

Saturday, 23rd September

St Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest

Padre Pio, as he is known, is the most famous stigmatic since St Francis and was born in 1887 in Pietrelcina, northern Italy. His stigmata became visible in September 1919 and remained so until they equally disappeared during his last Mass. As his condition became known thousands flocked to him for spiritual direction and confession. Padre Pio died in 1968 and was canonised on 16 June 2002.

Entrance Antiphon: Your priests, O Lord shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

BVM Antiphon: Hail, holy Mother! The child to whom you gave birth is the King of heaven and earth for ever

First Reading: 1 Timothy 6:13-16
Do all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Come before the Lord, singing for joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may consider the wonders of your law. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 8:4-15
The part in the rich soil is people who take the word to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.

BVM Antiphon: Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary; she carried the Son of the eternal Father.



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WEEKDAY

MASS SHEET

18th – 24th September
Week 24, Year I

Monday, 18th September

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be the Lord for he has heard my cry.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make me grasp the way of your precepts, and I will muse on your wonders. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 7:1-10
Not even in Israel have I found faith like this.

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Tuesday, 19th September

Weekday or
St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop or
St Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Born in 602 at Tarsus, Theodore is an example of heroic virtue as a pastor of the English Church. He is regarded as a second Augustine, sent to unite what his predecessor had founded. He is one of the most important figures in early English Christianity, both for ecclesiastical organisation and for his promotion of learning. He was consecrated Bishop at age 66 and arrived in England the following year, 669, where he would spend the rest of his life in what Bede would call the 'golden age'. He died in 690, aged 88. Januarius is the patron saint of Naples in Italy.

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

The president must have an impeccable character. In the same way, deacons must be conscientious believers in the mystery of the faith.

Responsorial Psalm: **I will walk with blameless heart.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death, and he has proclaimed life through the Good News. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Young man, I tell you to get up.

Communion Antiphon: **How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

Wednesday, 20th September

St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

113 martyrs were canonised by Blessed John Paul II during his pastoral visit to Korea in 1984. The evangelisation of Korea began in the early 17th century by a fervent group of lay Christians. At first they were without priests but soon missionaries from France entered the country secretly. 103 members of this community were among the martyrs, together with three bishops and seven priests, from France. The persecution began in 1839 and ended in 1867.

Entrance Antiphon: **Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

First Reading: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

The mystery of our religion is very deep.

Responsorial Psalm: **Great are the works of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Accept God's message for what it really is: God's message, and not some human thinking. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 7:31-35

We played the pipes for you, and you wouldn't dance; we sang dirges, and you wouldn't cry.

Communion Antiphon: **How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

Thursday, 21st September

ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

He is known in the Gospels as Levi, the tax collector. He was called to be one of the twelve by Christ and martyred possibly in Egypt or Persia.

Entrance Antiphon: **Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, says the Lord.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7. 11-13

To some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some evangelists.

Responsorial Psalm: **Their word goes forth through all the earth.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. The glorious company of the apostles praise you, O Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Follow me. And he got up and followed him.

Communion Antiphon: **I did not come to call the just, but sinners, says the Lord.**

Friday, 22nd September Weekday

Entrance Antiphon: **Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

First Reading: 1 Timothy 6:2-12

As a man dedicated to God you must aim to be saintly.

Responsorial Psalm: **How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Harden not your hearts today, but listen to the voice of the Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 8:1-3

With Jesus went several women who provided for him out of their own resources.

Communion Antiphon: **How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**