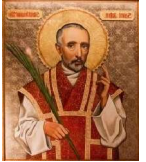




# St Teresa's and St John Southworth RC churches Cleveleys

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## Mass times- Fourth Sunday in Lent – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Weekend masses – Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm	Sunday 10.00am
Confessions – Saturdays and Sundays by appointment	
Weekend Mass attendance – Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.30 pm: 70	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am: 175
Collections- £126.21 + £181.18 + envelopes £259.00 = £566.39	

**Welcome!** to Fr. Peter Burns as he becomes priest-in-charge of St. Teresa's while remaining as parish priest of Sacred Heart, Thornton. He doesn't have far to move and knows the area well. It will mean more responsibilities and we ask all parishioners to help take some of the load off him. There are already a lot of parishioners involved in the parish so he's got a head start. Don't wait to be asked! If you think you can help in any way have a word with Fr. Peter or with Deacon Bernard.

Some parishioners have arranged to serve **tea & biscuits** in the Presbytery after Mass on Thursday morning as an opportunity to meet Fr. Peter.

We also thank Fr. Peter Draper for serving our parish for the last five months. At first he will be going home to Lytham and then probably going to help in another parish when needed.

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**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 14<sup>th</sup> Mar** John Fielding; **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Nellie & Jack Glaze. **Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Mar:** John & Mary Hynes ; **Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Mar:** John Fielding; **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Mar** Carol Hynes; **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar:** Paul Evans

**Masses at Sacred Heart Thornton** are on Sundays at 9.30am, and on Mondays & Fridays at 9.15am,

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

Sundays- 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:** The Place Where We Are Right [1]

'In today's gospel, the Pharisees are seeing the situation the way that most of us almost always see: through our predetermined lenses, our judgments about how the world is. Most questions we ask are questions which seek affirmation that our worldview is *the* worldview. The world the Pharisees observe is permeated with sin: if sin isn't in the blind man himself, it must be in his parents, and if it isn't in his parents, then obviously it is in Jesus. Their questions want answers that are in line with what they know of righteousness. Jesus approaches the blind man, not through the conditional seeing of others, but through an uninhibited and unlimited form of love. Love is what enables our own ability to see beyond - outside of our snap judgments, our preconceived notion about reality. [2]

From the place where we are right, flowers will never grow in the spring.

The place where we are right is hard and trampled like a yard.

But doubts and loves dig up the world like a mole, a plough.

And a whisper will be heard in the place where the ruined house once stood.[1]

'Because the healed man has no preconceptions, because the spiritual ground he stands on is soft and supple, he is able to see God as God is. He is able to see Reality as it truly is.' [3]      [1] Yehuda Amichai [2] Amy Frykholm [3] Debbie Thomas

## **CHANGE OF MASS TIMES**

Following Bishop Paul's announcement 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 next weekend (21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> 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 unsettling 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.

### **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)

### **Seminarians for the Diocese of Lancaster**

This Autumn there will be four men beginning formation for priesthood for the Diocese of Lancaster. They will join the propaedeutic year at the Royal English College, Valladolid, Spain. Please support them in your prayers. We ask you to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese.

### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March**

That nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026**

Bishop Paul Swarbrick is leading the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 23-30 July 2026. For more info, please see posters at the back of church or go to the organisers at [joewalshtours.co.uk](http://joewalshtours.co.uk) There is information also about the Youth pilgrimage which is at the same time and is subsidised by the Diocese.

### **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.

**Table-top Sale** in St. Teresa's Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](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