

# Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

## YEAR C

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September

*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

*Monday of week 25 in Ordinary Time*

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

*Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio),  
Priest*

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

*Our Lady of Walsingham - Feast*

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

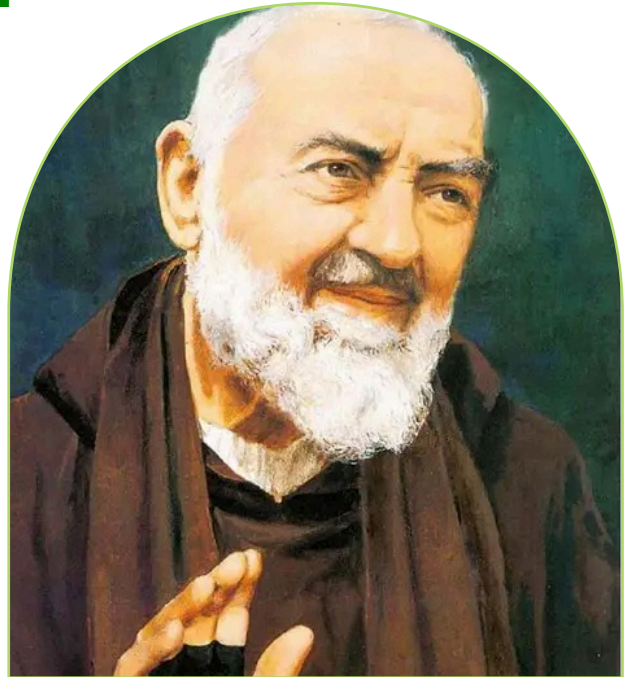
*Thursday of week 25 in Ordinary Time*

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

*Friday of week 25 in Ordinary Time*

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

*Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*



*Saint Padre Pio is one of the few saints who had the wounds of Christ on his hands and feet, called the stigmata. He had the gifts of reading souls, bilocation and the ability to heal people. He brought many people closer to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

O God,  
who by grace gave Padre Pio a share in the  
Cross of Your Son,  
through his ministry, mercy and intercession,  
may we be united to Christ in His sufferings  
and in His glory.  
Amen.



*Saint Padre Pio  
Pray for  
us*



# CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

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## Gather

### Atmosphere

Turn off the lights  
Sit on the carpet  
Play inspirational music  
Close your eyes

### Prayer Area

Green cloth  
Light a candle  
Cross  
Money and work tools

### Action

Sign of the Cross  
Sing **Build Your Kingdom Here**  
Explain **Work**  
Everybody get ready for work

## Word

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

“And Jesus went on to say, “And so I tell you: make friends for yourselves with worldly wealth, so that when it gives out, you will be welcomed in the eternal home. Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones. No servant can be the slave of two masters; such a slave will hate one and love the other or will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Read the Gospel explanation on the Instagram post*

Write a prayer about **Work** using the following words:

- ...> work
- ...> gift
- ...> talents
- ...> world

## Let us pray

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**Amen**

## Response

### Physical

Give the children different situations and they have to choose which side of the room to sit on - the money side, or the God side. Reflect on what would help them most in that situation.

### Spoken

Pick a few items in the classroom and ask the children to answer the following question for each item:

*"How does this help me work?"*

### Written

Write or draw different ways that we can work for God in our world. Put this on your prayer area/RE display to remind you of how we can follow God in our lives.

## Mission

**Make an effort to do your work this week to the best of your ability and to help others with their work too.**

*End with a morning/end of day prayer and the Sign of the Cross*



# HELP SHEET

## Gather

During the GATHER, we should now see that we are in a time of prayer. We need to make the space feel different. Have some music playing. Think about the lighting and how you want them to sit. Have a prayer focus. A prayerful space for people to focus on and that contributes to the time of prayer. Explain why each item is on the prayer focus. Welcome those to the prayer through song and words. Have a moment of prayer. Explain what your theme is.

## Word

During the WORD, we hear a piece of Scripture that is linked to our theme. The Scripture is at the centre of our Celebration of the Word. Tell us why you chose it and explain how it is still relevant today. Be creative and show this by using your God given gifts.

## Response

During the RESPONSE, we think and reflect on the message that we have heard through the Scripture. Link a thought or an action to the theme. Make sure that everybody in the room is taking part in some way. Whether that be through physical, spoken, or written responses. Have a moment of prayer. Be silent, say a prayer or sing a song. Explain why we as a group are responding to God in this way.

## Mission

During the MISSION, we are challenged to go out and do something which makes us put our prayer into action. Challenge the group to live out the message in the world. Give them a challenge or activity. Give them something to take away with them. Make them think of their role in God's plan. Spend a moment praying to God. End with some music or a song.

## Sentence Starters

**"Welcome to our Celebration of the Word. We will begin with the Sign of the Cross ..."**

**"Please join us in singing this song together ..."**

**"Our theme today is ..."**

**"Our theme means ..."**

**"We can live out our theme today by ..."**

**"On our prayer focus, we have chosen ..."**

**"This item on our prayer focus represents ..."**

**"Let us spend a moment in prayer by ..."**

**"The Scripture we have chosen today is the story of ..."**

**"We chose this Scripture because ..."**

**"It links to our theme because ..."**

**"We can live out this Scripture today by ..."**

**"We will now reflect on this Scripture story by ..."**

**"We would now like you to move in this way because ..."**

**"We would now like you to speak to the person next to you and ..."**

**"We would now like you to write down something that ..."**

**"We would now like you to spend some time in silence thinking about ..."**

**"Put your hands together and join us as we say this prayer together ..."**

**"Your mission this week is ..."**

**"You can live this mission out in the world by ..."**

**"You are all going to get something to help you with your mission ..."**

**"Let us spend a moment in prayer asking God to help us live out our mission ..."**

**"Please join us in singing this song together ..."**

**"Thank you for joining us for our Celebration of the Word. We will end with the Sign of the Cross ..."**