# Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

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### 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

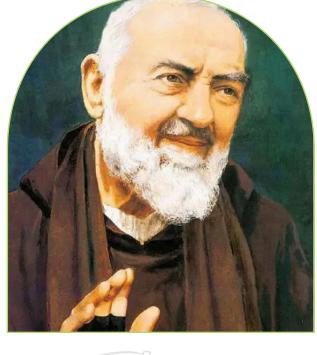
Thursday of week 25 in Ordinary Time

#### 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 You 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

## WORD OF THE WEEK

W O R K

Work teaches us responsibility and discipline and can be a source of satisfaction and fulfilment. We should respect the dignity of labour and the value of all those who work around the world in service of others. Work is a gift from God, a way to participate in His creative activity. It is not just about earning a living, but about using our talents and skills to contribute to the world.

# Sunday's Gospel John 3:16-17

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."



Work is a fundamental aspect of Catholic Social Teaching, as it is seen as a means to fulfil the Church's mission of building a better world. CST encourages individuals to engage in work that aligns with the principles of love, dignity, and the common good. It emphasises the dignity of every person and the importance of treating others with love and respect. Work can be a way to express these values by providing services that uplift and support others.

#### See

Look at the image. Ask God to open your eyes to see what God wants you to see. What is God telling you in this image?

#### Hear

Read the Gospel slowly and prayerfully. Meditate on God's Word. What word or phrase is God speaking to you? Highlight or underline it.

#### Think

What can I let go of to get closer to God? In what ways can I be more generous with my time and talents? What choice could I make today to serve God?

#### Do

Sing Build Your Kingdom Here by Rend Collective









In this Gospel Jesus tells us a story about a manager who, after being fired, shrewdly reduces debts to secure future favours. He teaches that one cannot serve both God and money. It warns us against dishonesty and urges us to act with integrity. God sees how we handle small things, and our choices reveal our loyalty to Him. Jesus teaches us that we cannot serve both God and money. We must decide where our true allegiance lies and choose what leads to eternal life. It challenges us to use our talents and possessions wisely for God's kingdom. earthly goods are tools for doing good and helping others. We are called to be faithful in our responsibilities. By serving God with sincerity, we show our love and trust in Him.

# CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

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#### Gather

#### **Atmosphere**

**Prayer Area** 

**Action** 

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

Green cloth
Light a candle
Cross
Money and work tools

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.

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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

#### Amen

#### Response

#### **Physical**

Give the children different situations and they have to choice 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 in on the prayer focus. Welcome those to the prayer through song and words. Have a moment of prayer. Explain what your theme is.



"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 ..."



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.

"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 ..."

#### 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.

"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 ..."

#### 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

"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 ..."