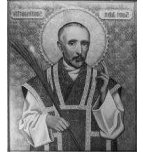




## St Teresa's and St John Southworth RC Churches Cleveleys

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<b>Mass times- Seventh Sunday after Easter – 17th May 2026</b>	
Weekend masses – Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm	Sunday 11.00am
Confessions – Saturdays and Sundays by appointment	
Weekend Mass attendance – Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May - 79	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May - 116
Collections- £ 588.29	

### **Mass Intentions:**

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May:** 6pm Rose Hornby (A)    **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May:** 11.am Private intention- Wedding Anniversary.

**Tue 19<sup>th</sup> May:** 9.30am. Fr. Chris Cousens 75<sup>th</sup>                      **Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May:**

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

**Tea and Coffee**- is served in the Hall at St Teresa's after the **11am Mass every Sunday**. Come and join us- you will be most welcome.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD Key Themes for Reflection:**

- **The Prayer for Unity:** Following on from the meeting at St. Mary's; Jesus prays, "that they may all be one". This calls us to actively build unity rather than allowing differences to cause divisions in our homes, parishes, and communities.
- **Living in the World, Not of It:** As Christians, we are called to be in the world (as witnesses) but not to embrace its destructive ways. We are to be "sanctified in the truth" (Jesus himself).
- **Waiting for the Spirit:** Like the disciples in the upper room, this time encourages us to pray fervently and patiently, waiting for the Holy Spirit's guidance at Pentecost.
- **Knowing God is Eternal Life:** Jesus defines eternal life as knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ whom he sent, suggesting that this spiritual intimacy is our true goal.

**THE HOLY FATHERS PRAYER FOR MAY: That everyone might have food.** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food and clean water.

***Bishop Paul Swarbrick has decreed that the two parishes of St John Southworth and St Teresa's will be merged with effect from Noon on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026. Also, in accordance with Canon Law, the church of St John Southworth will be relegated to profane (but not sordid) use and thus closed for worship at 6pm on the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026. The name of the newly erected parish will be: Thornton Cleveleys Catholic Parish, with both churches retaining their original title.***

***For full details, please see the documents posted in the Porch***

## **OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD – WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT?**

Where does our relationship with God begin? Come along to the sessions to look at how God deals with His people in the Old Testament and how we can learn from it in our own relationship with God. The sessions will be held on a **Wednesday evening, at 7.00 pm at English Martyrs Hall**, commencing on **Wednesday 10th June**. The sessions will last for approximately 1 hour & will be led by Elaine Brownwood from St John the Evangelist parish, Poulton. The sessions are open to people from any of the parishes in our deanery. If you have a copy of the Bible, please bring it with you.

**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 [joewalshstours.co.uk](http://joewalshstours.co.uk). There is information also about the youth pilgrimage which is at the same time and is subsidised by the Diocese.

### **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH: On Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May at St. Mary's RC HS Blackpool.**

We had our third meeting "Looking to the future of our Parishes" where the working groups, which were established in the second session in February, discussed future developments. This is a very important issue, one that everyone should be willing to engage. What has happened in the past stays in the past. Our goal should be to heed the words of scripture as laid out over the page in **(THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD) Consider saying a simple prayer to the Holy Spirit twice a day, morning and evening from now to Pentecost Sunday, to ask the Holy Spirit to empower you and this community here to help change what we can change and the wisdom to know the difference.**

**EXAMPLE: Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, I adore you. Enlighten, guide, strengthen and console me. Tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it and show me what is your will.**

**Exciting Job Vacancy in Preston: Chaplaincy Team member.** The Metanoia Project provides full time Chaplaincy services to local Catholic High Schools and full time provision for Students and Young Adults in the City Centre in connection with the University of Lancashire. We are looking for an enthusiastic and competent person to assist in providing the most engaging, Christ-centred and fruitful missionary possible in both settings. Accommodation is available if required. Full details of salary and benefits are listed in the application pack on our website.

<https://metanoiaproject.co.uk/chaplaincy-team-member>. Closing date is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Further information from Ruth White 07878832457 [ruth@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:ruth@metanoiaproject.co.uk)

### **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** A chance to enjoy company and a chat on *Wednesdays* 2-4pm in the Church Hall. Free drinks, cake and biscuits. All welcome.

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

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