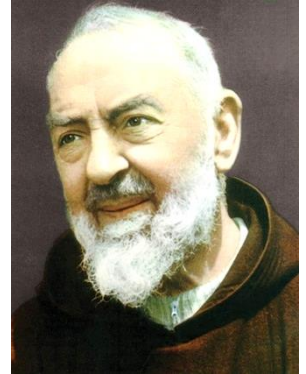

Franciscan of the Week: Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

One of the most popular saints of modern times, Padre Pio has inspired a great many people to come closer to Jesus. Born in 1887 to a peasant family, he became a Capuchin friar and spent most of his life in a friary in southern Italy. In 1910 he received the stigmata (the marks of Christ's wounds) and many miracles were worked through his intercession. Thousands of people came to see him celebrate Mass or to go to confession to him, and – much like St John Vianney – he had a rare gift of reading people's hearts.



In 1947 he heard the confession of a young Polish priest and prophesied that he would one day be pope. 31 years later, his prophecy came true, and that same priest – Pope John Paul II – canonised Padre Pio in 2002.

FOCUS ON... Walsingham

In 1061 a lady by the name of Richeldis de Faverches received a vision of Our Lady, in which she was shown the house at Nazareth where the Annunciation had taken place. Mary told her to build a replica of that house; she did, and the village where she lived soon became known as England's Nazareth. One of the great sites of pilgrimage until the Reformation, Walsingham was famous throughout Europe, and today it is the national shrine of Our Lady. In February the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham (pictured) will visit Lancaster Cathedral as part of a national tour (watch out for details nearer the time). The feast of Our Lady of Walsingham is celebrated this Tuesday, with Mass at 7pm.



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Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 21 st Sept	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 22 nd Sept	9:30am		Frank Madden RIP	
	6pm		Fr Michael Lakeland RIP	
Monday	9:15am		St Pio of Pietrelcina	Holy Souls
Tuesday	7pm		Our Lady of Walsingham	Holy Souls
Wednesday	9:15am		Pat Cowell RIP	
Thursday	9:15am		Holy Souls	
Friday	12noon	St Vincent de Paul	Fr Michael Lakeland RIP	
Saturday	10am		Shirley Gilleade RIP	
Saturday 28 th Sept	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Anne RIP and Gerald Topping	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 29 th Sept	9:30am		People of the Parish	
	6pm		Anne-Marie McCabe RIP	

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am, Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for vocations).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon.

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. These prayers are offered for the protection of human life from conception to natural end.

ST ANTHONY: September wall box donations are for local people in need of help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jeanne Cook, Mary Hudson, Barbara Pye, Peter Houghton, Dorothy Jones, Catherine Lee, Betty Marcella, William Fowler, Helen Gildert, James Smart.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the worlds seas and oceans.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Our 'Journey in Faith' group begins again in October. If you're interested in becoming Catholic or just curious about our faith, this is for you. Contact the parish office or speak to Fr Andrew for details.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Any outstanding registration forms should be returned to the presbytery as soon as possible. The first preparation session for children takes place next Sunday (29th) after 9:30am Mass.

HOSPITAL MASS: Please note, there is no hospital Mass this Monday.

CTS BOOK CLUB: The next meeting will be on Sunday 13th October. The booklet is on the great 16th century Carmelite saint, Teresa of Avila. Teresa is one of the Church's greatest teachers of prayer. Copies now available from the sacristy.

CORPUS CHRISTI OPEN EVENING: In February our Catholic high school received a 'Good' rating from Ofsted. Come along and see for yourself the excellent work being done at Corpus Christi, this Wednesday 6pm-8:30pm. Thank you for supporting our Catholic schools and the vital work they do for our young people.

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS: Friday 4th October, 7pm at Lancaster Cathedral. The Bishop will celebrate this annual Mass for anyone involved in Catholic education, in schools or parishes. Teachers, school governors, catechists and anyone who assists in faith formation is very welcome to attend.

DAY OF RENEWAL: 'Inner Healing', led by lay preacher John Hesketh on Saturday 12th October, 10am-4pm (beginning with Mass at 10am).

CARE OF CREATION: During this 'Season of Creation', which lasts until St Francis' feast day (4th October), please continue to consider how you can help to look after our common home. At St Clare's we will give thanks to God for His creation at the school harvest service, taking place in church on Friday 11th October at 2pm.

BLACKPOOL LIGHTS TRIP: This filled up very quickly, and there is a waiting list. If you signed up for the trip but will not be able to take your place, please inform the parish office so that somebody from the reserve list can use the seat(s).

THE HUNTED PRIEST: A talk on Fr John Gerard SJ, the English Mission and the Gunpowder Plot. This Monday at 7:30pm in St Wilfrid's Parish Centre (in town).

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN OF WINCKLEY SQUARE: An exhibition in the narthex at St Wilfrid's church (Chapel Street), open 8am-6pm until 18th October.

FARMERS' MARKET: Next Saturday, 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: This Sunday (21st/22nd) for Bishop's Administration Fund.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 496; Collection: £1,004.32; Home Mission: £262.36. Thank you for your generosity.

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	Baptism Preparation (3)	Chapel
	7:45pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	6pm-8:30pm	Corpus Christi Catholic College Open Evening – all welcome	Corpus Christi school
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Reconciliation Preparation (1)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall

Diary Dates

Friday 4th October: Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Mass at 12noon

Friday 4th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Friday 11th October: School Harvest service, 2pm

Friday 11th October: Blackpool Lights Trip (only for those already booked)

Saturday 19th October: ACN prayer day at Ladyewell (afternoon)

Saturday 26th October: Messy Church, 1:30-3pm

Retreats and conferences at Stonyhurst

The following upcoming events take place at the new Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst (BB7 9PT). More information: www.christianheritagecentre.com

Catholicism in Post-Modernity: Challenges and Opportunities (a talk by Michael Dopp). Cost £5; students free. Tuesday 1st October, 7:30pm

Witness and Challenge: Evangelisation Today (a day conference led by Michael Dopp). Cost £20. Wednesday 2nd October, 10am-5pm.

Kerygma Bible Retreat. £50 (non-residential) £75 (sharing) £90 (single room); Led by Barbara Mason. Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October. Meals included.