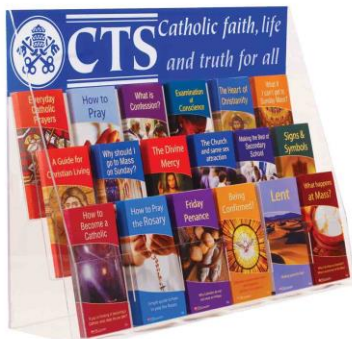




“Change and decay in all around I see...”

These words from the hymn ‘Abide with me’ make a similar point to St Paul’s warning in today’s second reading: “The world as we know it is passing away.” It’s clear to us that nothing in this world is for ever – everything changes and has its end. But our faith, hope and love do last. Today we are reminded to work for the things that last for ever: to repent, and store up our treasure in heaven.

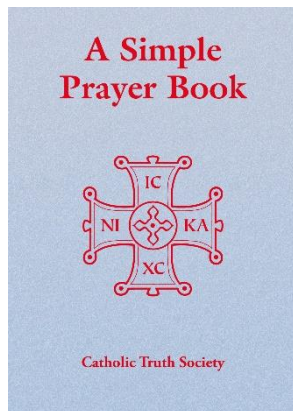
FOCUS ON... Catholic Truth Society (CTS)



The CTS is a Catholic charity which seeks to spread awareness and understanding of our faith, to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. It was founded in 1868 by Cardinal Vaughan and has published a huge range of material over the years. Perhaps their most famous work is ‘The Simple Prayer Book’, which has nourished the prayer life of many people over the decades. Today the CTS has a huge range of booklets and leaflets, covering

different aspects of our faith, Sacred Scripture, the lives of the saints, prayer, the sacraments, Church teaching, and many other topics.

You can see the full CTS range on their website, at www.ctsbooks.org. Once the narthex is open, we will have CTS materials for sale, so that parishioners and visitors can find booklets and leaflets to help them grow in faith and in understanding of all that God gives to us.



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Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 20 th	6pm (vigil)	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Thanksgiving	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 21 st	9:30am		Theresa Meek RIP	
	6pm		Jack Burton RIP	
Monday	9:15am			Joshua Shields (sick)
Tuesday	7pm			Marie Wareing (sick)
Wednesday	9:15am	St Francis de Sales	Frank Barnish RIP	
Thursday	9:15am	The Conversion of St Paul	Private Intention (CF)	
Friday	12noon	Sts Timothy & Titus	Jack Burton RIP	
Saturday 27 th	10am	St Angela Merici	Company of St Ursula	
	6pm (vigil)	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Joan Burton RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 28 th	9:30am		Shirley Gilleade RIP	
	6pm		Winifred Green RIP	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Susan Forster**, whose funeral will take place here on Wednesday at 10:30am, and for **Martin Cliff**, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, and before 12noon Mass on Fridays. These prayers are offered for the protection of life at all stages.

ANGELUS: said at 12noon on Fridays, at the start of Mass.

ANNIVERSARIES: Vincent Jorge, Hilda Templeman, John Barbarel, May Walmsley, Jean Davies, Agnes Turner, Mary Gregson, Roy Williamson, Guy Horton, Winifred Fowler, Margaret Livingston, Margaret Prince, Katharina Lacey, Ronald Templeman.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

NARTHEX BLESSING AND OPENING: The Bishop will come and bless the narthex, marking its formal opening, on **Thursday 1st February at 7pm**. This will be a very important celebration in the life of the parish, so please make every effort to come. After the service there will be a “Jacob’s join” in the parish hall.

NARTHEX WORKS UPDATE: In the last few days a good deal of work has taken place internally (flooring, plumbing, electrical work, decorating) and externally: the last pane of glass has been installed, and work on the external steps and pathways continues. Most of the work should be completed by the end of the coming week, leaving us with a few days to get ready for the opening.

HOSPITAL MASS: Please note, there will be no hospital Mass this Monday.

CRIB COLLECTION raised £185.64 for local families in need. Thank you.

DAY OF RENEWAL: Saturday 3rd February, 10am-4pm (with Mass at 10am). Led by Fr Chris Thomas – ‘The happy attitudes’: a reflection on the Beatitudes.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: This weekend (20th/21st). Please leave items in the porchway of the presbytery (house) at Mass times only.

LOURDES PRIZE BINGO: Taking place on 9th February. If you would like to donate a prize, please bring it to the presbytery or drop it into the sacristy after Mass.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Services during the week are as follows: **Sunday 21st** 7pm St Cuthbert’s; **Tuesday 23rd** 7:30pm Fulwood Free Methodist; **Wednesday 24th** 10:30am Fulwood Methodist Church; **Thursday 25th** 7:30pm Our Lady and St Edward’s; Churches Together is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. To mark this occasion, there will be a celebratory ‘Service of Prayer and Praise’ on Sunday 28th January at 6:30pm at Christ Church.

ST CLARE’S ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER: Regular parish news and pictures: to keep up-to-date, don’t forget to ‘like’ or ‘follow’ us: Facebook: St Clare’s Catholic Church Fulwood; Twitter: @StClareFulwood.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES for 2018 are available after Mass, cost £3 each.

LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE: The diocesan pilgrimage has places for young people (school year 10 and above), 19th-29th July. Sponsorship is available from parish fundraising. Please speak to Fr Andrew for more details.

OLSE LADIES’ GROUP: Next meeting is this Thursday: a talk by Graham Stirrup, "Women in World War I." OLSE Parish Centre, 8pm. Cost £2.

FARMERS MARKET with FAIRTRADE: Next Saturday, 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist. Fresh local produce and a selection of fairly-traded products.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 493; Collection: £1,027.36; Special: £366.66. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House porch
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6:50pm	Baptism Preparation (1)	Chapel
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
	7:30pm	Marriage Preparation (2)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Social Committee	Presbytery
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Parish Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	Holy Communion Preparation (1)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Parish Pastoral Council	Presbytery

Advance Diary Dates

2nd February: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord; Mass at 12noon

3rd February: Confirmation Preparation begins

14th February: Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent

Further ahead and further afield...

"Come and See" – spiritual weekend for women and men in their 20s and 30s: at Hyning Monastery near Carnforth, 26th-28th January 2018. Contact Sister Mary Bernard: hyningbookings@yahoo.co.uk or call 01524 732684.

Retreat Weekend for young adults (20s and 30s) on the theme 'Prayer and Discernment', 26th-28th January in Salford. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input, prayer, reflection and discussion with other young adults. Cost £40. For more information contact Sr Anouska FCJ anouskafcj01@gmail.com