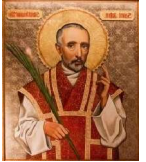




St Teresa's and St John Southworth RC churches Cleveleys

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Mass times- Third Sunday in Lent – 8 th March 2026	
Weekend masses – Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm	Sunday 10.00am
Confessions – Saturdays and Sundays by appointment	
Weekend Mass attendance – Sat 14 th Feb. 6.30 pm: 61	Sun 15 th Feb 10.00am: 187
Collections- £114.28 + £259.43 + envelopes £274.00 = £647.71	

LENT Stations of the Cross – Sundays at 3.00pm.

Please pray for Sadie McHugh and John Fielding who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

Mass intentions: **Sat 7th Mar** Mary Kelly; **Sun 8th Mar:** Peter Rice. **Tue 10th Mar:** Anne Warwick;
Thurs 12th Mar: Betty Josephine Smith; **Friday 13th Funeral Mass at 1.15pm** for Sadie McHugh;
Sat 14th Mar John Fielding; **Sun 15th Mar:** Nellie & Jack Glaze.

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.

We welcome into the family of faith Eilidh Holmes who was received into full Communion last week and **Rory Quinn** who is to be baptised today.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

The remaining dates for the preparation and celebration of these Sacraments are.

Sundays- 8th March, 22nd March, 29th March, 19th April

Saturday -25th April - Practice in Church

Sunday- 26th April- First Holy Communion Mass.

Today's reflection: If we only knew what God has already given us

There's a great deal we don't know about the Samaritan woman's history. What we can infer, though, is that she prefers to be invisible; for whatever reason, she goes out of her way to avoid the other women in her town. So she heads to the well in the scorching heat of the day, instead of in the cool of the morning. She hopes to come and go undetected, carrying around in isolation whatever trauma, wound, sin, fear or desperation her complicated history has left her with. Jesus is at the well and sees her. He sees the whole of her: past, present and future; who she has been; what she yearns for; how she hurts; all that she might become. And he names it all. But he names it all without shaming, castigating or condemning her. He sees and names the woman in a way that makes her feel not judged, but loved; not exposed, but shielded; not diminished, but restored. He allows the truth of who she is to come to the surface. If we were to paraphrase Jesus' words, perhaps we would hear him say: "I see you for who you are, and I love you. Now see who I am, the Messiah, the one in whom you can find freedom, love, healing and transformation, Spirit and Truth, Eternal Life, Living Water. Drink of me, and live." [1]

'The Samaritan woman left her jar behind, that water-bearing vessel on which she depended for her very life. She abandoned it at the well. She had become the vessel. Filled with the living water that she found in the midst of her repetitive daily tasks, the woman goes to spill forth what she has found. She became a vessel of living, liberating, life-giving water.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Debie Thomas [2] Jan Richardson

**Last week we heard a letter from Bishop Paul about the future direction of our parishes.
There are copies in the porch.**

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

Following Bishop Paul's announcement last week that the parishes of St. Teresa, St. John Southworth and Sacred Heart Thornton will be served by Fr. Peter Burns it will be necessary to change the times of Mass in these churches.

With effect from 21st/22nd March, at St. Teresa's the vigil Mass will be at 6.00pm (instead of 6.30pm) and the Sunday morning Mass will be at 11.00am (instead of 10.00am).

At Sacred Heart Church there will no longer be a vigil Mass, and Mass on Sunday morning will be at 9.30am.

We all need to organise a routine in our lives and it is always regrettable when that routine has to change. However we hope people will not find these changes insurmountable and continue to celebrate together as a parish community.

Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Now we move on to preparation for the great Sacrament of the Eucharist. Thanks to all those who have prepared the children and their parents.

Deanery Services of Reconciliation for Lent

at St. Cuthbert's church, Lytham Rd, Blackpool on Friday 27th March 7pm, with individual Confessions. Also at St. Wulstan's, Fleetwood (no date yet)

100 Club Renewals are now due. New members are invited.

Please collect a membership form and enclose the £10 fee in the envelope provided. Either hand this to Kathryn Brimelow or put it into the Collection basket. Do not leave the envelope containing money at the back of church.

February winners: £15 Alice Freshey; £10 Jill Hall; £5 Pat Murray.

St. Patrick's Day Quiz

At St. Kentigern's Parish Centre on Friday 13th March from 8pm. Tickets £5 to include Irish Stew and entertainment.

A Week of Retreat and a School of Prayer. March 9-13 (7.00-8.30pm) plus day retreat (10am-3pm) on Saturday 14th March. Bishop Paul referenced this in his Pastoral Letter. There will be a variety of ways of praying each evening, repeated on Saturday. All the sessions are online. No need to register. To receive the zoom link, email Ursula, our Diocesan Spirituality Rep. uwalker@uwclub.net

Table-top Sale in St. Anthony's Hall on Saturday 11th April 10.00am-1.00pm. Table hire available for £8. More information from Sue on 07889 532158. Proceeds for our Food Pantry and Church sound system.

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 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