

Year of the Word 2019-2010

On the First Sunday of Advent this year (December 1st) 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 sometimes 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, we will tell the whole story of the Bible week by week, looking at a different character from Scripture each weekend, 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.

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 164

Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 333

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 16 th Nov	6pm (vigil)	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Intention
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 17 th Nov	9:30am		Fr Michael Lakeland RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		George Oldcorn RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Shirley Gilleade RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Cottam and Topping Families RIP
Thursday	9:15am	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Souls
Friday	12noon	St Cecilia	All addicts, in and out of recovery
Saturday	10am		People of the Parish
Saturday 23 rd Nov	6pm (vigil)	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Alan & Andrew Stocks RIP
Sunday 24 th Nov	9:30am		Mrs Miriam RIP
	6pm		James & Peter Whelan RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for 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: Vincent Gray, Joan Battersby, Vera Edwards, Shirley Gilleade, Bridget Warburton, Marie Turner, Frank Hall, Jim Whelan, Anthony Ainsworth, Harold Singleton, Patricia Morris, Michael McCombe, Margaret Fowler, Margaret Panasiewicz, Mary Bond, Peter Butler.

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.

ST CLARE'S CHURCH - 40th ANNIVERSARY MASS: Thank you to all who came to the Mass with the Bishop last Sunday, and to all who helped to make the Mass and social such a wonderful occasion. May God continue to bless us!

RADIANT 2019: Only two weeks to go! An inspiring day of talks, testimonies, uplifting music and prayer in the presence of Jesus. Centred on the Eucharist, 'Radiant' takes place at Corpus Christi Catholic College on Saturday 30th November. The Franciscan sisters will be there and the Bishop will celebrate Mass. Tickets (£8 per adult; £5 for 14-17 y/o) are available online at www.eventbrite.co.uk (search 'Radiant 2019 Preston') and are also available via the parish. Don't miss this wonderful day, which is happening right on our doorstep!

NCW MASS: Please note, there is no NCW (7pm) Mass next Saturday evening.

PARISH MAGAZINE: Don't forget to pick up your free copy of 'Portiuncula', our annual parish magazine, which is out now. Feel free to take copies for your friends, relatives, neighbours or even workplace! Let others see that the Church in our area is alive and well – it may encourage them to take their place in our community.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: This Friday, 7pm. Tickets (£3/adult, children free) are available from this weekend after Masses, or on the door. Come and be part of a quiz team!

YOUTH SUNDAY: Next Sunday, the feast of Christ the King. Anointed and Sent Youth Groups will be meeting from 2pm in the hall and will take part in evening Mass.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Sunday 1st December, 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: Raffle tickets for the draw included with this newsletter. Additional books available from the narthex.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: Please leave any food offerings in the house porch at Mass times this weekend. The December collection will be in a fortnight (30th/1st).

CAKE SALE: Next 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: Meeting this Sunday (17th) after evening Mass. The booklet is "Words of Wisdom from the Church Fathers". Copies available from Fr Andrew.

ST FAUSTINA: A film about the saint, who taught the Divine Mercy devotion, is showing this Monday at the Preston Odeon at 8:30pm. Well worth a look!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next Sunday (23rd/24th) for Catholic Youth Services.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 620; Collection: £1258.07. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat / Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
Sunday 17 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	Reconciliation Preparation (5)	Parish Hall
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	CTS Book Club	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Journey in Faith Group	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Fabric and Finance Committee	Presbytery
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Penitential Liturgy	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Parish Quiz Night	Parish Hall
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
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Diary Dates

Tuesday 26th November: Annual Mass for those who have died in the last year, 7pm

Other local events:

OLSE Ladies' Group is meeting this Thursday at 8pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Centre, a presentation by Margaret Squire called "Travels along the Silk Road".

FULWOOD FARMERS' MARKET AND ECOFAIR: 23rd November, 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church. All welcome.

Covenant Books: Nativity Crib Festival

November 21st-24th at Covenant Books on Whitby Avenue, Ingol.
Open 10:30am-3:30pm each day, with refreshments. Come and see many different types of cribs on display.

Don't forget to have a crib in your home at Christmas! You can bring your home cribs to be blessed at church on Tuesday 17th December after the 7pm Mass.

