

# *St Teresa & St John Southworth Churches, Cleveleys*

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## **SATURDAY, 16 JUNE**

6.30 pm Trudy Balfe (A)

## **SUNDAY 17 JUNE – 11<sup>th</sup> the Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9.00 am Parish 10.30 am Julia Normyle (LD)

5 pm (atStJS) Donor's Intention

## **MONDAY, 18 JUNE**

9.30 am Roxanne Burrows

## **TUESDAY, 19 JUNE**

9.30 am Sylvester Harvey (A)

## **WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE – St Alban**

9.30 am (at StJS) Sue Sowerby

## **THURSDAY, 21 JUNE**

9.30 am May Waters (A)

## **FRIDAY, 22 JUNE – Sts John Fisher and Thomas More**

9.30 am Keith Brewer (LD)

12.30 am Funeral Mass: Julia Normyle

## **SATURDAY, 23 JUNE**

9.30 pm Jimmy Welsh (A) 6.30 pm Paula Paradeema (A)

## **SUNDAY, 24 JUNE – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9.00 am Parish 10.30 am Curtis William (A)

5 pm (atStJS) Thomas & Bernadette Delaney

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

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| Attendance last Sunday: | St T's: 295          |
|                         | StJS: 41             |
| Collection:             | StT's £850.16        |
|                         | StJS: £117.75        |
|                         | received with thanks |

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS** Paul Clarke Snr whose Funeral was last week, and Julia Normyle whose Funeral Mass is at St Teresa's on Friday, 22 June at 12.30 pm. We remember them and their families, and all those whose anniversaries are at this time. May they rest in God's peace.

**WE ALSO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS** all our parishioners who are ill, especially Dominic Barlow, Francis McGarva, Thomas McShane, Christina Wadland, Rita Griffiths, Mavis McQuillen, Joan Woods, Monica and Harry Likover, Emily Richardson, Win and Peter Campbell, Ann Blyth, Colette Coates, Carol Rowlands, Rita and Frank Brown, Enid Penn, Gerry Diamond, Margaret Sadler, Dennis White, Bill Røse-Quirie, John Bostock and all those who receive Holy Communion at home.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Jack Michael Ray Smith whose Baptism takes place this Sunday.

**THIS WEEKEND WE CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL ‘DAY FOR LIFE’** which this year focuses on a growing problem in our world – **Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery**. This weekend we consider all those who are suffering or have survived such terrible experiences.

The ‘Day for Life’ provides an opportunity to pray, reflect, and to choose the ways in which action, as well as practical and emotional support, can ensure the dignity of human life is upheld at every stage of a person’s life. As Pope Francis has said, “The trade in human beings violates the God given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters, and constitutes a true crime against humanity.” Jesus also tells us, “I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10).

But many people do not have life to the full because they are traded as objects and not recognised as persons. They have fallen victim to the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery, and have been treated as commodities to be traded ruthlessly for criminal profit. Indeed, this is something that is happening in communities across our country, not just in our big cities or towns. It’s not only happening in brothels and nail bars, but on farms, building sites and factories as well. Nor is this a problem confined to immigrant communities, it is affecting our own citizens too, and may very well be in our own area.

Trafficking is a growing problem, and the UN estimates that over 40 million people worldwide are in slavery. In the UK alone, it is estimated that every year there are over 13,000 victims of trafficking from all countries, and, of course, criminals exploit some of the most vulnerable and desperate people.

We **can** act together to stop this. It is a crime hidden in plain sight. It’s difficult to investigate, and the police need our help to identify and stop the trafficking and rescue and support the victims. On the noticeboard is a poster with a list of signs which could help us identify a victim. And the advice given for reporting any situation is to phone the Modern Slavery Helpline 08000121700 or “in an emergency it’s best to keep it simple” – phone 999.

The Catholic community can make a real difference to help solve this problem – to help people find freedom and live life to the full. There are many organisations working to put a stop to human trafficking and modern slavery. One of these, the Santa Maria Group works internationally to bring the Catholic Church and law enforcement agencies together to eradicate slavery. To read more visit [www.santamariagroup.com](http://www.santamariagroup.com).

After each Mass this weekend there is a special Day for Life collection in all our parishes. Any money collected will be used to support the work of those who care for anyone trapped by human trafficking and slavery. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.