

PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER DUNDALK  
17TH SEPTEMBER 2023  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area



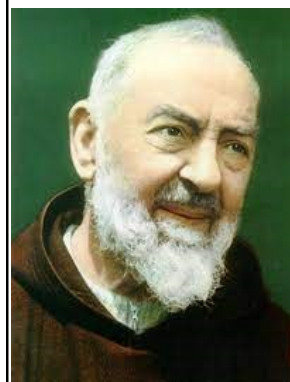
**BULLETIN CHANGE** Beginning **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October** there will be a new bulletin that will combine the bulletins used in St Patricks, St Nicholas', Holy Redeemer & Holy Family Churches. Please allow for teething problems.

In order for this new system to run smoothly we are asking that all notices and Mass intentions for each up coming week be left with your parish office no later than 12 noon on Wednesdays. Thank you.

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** this weekend **16th/17th September** is in aid of Dundalk Social Service-Meals on Wheels. We thank you for your support.

**AUTUMN DUES 2023** Will be collected over the coming weeks. These dues are for the upkeep of the priests who serve this parish. We are grateful to all the dues collectors for their work and the generous support of the parishioners. The collectors will be distributing an envelope to each household asking that you return same, with your donation to the Sacristy/Parochial house or to person whom you may know delivered the envelope to you. We welcome your continued support. Thank you.

**23RD SEPTEMBER: FEAST OF SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA.** Saint Pio is better known as "Padre Pio". He



was born Francesco Forgione in 1887, one of seven children in a simple peasant family. His growing up years were marked by daily Mass, family rosary, and acts of penance. He decided at a young age to dedicate his life to God. He joined the Capuchin Franciscan Friars at 15 years old. He was ordained a priest in 1910 and took the name Pio, a modern Italian form of "Pius," in honor of Pope St. Pius V. He was assigned to the Friary in San Giovanni Rotondo in central Italy, where he lived the rest of his life. Padre Pio suffered from illnesses and health problems. He also experienced religious ecstasy and attacks from the devil (friars would report strange noises coming from his cell). He was reportedly able to bi-locate, levitate, and heal by touch. In 1918, while praying before a cross, Padre Pio received the painful Stigmata – the five wounds of Christ's passion. He was the first stigmatized priest in Church history. The Stigmata would remain with him for 50 years.

Many doctors looked at his wounds with no explanation. They openly bled with no drop in blood pressure. Doctors estimated that he lost a cup of blood every day. The wounds were deep, but free of inflammation and swelling. During World War I, Padre Pio served in the military and offered his own personal suffering for an end to war. In 1956 he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. Against his wishes, Padre Pio's reputation for holiness and miracles began to attract crowds. Millions of people attended his Masses. He received letters from believers all over the world who asked for his saintly counsel and spiritual guidance. Countless were attracted to his confessional, where he would hear confessions for up to 16 hours a day. People waited as much as two weeks to have him hear their confession. Yet despite such notoriety, he would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." His life was marked by long hours of prayer and sacrifice. He had a deep union with God, a burning love for the Holy Eucharist, and a fervent devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Worn out by years of intense suffering and constant apostolic activity, Padre Pio was called to his heavenly reward on September 23rd, 1968. He was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002. Today, his tomb is the most visited shrine in Europe, surpassing even Fatima and Lourdes.

**Feast days this coming week September 18th-24th September**

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|-------|------|---|
| Mon   | 18th | St. Joseph of Cupertino.                    |
| Tues  | 19th | St. Januarius, bishop and martyr.           |
| Wed   | 20th | St. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang.  |
| Thurs | 21st | ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST.         |
| Fri   | 22nd | St. Maurice, martyr.                        |
| Sat   | 23rd | St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre pio) priest. |
| Sun   | 24th | Our Lady of Walsingham.                     |

**PRIESTS IN PARISH**  
V Rev Mark O'Hagan Adm.  
Rev Stephen Wilson CC.  
Tel: 042 933 4259



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Thursday 10am-1pm. 2pm-4pm.  
Office closed Friday-Sunday  
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[www.holyredeemerparish.ie](http://www.holyredeemerparish.ie)

**COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:**

"Conscious of our brokenness and moved by the Spirit of Compassion, we the Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council, strive to be messengers of God's healing and love in today's world and to encourage and support all parishioners to bear witness to the Gospel of Christ."

| Anniversary and Remembrance Masses |                |         |        |   |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------|--------|---|
| Saturday (Vigil)                   | 16th September | 6.00pm  | MM     | Maura Larrissey & deceased members of the Coleman family.           |
|                                    |                |         | Av's   | Ann Gorman. Jackie Ladley & deceased family members. Jason Kearney. |
| Sunday                             | 17th September | 10.00am |        |   |
|                                    |                | 11.30am |        |   |
| Monday                             | 18th September | 10.00am |        | Holy Souls.   |
| Tuesday                            | 19th September | 10.00am | Av     | Ita Coulter.  |
| Wednesday                          | 20th September | 10.00am | Av     | Vincent Morgan.   |
| Thursday                           | 21st September | 10.00am | Av     | Brendan Crosby.   |
| Friday                             | 22nd September | 10.00am | Av's   | Cyril & Olive O'Brennan.<br>Betty, Derek & Adrienne O'Brennan.      |
| Saturday (Vigil)                   | 23rd September | 10.00am |        | Mass Card Intentions.   |
|                                    |                | 6.00pm  | 1st Av | Calvin Curley-Gray.   |
| Sunday                             | 24th September | 10.00am |        |   |
|                                    |                | 11.30am | MM     | Annie (Nancy) Rafferty.   |
|                                    |                |         | MM     | Martin McCrory.   |

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:** Patrick Joseph Richardson, Brookville House, Ardee Road. Marie Larkin (née McKey) Cedarwood Park. Ciarán Kinney, Ard Easmuinn. Daniel Doyle, Ashling Park. Peter Nugent, Ashling Park. Martin McCrory, Coulter Place. Kathleen Cooney, Patrick Tierney Crescent. Nancy Rafferty, McDermotts Tce. Patrick McNally, Beechmount Drive. Theresa Cooney, Aisling Park. Fr. Philip Hearty C.Ss.R (Redemptorist), St. Joseph's, Dundalk.



**NEW CHOIR MEMBERS** If you or anyone you know may be interested in joining the choir please leave your name and number with the Sacristan/Parochial House.



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** Takes place in our Church, Tuesdays 10.30 am to 4.00 pm and every first Friday of the month 10.30am to 4.00 pm. All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING** All are Welcome to the weekly Prayer Meeting, which takes place each Monday from 8pm to 9.30pm, in "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk. A91 W0C 9. Tel. 042-9331602.

**BIBLE STUDY COURSE** Have you ever wanted to learn how to use your Bible? Is the Bible for modern times? The Dig-in Bible course over 8 weeks is designed to help people understand and use their Bible in a simple, practical, down to earth manner. This exciting course will teach you, where the Bible came from, who wrote it, how to use it in your everyday walk of faith. Venue: Oasis of Peace Centre, Mellifont Abbey, Collon, Co Louth. Cost: donation. To book your place call 089 615 2568 or email [info@apostlesoflove.ie](mailto:info@apostlesoflove.ie)

| WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT               | TOTAL     | CHURCH                        | ENVELOPE |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Parish collection 10th September 2023 | €1,746.50 | €623.55<br>Special<br>€505.95 | €617.00  |
|                                       | Thank you |                               |          |

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT**

The parish recognises and upholds the rights of all children and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing at all times. A copy of the policy is always available for those who wish to view it in the parish office or the Sacristy.

