St Teresa's and St John Southworth RC churches Cleveleys

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Mass times- 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time- Sunday of the Word of God 25th January 2026		
Weekend masses – Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm	Sunday 10.00am	
Confessions – Saturdays and Sundays by appointment		
Weekend mass attendance – Sat 17th Jan 6.30 pm: 67	Sun 18th Jan 10.00am: 146	
Collections- £632.20		

Mass intentions: **Sat 24th Jan:** The Parish **Sun 25th Jan:** Sandra Huggins
Tue 27th Jan: Anne Warwick **Thurs 29th Jan:** Sarah Laird **Fri 30th Jan:** Anne Warwick
Sat 31st Jan 6.30pm: Jo Laird **Sun 1st Feb:** 10.00am: Jean Murphy

Please pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Ossie Aisbitt, Fr. Peter Foulkes, Fr. Bryan Irvine, Deacon Dominic Hyland, Anne Warwick.

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

Catholic Voice- A new issue of our free Diocesan Newspaper is available from the back of church this weekend. Please take a copy.

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

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion -The dates for the preparation and celebration of these Sacraments are as follows: 8th February,1st March, 8th March, 22nd March, 29th March,19th April.
All the above meetings take place directly after 10am mass in the church hall. **Thursday 5th March is the Reconciliation Service in Church after school. Sunday 26th April is the First Holy Communion Mass.** We are grateful to those who deliver the Children's liturgy, 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.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January: May the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Today's reflection: Sunday of the Word of God

This year's theme is "The word of Christ dwells among you" (Col 3:16). Observed each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, this day invites the faithful to reflect on, celebrate, and share the Word of God in their daily lives.
Archbishop Rino Fisichella, explains this year's theme:
"Saint Paul's words to the Colossians, 'The word of Christ dwells among you', invite us not only to listen to the Word but to let it dwell within us. The Word shapes our thoughts, guides our desires, and unites the Christian community. To welcome it is to allow Christ to speak through our lives, bringing hope and life to those around us."
This year, the celebration also coincides with the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, marking the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Just as the Word transformed Paul on the road to Damascus, it continues to call Christians today to open their hearts and share the Gospel with the world.

The Second Deanery Open Meeting at St Mary's School

This Meeting on **Saturday 7th February 10-1pm at St Mary's School, Blackpool** will begin to address how our Catholic parishes can share resources and experiences as we face the future. There is a leaflet at the back of church giving full information about the Meeting. You do not need to have been at the previous meeting to come to this.
For health & safety and catering reasons the organisers need to know numbers of people attending so please add your name to the sign-up sheets if you intend to come to the Meeting.

Our next **Parish Meeting** in the hall on **Thursday 12th February 6.30-8pm.** This will be a chance to continue our discussions and planning on the future.

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.

Individually Guided Retreats - in the Ignatian tradition at Monastery of Our Lady of Hyning. Friday April 24th – Sun May 3rd OR Sat April 25th – Sat May 2nd. For more info visit: hyningbookings@yahoo.co.uk or phone: 01524 732684.

An Evening of Music and Fun- Friday 13th FEBRUARY 2026 - 7pm to 10pm in the Church Hall. Following on from the very succ essful 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.

St. Wulstan's Parish, Fleetwood are celebrating their Centenary with Mass at 6.00pm on Saturday 7th February.

Parish Hall events

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

Rainbows,Brownies & Guides/Rangers *Wednesdays*. Rainbows 6-7pm, Brownies 6-7.15pm, Guides/Rangers 7.30-8.30

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*