

St Teresa & St John Southworth Churches, Cleveleys

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SATURDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER

6.30 pm Hugh Doherty (A)

SUNDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am Parish 10.30 am For the success of the Journey of Faith Programme
5 pm (atStJS) Parish

MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER

9.30 am Joan Smith (LD)

TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER

9.30 am Marjorie Swindells (LD) 1 pm Funeral Mass: Margaret Ratcliffe

WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

9.30 am (at StJS) Dennis Ridsdale

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER - St Matthew

9.30 am Private Intention

FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

9.30 am Mary Tovey (LD)

SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

9.30 am John & Helen Furness (Golden Wedding)

6.30 pm Pat and George Hussey

SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am Margaret Oddie (A) 10.30 am Virginia Goodhew (B)
5 pm (atStJS) Thomas and Bernadette Delaney

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 10.30-11.30 am and 6.00-6.20 pm

Attendance last Sunday: StT 278
StJS 61
Church Collection: StT £845.58
StJS £66.64
Special Coll: StT £165.64 StJS £66.64
received with thanks

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS Margaret Ratcliffe of Maitland Avenue whose Funeral Mass is at St Teresa's on Tuesday, 19 September at 1 pm, and Connie Walsh, formerly of North Drive, whose Funeral Mass is at St Teresa's on Monday, 25 September at 12 noon. We remember them and their families, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in God's peace.

'HIT ME – I NEED THE MONEY'

No – not a plea from Anthony Joshua's latest boxing opponent, but a popular bumper sticker found on cars in America!

We live in a society where lawsuits are big business. But we are also conditioned to hit back and not let other people walk all over us. We can only take so much. We might forgive once or twice, but then, there *are* limits.

Unfortunately, limiting our forgiveness limits us too. There are few bigger handicaps to happy living than a heart and mind swamped with bitterness. In today's Gospel the unforgiving steward is handed over to the gaolers. Yet, being unforgiving ourselves puts us in a gaol of our own making. Ill will and lack of forgiveness punishes no one but ourselves.

The only way to be free is continually to let go. Letting go with unlimited forgiveness does not approve or discount those who have hurt us, but it does allow us the freedom to be ourselves, our lives no longer ruled by someone else.

And not even a million pounds from a bout with Anthony Joshua can buy that kind of freedom!

WE ALSO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS all our parishioners who are ill, especially Dominic Barlow, Francis McGarva, Thomas McShane, Christina Wadland, Rita Griffiths, Tony Petty, Mavis McQuillen, Pat Killeen, June Gaffney, Terry Semple, Joan Woods, Cath McVeigh, Sarah Maureen Harrison, Monica and Harry Likover, Emily Bradder, Tim Judge, Emily Richardson, Mary Wignall, Joan Harring, Win and Peter Campbell, Ann Blyth, Colette Coates, Carol Rowlands, Rita and Frank Brown, Enid Penn, Gerry Diamond and all those who receive Holy Communion at home.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Theodore Louis Longson whose Baptism takes place this Sunday.

THIS WEEKEND WE CELEBRATE HOME MISSION SUNDAY The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we could pray for people we carry in our hearts to encounter him for themselves. If you would like to pray for the spread of the Good News on a regular basis, please sign up to our newsletter via homemissions.org.uk. Please consider contributing to today's second collection as you leave church. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, FLEETWOOD, as part of their 150th anniversary celebrations, are having an Evening of Light and Popular Music, including showtunes and jazz, featuring the Fylde Concert Orchestra. This is on Friday, 29 September at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 and can be bought at the door. For more information telephone Bill Wright 01253 779301. All are very welcome.

CARDINAL ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL are having an Open Evening on Thursday, 28 September, starting with the Headteacher's Address at 6.30 pm.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING: In keeping with Church safeguarding policy, the volunteers of our various Parish Groups have to periodically have their CRB/DBS certificates renewed. Therefore between now and Christmas, St Teresa's Safeguarding Representative, Stuart Murray, will be contacting all those concerned. This is a free service for volunteers. All that is required is a little patience and co-operation with our Safeguarding Rep.

THE ANNUAL EDUCATION MASS takes place at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, LA1 3BT on Friday, 6 October at 7 pm. All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Michael Campbell OSA at the annual Diocese of Lancaster Education Mass. This invitation extends in a special way to all those involved in education and faith formation; priests, deacons, catechists, youth ministry, children's liturgy, those in seminary and teachers outside of the Catholic Sector. The celebration gives us the opportunity to express our thanks and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the Diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith. Together we ask for God's blessing on the mission of education and formation in our diocese.

'A JOURNEY OF FAITH' Each year at St Teresa's we have a programme of meeting for any adult who is interested in the Catholic Faith. This of course is also for anyone in St John Southworth Parish. For some this is a way to consider being received into the Catholic Church, whether they have already been baptised in another Church Denomination or not. For others this is a means of simply understanding more about the Christian Life and our Catholic beliefs and practices. There is never any pressure at these meetings – they are always conducted within a warm and friendly environment.

These meetings are due to begin in October, so, if you are interested at all please fill in the form below, and hand it in as soon as you can - to the Presbytery, or in the Sunday Collection basket or directly to Fr Chris or Deacon Bernard. Maybe you know of someone who might be interested. If so, please pass this Bulletin on to them for their consideration.

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