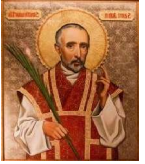




## St Teresa's and St John Southworth RC churches Cleveleys

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### Mass times- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Weekend masses – Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm	Sunday 10.00am
Confessions – Saturdays and Sundays by appointment	
Weekend mass attendance – Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.30 pm: 60	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am: 160
Collections- £114.80 + £188.87 + envelopes £235.50 = £539.17	

**LENT begins this Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Ashes will be distributed at 9.30am Mass.** Thank you to those who have returned old palms to be burnt for this year's ashes. Last chance today.

#### **Mass intentions:**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Pamela Cowling, Verma Bradley    **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Julie Richardson.

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Feb:** James & Ann Murphy;    **Ash Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** for our parish;

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Funeral Mass for Anne Warwick at 10.30am;

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Bill Bonnar;    **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Feb:** John Oswell;    **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb:** Eric Walker.

**Please pray for** Sadie McHugh, Fr. Peter Foulkes, Deacon Tom Butler who have died recently.

**Baptism:** today at **11.30am** we welcome into our community Arlo Joseph Hill. Congratulations to him and his family. May he grow strong in his faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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**

The dates for the preparation and celebration of these Sacraments are:

Sundays- 1<sup>st</sup> March

Thursday- 5<sup>th</sup> March - Reconciliation Service in Church after school

Sundays- 8<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday -25<sup>th</sup> April - Practice in Church

Sunday- 26<sup>th</sup> April- First Holy Communion Mass.

#### **Today's reflection: Beyond wrong-doing and right-doing**

'We can too easily forget that the law is more about relationships than it is rules. Juridically, law is an end in itself, absolutely good and necessary for social order. Spiritually, law is a means, not an end at all. 'Laws can inform and form us but they cannot transform us. Law is a necessary stage one, but if we stay there it actually becomes a stumbling block. It often frustrates the process of transformation by becoming an end in itself. Torah, or Law, is the best and most helpful place to begin but not the best place to stay, and surely not the best place to end.

When telling his Jewish followers to be faithful to their own tradition Jesus strongly distinguished between essentials and non-essentials, and then pushed it even further. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus uses six repetitions of the same phrase: "You have heard it said ... but I say..." I call this the "yes/and" approach: yes the law, and there is something more, which is the real and deep purpose of that very law. Law is never an end in itself. Only people of the Spirit actually change things. *Richard Rohr*

## **The JAGS -An Evening of Music and Fun**

Thanks to *The Jags* and to all who planned and presented this Concert last Friday. £200 was raised for the new P.A. system in the hall.

**Parish Meeting** On Thursday evening 42 parishioners met in the hall to continue our discussions on the way forward in light of no permanent priest and an increase in lay involvement in our parish. We have met twice with local churches at a deanery level; this looks at our parish response. It was a very encouraging and positive meeting. Here are some of the action points from the groups –

**Social and Fundraising** would like to develop a Social Event Calendar to promote events; charge an entrance fee for events; donate the funds raised for the refurbishment of the hall.

**The Building group** would like volunteers to do the weekly and monthly health and safety checks and create a building renewal programme for the parish properties.

**The Finance Group** want to adopt the OPAS Diocesan Financial System when it is ready. An annual budget will be prepared; roles and responsibilities need to be looked at.

**The Pastoral Group** looked at a range of topics including recruiting more people to be actively involved in the life of the parish and ensuring everyone can get to church if they want to.

**A fifth group** looked at the role of the priest; those things that only he can do and what can be done by members of the parish. This group also discussed the role of young people and those who may feel lonely or isolated.

## **Safeguarding.**

It is important that all Church volunteers working with children and adults in our parish have current DBS certificates. Our safeguarding representative Stuart Murray is in the process of updating our register. If you are a catechist or a volunteer ministering to parishioners in their homes then, you may be contacted by Stuart in the coming weeks. Alternatively volunteers can leave their contact details with Mrs Chris Lester in the church shop and your details will be passed on to Stuart. Thank you.

## **St. Teresa's Church Shop**

The '*Walk With Me*' booklets containing daily reflections are now on sale at £1.50. Also available are gifts and cards for St. Patrick's Day and first holy Communion. Please call in and look around.

**Gift Aid: Important information of tax payers-** If you are a taxpayer and have not signed a gift aid declaration please do so as the parish will receive 25p from the government for every £1 you give. Please let us know if you would like a set of gift aid envelopes for your weekly contributions to the church. Alternatively, you can pay your contribution directly into the parish bank account. If you are no longer a taxpayer and have previously signed a gift aid declaration, please let us know. If you currently already have envelopes, you do not need to do anything. These will be reissued to you in due course.

## **Parish Hall events**

**Play Inclusion Project (PIP)** on Tuesdays. Contact [www.playinclusionproject.com](http://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** on Wednesdays 2-4pm in the Church Hall. This is somewhere to relax in a friendly atmosphere.

**Bingo-** on Fridays in the Church Hall from 1-4pm

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