

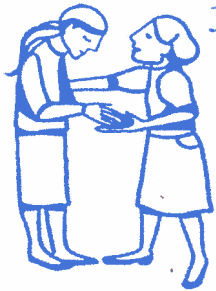
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th September 2017

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Forgive your neighbor
when he hurts you
and then your
sins will be
forgiven when
you pray.

First Mass of Sunday (Vigil Mass)
Sunday Morning Mass

Saturday, 6 p.m.
10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday, 5 p.m.
Tuesday to Saturday
10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 9.45 to 10 a.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m. 6.30 to 6.45

*Wednesday, the Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Companions,
the Holy Martyrs of Korea; Thursday, the Feast of St. Matthew; Saturday,
the Memorial of Padre Pio (St. Pius of Pietrelcina)*

On Saturday, 30th September and Sunday, 1st October, the annual **missionary appeal** will take place in St. Mary's. One of the Comboni Sisters will make the appeal on behalf of her missionary congregation. We know that you will be as welcoming and supportive as always.



We remember our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Donald MacNeil, David Donaldson, Carmela Boni, Alice McAuley, Frances Connochie, Brian Wynne, Alistair MacDonald, Sandy Morrison, John Shields, Joey MacMillan, Dorothy Campbell and Ronan MacLeod.** May they all rest in the eternal peace of Christ.



Deacon Thomas has been appointed to the work of the Apostolate of the Sea. He will be port chaplain for the Diocese, from Campbeltown to Mallaig, with a special pastoral care for immigrant workers, for whom there are many more than we realise. We wish him every blessing in this ministry.



Stay with me, Lord

Prayer of St. Pio of Pietrelcina after Holy Communion



Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have
You present so that I do not forget You.
You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak
and I need Your strength,
that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life,
and without You, I am without fervor.

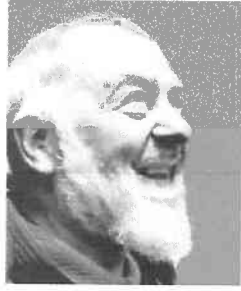
Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light,
and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice
and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You
very much, and always be in Your company.

The Wisdom of Padre Pio



Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.

Have courage and do not fear the assaults of the Devil. Remember this forever; it is a healthy sign if the devil shouts and roars around your conscience, since this shows that he is not inside your will.

My past, O Lord, to Your mercy; my present, to Your love; my future to Your providence.

Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart.

The most beautiful act of faith is the one made in darkness, in sacrifice, and with extreme effort.

Don't expect to be recompensed for your goodness.

Fear not because God is with you.

Prayer is the oxygen of the soul.

We have close to us an angelic spirit who never leaves us for an instant from the cradle to the grave, who guides and protects us like a friend or a brother.

Through the study of books one seeks God; by meditation one finds him.

Every Holy Mass, heard with devotion, produces in our souls marvelous effects, abundant spiritual and material graces which we, ourselves, do not know...It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!

I want to be only a poor friar who prays – if God sees blemishes even in the angels, can you imagine what He sees in me!

The Cross will not crush you; if its weight makes you stagger, its power will also sustain you.

Charity is the measure by which Our Lord judges all things.

I will ask the Lord to let me remain at the Threshold of Paradise and I will not enter until the last of my spiritual children has entered.