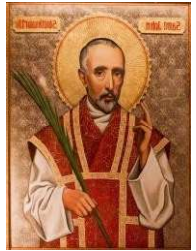


St Teresa's and St John Southworth RC churches Cleveleys



St. Teresa's Ave, Cleveleys FY5 3JT



Parish bulletin: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time - 17th / 18th January 2026

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Mass Times

Weekend Masses	Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm	Sunday 10.00am	
Weekday Masses	Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9.30am		
Confessions	Saturdays and Sundays by appointment		
Weekend attendances	6.30pm-74	10.00am-131	Offertory collection- £501.40

Mass Intentions- Sat 17th Jan. 6.30 pm: Ann Carol **Sun 18th Jan.** 10.00 am: For our parish
Tue 20th Jan.- 9.30am: Fr Peter Foulkes **Thurs 22nd Jan.** -9.30am: Fr Brian Irving,
Fri 23rd Jan 9.30am John Gildert **Sat 24th Jan** 6.30pm Parish **Sun 25th Jan** 10am Sandra Huggins

Please pray for - three priests of our Diocese who have died recently Fr. Ossie Aisbitt, Fr. Peter Foulkes, Fr. Bryan Irving.

Children's Liturgy- takes place at the 10.00am Mass every Sunday.

Tea and Coffee- is served In the Hall after the 10am Mass every Sunday. Come and join us.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion -You might like to know the dates for the preparation and celebration of these Sacraments. On Sundays 8th Feb, 28th Feb, 1st March. Thursday 5th March is the Reconciliation Service in Church after school. Sundays 8th March, 22nd March, 29th March, 19th April. On Saturday 25th April there will be a practice in Church. **Sunday 26th April is the First Holy Communion Mass.**

We are grateful to those who deliver the Children's liturgy, and first Reconciliation / Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. New helpers are always welcome to help our young people grow in faith. Training and safeguarding clearance can be given. Confidence comes from working with others.

From Faith in the Community, Fleetwood - Thank you for your gift of monies raised at the Jag's Concert on 7th December. Your generous gift for the Foodbank (The Pantry) at Fleetwood will make a huge difference to vulnerable lives. A blessed 2026 to you all. J. M. Hall, Treasurer.

Today's reflection: Ways of Knowing. John said, "I did not know him". Of course, he knew Jesus, his cousin, while at the same time he did not know him: he did not know his true identity. However, after his experience of the baptism of Jesus, John could say: "I myself have seen that this is the Son of God." His openness to the revelation of Jesus' true identity was no doubt due to a gradual inner transformation that took place during his time spent in solitude and contemplation. Is this the message that today's gospel holds for us? 'Contemplation is an entirely different way of knowing reality and has the power to move us beyond words, theories, doctrines and dogmas so that we will come to know the very Source of everything that exists. The goal of contemplation is not success, only the continuing practice itself.' (Living Space, Richard Rohr)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 January - 25 January 2026

The Week extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide. This year it takes Ephesians 4 v 1-13 as its central text which includes the words, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4).

The Second Deanery Open Meeting at St Mary's School Sat 7th Feb from 10.00am - 1.00pm

Our second open meeting is planned to begin the very practical discussions which we can share with other Catholic parishes looking to the future in our area. This meeting will be firmly based on what came from parish meetings before the first St Mary's gathering.

- The day will begin with arrivals from 9.30am with refreshments
- It will start with Prayer using Gospel reflection & Gathering Hymn
- The main part of the morning will be to concentrate on a number of most urgent issues for the future in parishes thrown up by the 'Bullet Point' parish reports from our meetings. Those present will be invited to concentrate on the common issues which they feel they can share on.

For example:

Reviewing Parish Buildings (Throughout the deanery and the cost, upkeep, repair, etc)

Participation & Collaboration (In planning and decision -making parish councils and at a cross parishes level) Coordinating Masses across deanery parishes..... and others

Please bring your thoughts and experiences. It is important to recognise that these issues will not be completed in the half day we have. The groups will be invited to continue looking at their issue in the months to come – to seek out realities and experiences of others; to speak to parishioners; and to use imagination (What could the future look like? – is it joyful?).

Ash Wednesday -The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from the palms of the last Palm Sunday. If you would like to return your old palms, we will burn them to use for the ashes given out in our church.

Diocesan Directories- The Church shop, situated in the outer porch at St. Teresa's, has the new ring-bound Diocesan Directories on sale priced £7.50. There are also some boxed Christmas cards and calendars on sale at reduced prices. The shop is open before and after each weekend Mass. Please call in and browse: you will be most welcome.

White Flower Appeal-takes place on the weekend of 17th/18th January. This is a simple but meaningful way to show our support for the dignity of life, and your donations will help the Society of the Protection of Unborn Children continue their important work. Thank you.

FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2026 - 7pm to 10pm in the Church Hall. Following on from the very successful night in October 2025, we are having 'The Jags' back for an evening of music, song and fun. The theme is **Valentine's Day** and the tickets are £12 which include 'Hot Pot' or Vegetarian option (Please say if you require the option) TICKETS will be on sale at the back of church after each Mass. Entrance is by TICKET ONLY due to numbers for catering. After expenses, all proceeds will go towards raising money for an Audio and Visual System upgrade in the church.

Parish hall events

Play Inclusion Project (PIP) on *Tuesdays*. Contact www.playinclusionproject.com

Rainbows, Brownies & Guides/Rangers on *Wednesdays* in the Hall.

Rainbows 6-7pm, Brownies 6-7.15pm, Guides/Rangers 7.30-8.30. Re-open on 14th Jan 2026.

Keep Fit and Dance group on *Wednesdays* in the Church Hall: 1.15pm- 2pm.

THE HUB *Wednesdays* 2-4pm. This takes place in the church hall and is somewhere to relax in a friendly atmosphere with good company.

Bingo-on *Fridays* in the church hall from 1pm-4pm

The Hall- is available for hire on request. Contact Mike Holderness on 07872 680645