

## **Year of the Word 2019-2010**

Next Sunday we begin the 'Year of the Word', an opportunity to focus more deeply on the Word of God and the role it plays in our lives. God speaks to us through the Bible, but we can find it hard to listen. During this year there will be several extra ways to deepen our awareness and love of God's Word:

**"People of the Word"** – on the newsletter from next weekend, we will tell the whole story of the Bible, looking at a different character from Scripture each week, with a question for reflection.

**Quotations from Scripture** for different times and situations in life will be made available for us to take away and pray with.

**Lectio Divina** – During Lent, opportunities to practice this way of praying with Scripture in the parish. More details nearer the time.

**Opportunities for learning more about the Bible**, including some new displays in the narthex and more Bible-related CTS publications being made available.

These are in addition to the regular opportunities to reflect on the Word of God, including the readings and homilies at Sunday and weekday Mass, the weekly NCW Liturgy of the Word on Wednesday evenings, and opportunities for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, in which Jesus – the Word – is present. As people of faith we are called to centre our lives on God's Word, letting the God who speaks to us be our guiding light.

**As individuals and as a parish, let's take this opportunity to open our hearts more fully to God.** If you have any ideas of how we can help you to better understand or appreciate the Word of God, please speak to Fr Andrew.



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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 167

Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 34

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	6pm (vigil)	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>	Alan & Andrew Stocks RIP
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:30am		Mrs Miriam RIP
	6pm		James & Peter Whelan RIP
Monday	9:15am		Holy Souls
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		For those who have died in the last twelve months
Wednesday	9:15am		For my friend RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Thanksgiving
Friday	12noon		Lucy Rushmere RIP
Saturday	10am	<b>St Andrew</b>	Marie Harrison RIP
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6pm (vigil)	<b>The First Sunday of Advent (Year A)</b>	Ints of Frances Bamber – 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9:30am		Sallie Rawlinson RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for **Anne Connolly**, whose Requiem will take place here on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 12:30pm and **Bridget McNulty** who died this week, and all who have died recently. During November we remember all of the faithful departed in our prayers.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am, Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for vocations).

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 11am-12noon and on request.

**ROSARY:** Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. These prayers are offered for the protection of human life from conception to natural end.

**ST ANTHONY:** November wall box donations will go to the Foxton Centre.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kath Bernie, Jack Wright, Edgar Coupe, Freda Booth, Ada Ellis, Mary Kelly, Angelo Marcella, Lola Gath, Anne Mulley.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:** That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



**RADIANT 2019:** Next Saturday at Corpus Christi. An inspiring day of talks, testimonies, uplifting music and prayer in the presence of Jesus. Tickets (£8 per adult; £5 for 14-17 y/o) are available online at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) (search 'Radiant 2019 Preston') or use the sign-up sheets in the narthex. Don't miss it!

**ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED:** This Tuesday at 7pm, the annual Mass for those who have died in the last 12 months. Everyone is welcome. If you would like a particular person to be named at the Mass, please contact us by Sunday evening.

**RED WEDNESDAY:** This Wednesday is a day of prayer for all who are persecuted for their faith. We will pray for this intention at the 9:15am Mass and the church will be lit up red in the evening, along with other buildings across the UK, to highlight the problem. Please remember all persecuted Christians in your prayers.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS:** Please remember in your prayers the children of our parish who will make their first confession next Saturday morning.

**ADVENT:** Begins next Sunday. There will be morning prayer Monday-Friday, 7:45am and a Holy Hour including sung Vespers (evening prayer) each Sunday, 4-5pm.

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** Don't forget to pick up your free copy of 'Portiuncula', our annual parish magazine, and take copies for friends, relations and neighbours!

**PARISH MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION:** Could you help to deliver some parish magazines to people's homes? A team will be working on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from midday to deliver the magazine to homes in the parish. Please help if you can!

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Next Sunday (1<sup>st</sup>), after morning Mass. Donations for prizes (money or bottles) for the Draw and books, toys, bottles and sweets for stalls and tombola will be gratefully received. Thank you for your generosity.

**CHRISTMAS DRAW:** Please return your raffle tickets as soon as possible. The draw will be made next Sunday at the Summer Fair.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION:** The December collection will next weekend (30<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup>). This allows the Food Bank more time to prepare Christmas parcels.

**CAKE SALE:** This Sunday after 9:30am Mass, some young people from the WDY/Impact group will be selling cakes in the narthex, in aid of the Salvation Army's Christmas Food Bank appeal for food and children's toys.

**CTS BOOK CLUB:** Next meeting on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The booklet is 'The Hope of Christmas, with Pope Francis'. Copies now available from Fr Andrew.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** This Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>) for Catholic Youth Services. Next Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Dec.), collection for the Poor Missions Fund.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 497; Collection: £1019.99. Thank you for your generosity.



## Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat / Sun	At Mass	<b>Food Bank Collection</b>	House Porch
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	<b>Reconciliation Preparation (6)</b>	Parish Hall
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)</b>	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6:45pm	<b>Baptism Preparation (1)</b>	Chapel
	7:30pm	Journey in Faith Group	Chapel
	6:45pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10am	<b>Radiant 2019</b>	Corpus Christi
Sat / Sun	At Mass	<b>Christmas Food Bank Collection</b>	House Porch
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	<b>Christmas Fair</b>	Parish Hall
	4pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Church
	4:30pm	<b>Sung Vespers and Benediction</b>	Church

## Diary Dates

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: St Clare's School Advent Service, 6pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Corpus Christi cluster Advent Service, 6pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at 9:15am

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Blessing of your home cribs, 7:30pm

## Christmas coach trip to Leeds

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December, leaving at 9am. We will travel to Leeds city centre for a chance to look round and visit the Christmas Market, then on to Corpus Christi church for the live nativity organised by our friends, the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. The nativity is followed by a social organised by the sisters. Back in Preston roughly 7pm. An unmissable day! Full details and the sign-up sheets will be available at all Masses next weekend.

