Introduction: Today's readings tell us we are called by God, blessed with every spiritual blessing and sent out to spread Christ's love.

First Reading Amos 7:12-15

Amos, a shepherd and a tender of sycamore trees, totally unqualified to be a prophet, is called by the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

We are chosen in Christ "before the world was made".

Gospel Mark 6:7-13 - Jesus sends out his twelve disciples.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: **JULY**

13 Winifred Jackson, Marie Gibson, Julie Oakes **17** Thomas Bilsborough, Colm Begley **18** James Horan, Finola Tyson

<u>Mass Intentions</u> Canon Adrian has just a very few Mass intentions left, required for specific dates, which explains why there are several Masses being celebrated this week with no Mass offerings or Intentions attached. 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.

Gift Aid This makes such a difference to our Parishes' income at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim 25p for every £1 you give. Please consider taking out a Standing Order, or if at St Andrew's you can register a payment card to use on the card reader, either online or the reader itself.

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Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 14th July 2024

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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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Jesus sent them out two by two.

Mark 6:7

SATURDAY 13th July

5.30pm Vigil Mass Mary Hurst – Lately Dead (8178)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

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9.00am (Lea Town)

10.30am People of the Parish

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

resumes Sunday 28th July 6.00pm Barbara Ballard RIP (8182)

MONDAY 15th July

St. Bonaventure - Memorial

9.15am Cottam

1.00pm Funeral Service - Catherine Bentley

TUESDAY 16th July - NO MASS WEDNESDAY 17th July

9.15am Cottam

THURSDAY 18th July

11.00am NB Time (Lea Town) Leaver's Mass (St Mary's School)

FRIDAY 19th July

St. John Plessington, St John Wall & Companions Martyrs of Lancashire – Memorial

9.15am Cottam

SATURDAY 20th July

9.15am Holy Souls

5.30pm Vigil Mass Mary Pauline Hurst (8184)

Confessions Saturday 4.30 – 5.00pm at St Andrew's.

<u>Castlerigg Manor Open Day</u> Sunday September 15th. Doors open at Midday. Mass with Bishop Paul at 3pm. A great chance to visit Castlerigg and hopefully have a bit of fun!

<u>Open Weekends at Castlerigg</u> This September, Castlerigg are having two weekends for adults and families. September 6-8th will be a 'quiet weekend' for adults hopefully providing a chance to get away from it all and enjoy Keswick and the Lakes. There will be Mass on site. Then, on September 27-29th, there will be an open weekend for adults and families. Again, there will be Mass on site, plus a quiz night for the adults too. Book online at Castleriggmanor.com or call 017687 72711.

<u>Sea Sunday Appeal</u> Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously to support its important work.

For more information about its work visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

Mission Red Box Thank you and Appeal Thank you to all parishioners who gave so generously to the Missio second collection last weekend, the amount raised was £194.20.

<u>Lourdes Petitions or Candle Donations</u> Deacon John Cliffe will be going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July, if you have any petitions that you would like him to take, or donations to light candles in Lourdes, please let Deacon John know.

<u>Afternoon Club</u> The club meets each <u>Tuesday</u> 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.