivan (7922)
3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction
6.00pm Holy Family Parish Gaza

MONDAY 6 November

9.15am Paul Brown (7933)

TUESDAY 7 November – St. Willibrord (Opt Mem) NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 8 November

9.15am (Cottam) Repose of the souls of Ann & Arthur Wright
(7952)

THURSDAY 9 November

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)

8.15am (Lea Town) Marian Hallmarsh (7712)

FRIDAY 10 November - St. Leo the Great (Memorial)

9.15am Holy Souls

SATURDAY 11 November – St. Martin of Tours (Memorial)

9.15am Christians of the Holy Land

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) Successful Operation (7954)

Confessions next Saturday 4.30pm to 5.00pm

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.

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 Next Sunday 12th 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.

St Andrew's Autumn Leaf Collection Saturdays If you have a spare hour on any Saturday morning please come along anytime between 10am and 12noon to help tidy up the leaves from the grounds.



Welcome

to Molly Joan Dineen-Ponde who will be baptised today.

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

Rwanda Group Trust Table Top Sales monthly in St. Anthony's Annexe, St. Anthony's Drive. We will have our own stall and charge £10 for anyone else who wishes to hire a table.

Next date **Saturday, 11 November** 11am to 2pm.

Future dates: 9 December

Empty your cupboards and boost your funds in time for Christmas!!

Ring or email me, Bernadette, for more details and/or to book a

table. Tel: 07734972897 grannyrazzle@sky.com

St Mary's a special Coffee Morning on November 12th for a very special coffee morning straight after the 9 o'clock Mass. Everyone will be invited to help plant a new hedge and take part in a nature quiz (bring your wellies as this will be partly based in the grounds). Of course you're always welcome if you would just like a cup of tea or coffee and some cake. **Please note this replaces the November 5th coffee morning.**

HELPING HANDS at ST MARY'S SCHOOL Helps families that are in urgent need. At the back of St Mary's church is our Helping Hands Box for any kind donations of nonperishable food and toiletries