

Introduction Today's readings are all about the graces that God offers us every day. Each moment God is at work in us and in the world. Our task is to be aware of the opportunities offered and to respond.

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

The praises given to the woman here echo the praises given elsewhere in the scriptures to God. She reflects God's image and likeness.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Standing ready for God may refer to our death and judgement but also to openness to the ways in which God comes to us every day.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

The parable of the talents shows God as the generous giver of graces, but one who asks that we take seriously the gifts we have and use them with confidence.

Please pray for Deacon Graham Lavery and

Fr William (Billy) Bootle, lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

NOVEMBER

19 Ann Myerscough, Patrick Haughey, Bill Theaker, Camilla Hothersall, Bernard Clarkson

20 Fred Clarkson, Wilf Gardner

21 Peter Taylor **24** Jacob Willett

25 Margaret Nicholson **27** May Waring, John Simpson

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030

to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need.

Thank you for your prayers.

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th 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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All of you are
children of the light and
children of the day.

1 Thessalonians 5:5

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SATURDAY 18 November

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) Deceased brothers KSC Council 383
and widows (7959)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 19 November (PMB p155)

World Day of the Poor

9.00am(Lea Town) Pauline Clayton (7969)

10.30am People of the Parish

No Afternoon Devotions

6.00pm Deacon Graham Lavery – Lately Dead

MONDAY 20 November

9.15am Patrick McGlynn RIP (7957)

TUESDAY 21 November - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 22 November – St. Cecilia (Memorial)

9.15am (Cottam) Chris Graham RIP (7960)

THURSDAY 23 November

St. Clement I (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) Deceased members of SABS and
Benefactors (7955)

FRIDAY 24 November

Sts. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions (Memorial)

7.30am (NB TIME) Holy Souls (7949)

SATURDAY 25 November

St. Catherine of Alexandria (Opt. Memorial)

9.15am NO MASS

5.30pm (Vigil) (Cottam) Repose of the soul of Joyce Campbell
(7956)

No Confessions next Saturday 4.30pm to 5.00pm

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.



Welcome

to Abigail Elizabeth Smith who will be baptised today.

Caring for Our Common Home

Thank you to everyone who helped to plant our new native species hedge and to our two wonderful parishioners who donated the plants. Well done to all who completed our tree trail and of course thanks for all the warming teas and delicious cakes.

St Andrew's Mulled Wine & Minced Pies Friday 8th December at 7pm Parish social, all welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church for catering purposes.

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

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.

Parish SVP Thank you for all the donations of non-perishable food and toiletries. We will continue to support our local food bank with your kind donations.

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.

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.