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**25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
19th September 2021**

**Padre Pio**

**A poor brother who prays**

Born into a poor Italian farm family, from a young age Francesco Forgione desired to be a friar. When he was sixteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Order, and took the name Brother Pius (Fra Pio). He was ordained to the priesthood in 1910; six years later, joined the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in San Giovanni Rotondo. He spent many hours every day hearing Confessions. The height of his apostolic commitment was the celebration of the Holy Mass. He described himself as "a poor brother who prays." "Prayer is the greatest weapon we have," he said. It is "a key to open the heart of God."

**An extraordinary meeting**

In 1948, Padre Pio heard the Confession of a young Polish priest, Father Karol Wojtyła, who thirty years later would ascend the throne of Peter, taking the name John Paul II. It was during John Paul's pontificate that Padre Pio was declared blessed. During the rite of beatification, the Pope said that in the humble friar, we see the image of Christ suffering and risen. "His body," he said, "marked by the 'stigmata,' showed the intimate connection between death and resurrection... Not less sorrowful, and humanly much more scorching, were the trials he had to suffer as a consequence, one could say, of his singular charisms." For Padre Pio, "suffering with Christ" was a gift: "In contemplating the Cross on Jesus' shoulders," he said, "I always feel strengthened and I exult with holy joy... All that Jesus suffered in His Passion, I too have suffered, insofar as it is possible for a human creature."

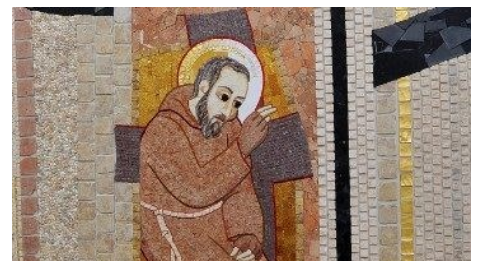
**"Relief from suffering"**

The life of Padre Pio also shows an intense commitment to alleviate the sufferings of families. In 1956 he inaugurated the "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza" (the House of Relief from Suffering), a new state of the art hospital. "It is the apple of my eye," the friar said when the hospital opened. "This is the creation that Providence, with your help, has created. Gaze at it in wonder, and with me bless the Lord God. He has placed upon the earth a seed that He will warm with His rays of love."

**Death**

Padre Pio died during the night of 23 September 1968, at the age of 81. On 16 June 2002, he was proclaimed a saint by Pope John Paul II. In his homily, the Pope said, "The life and mission of Padre Pio prove that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord."

*St Pio of Pietrelcina pray for us*



## St Isidore's Annual BBQ

Many thanks to all those who prepared home baking, helped with the BBQ or contributed in any way to the Annual BBQ. It was wonderful to see some many "old faces" back in St Isidore's. Thank you to all those who attended and made the Annual BBQ such a success.



## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thank you to those who very kindly accepted Fr John-Paul's invitation to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. **There will be a short training session (roughly 15mins) after weekend Masses this weekend**, so if you could stay on after Mass that would be great. We hope a rota will commence very soon once our new Extraordinary Ministers have been commissioned.

## October Devotions & Rosary

During the month of October we will have Devotions to Our Blessed Lady. The Devotions will take two forms: on the Tuesday's of October Fr John-Paul will go between our three churches and livestream the Rosary via St Mary's Facebook Page. On Sunday evenings people will be welcome to attend St Mary's at 6pm for Evening Prayer of the Church and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (this will also be livestreamed). Also during the month of October the Rosary will be recited 20 minutes before weekday Mass, this will be parishioner led and a sign-up sheet will be available each week for those who would wish to lead the Rosary.

## RCIA - St Mary's

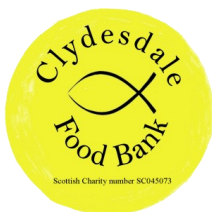
The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin in St Mary's in October. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic, and you would like to come into full communion with the Church, please speak to Fr John-Paul.

At present we have 3 or 4 people looking to join the course, and we hope it will be informative and engaging for all concerned. Fr John-Paul would also like to thank the parishioners who have volunteered to be part of the course, we look forward to travelling in faith together.



## Clydesdale Foodbank

Next weekend will be our Monthly Foodbank Collection to help support Clydesdale Foodbank. Bags of shopping can be handed to any pass-keeper, or left in the sacristy. Monetary donations can also be handed to a pass-keeper or placed in the basket with your weekly offering. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the Foodbank.



## The Clubrooms Email Address

In recent weeks we have experienced many problems with the existing Clubrooms email system. It has resulted in us having to change the Clubrooms email address. To book the Clubrooms or to make an inquiry please contact:

**[theclubrooms@outlook.com](mailto:theclubrooms@outlook.com)**



## Memorare to St Joseph

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen





## Please Pray For The Following:



**Recently Dead** - Sr Pauline Vince St Catherine's  
Fr Terry Donnelly; Jim Casagrande; Brian Hughes; Tony Schembri; Paul Tighe.

**Months Minds & Anniversaries** - Rev. Father James Boyle S.J.; Kevin Reilly; Dan O'Donnell Snr; Frank Devitt; James McEwan; Helen Docherty; Brian Wilson; Paul Wilson; Margaret Dempsey.

**Funeral Arrangements** - Sr Pauline Vince Requiem Mass: Tuesday 21st September 12noon

*"May the angels lead you into paradise;  
may the martyrs come to welcome you  
and take you to the holy city,  
the new and eternal Jerusalem."*

## September Second Collection

During the month of September Bishop Toal has asked all parishes, within the Motherwell Diocese, to have a Second Collection to support the costs of training men for the priesthood. In average, each year, the diocese has to pay out £252,000 to cover the cost of seminary training for the six men in formation at present. As before, there will be a basket at the back of each church for those who wish to donate. In advance, Bishop Toal thanks you for your generosity! It is also important to pray for the "young" men who are training for our Diocese: Christopher Morris (St Bride's, Cambuslang), Colm Martin (St Bernadette's, Motherwell), Christopher Fumage (St Bernard's, Shawhead), Ronan McQuade (St Joseph's, Blantyre), Kieran Burt (St Joseph's, Blantyre), Christopher Igwe ( St Francis Xavier, Carfin).



## Parish Finances

### St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 875.00  
Standing Orders: £ 517.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.  
For those who wish to pay Bank Transfer or Standing Order please find the relevant details below.

### St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 172.40  
Standing Orders: £ 95.00  
(Including St Mary Magdalene's)

**St Marys Mission RCDM 80-17-02 00265809**

**Parish of St Isidore's 83-16-11 00235026**

### St Mary Magdalene's

Offertory Collection: £ 106.00

## St Mary's Readers Rota

### 18th/19th September

5.00pm G. Abernethy  
10.30am E. McCabe  
5.00pm S. Casserly

### 2nd/3rd October

5.00pm J. Moynagh  
10.30am M. Hughes  
5.00pm S. Casserly

2. Do NOT say "First Reading" or "Second Reading" simply read who the reading is from and continue.
3. Do NOT say "Response to the Psalm" or "Response" simply read the response and look up.
4. Gospel Acclamation will be sung by the choir or priest

### 25th/26th September

5.00pm A. Haetzman  
10.30am S. Watson  
5.00pm M. Davis

### ***Guidelines Reminder***

1. Move forward when the congregation respond 'Amen'.
- 4.

If you are unable to fulfil your reading commitment please call Kevan on 07756523623

## Weekly Parish Schedule

### Sunday 19th September

- 8.30am Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood (St Mary Magdalene's)  
9.00am Holy Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary Magdalene's)  
10.30am Holy Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)  
12noon Holy Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Isidore's)  
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

### Monday 20th September

- 9.30am Holy Mass & St Therese Novena - Week 8 (St Mary's)

### Tuesday 21st September

- 10.00am Holy Rosary (St Mary Magdalene's)  
10.30am Holy Mass (St Mary Magdalene's)  
12noon Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Sister Pauline Vince DC (St Mary's)

### Wednesday 22nd September

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)  
7.00pm **Weekly Rosary Group (Zoom: ID 828 0546 0960 Passcode 638016)**

### Thursday 23rd September

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)  
10.30am Holy Mass (St Isidore's)

### Friday 24th September

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

### Saturday 25th September

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)  
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)  
5.00pm **Vigil Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Sunday 26th September

- 8.30am Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood (St Mary Magdalene's)  
9.00am Holy Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary Magdalene's)  
10.30am Holy Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)  
12noon Holy Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Isidore's)  
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

## Liturgical Calendar

**Monday 20th September Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions, Martyrs** - Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean presbyter and Paul Chong Hasang a catechist and lay apostle. After more than two centuries of lay leadership, the Church in Korea was subject to fierce persecutions between 1839 and 1867. This feast commemorates 103 of the numerous Korean martyrs, representatives from all walks of life: men and women, married and unmarried, the elderly, teenagers and children, missionary bishops and presbyters. Noted for their fearless witness in the face of torture and death.

**Tuesday 21 September St Matthew, Apostle** - Matthew, also known as Levi, was a Jew who collected taxes for the Romans at Capernaum in Galilee. Here Jesus met him and called him to be an apostle (Luke 5:27-28). Venerated as the author of the gospel which highlights Jesus' role as Messiah and underlines the presence of the kingdom of God in the Church.

**Thursday 23rd September Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)** - Born on 25 May 1887 in Pietrelcina (Italy); died on this day in 1968 at San Giovanni Rotondo (Italy). Raised in a deeply religious rural home, Francesco Forgione became Padre Pio when he was ordained in the Capuchin order in 1910. A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, a renowned holy man, and a charity worker who founded a hospital (the House for the Relief of Suffering). His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. Honoured as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director.