

Padre Pio Seminar – Saturday 21st September 2024

Padre Pio Annual Seminar and Guided Prayer Session

St. John Welcome Centre - 10.00am to 8.00pm

9.00am - St. John Welcome Centre Opens for Pilgrims - Padre Pio Religious Gift Shop and Information Hub will be available throughout the day, until 9.00pm that evening. ***The Padre Pio Shop will be closed during the schedule Guided Prayer Sessions of the Rosary Experience, during Holy Mass and Holy Hour.***

9.00am - 10.15am - Blessings with the Padre Pio Glove by a Capuchin Friar - During this time, the Centre will be open for people to come and go as they wish, and to speak with Volunteers and Capuchin Friars from the National Shrine of St. Pio in Dublin. Gift Shop and Mass Card Stands will be available at this time.

10.15am - 10.30am –Official Opening of Pilgrimage – by Fr. Bryan Shortall, National Director of the Padre Pio Apostolate in Ireland.

10.30am - 11.15am – Praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary with St. Pio – The Disciple of Our Lady of Sorrows – a Rosary Experience.

This is a 45-minute guided prayer session on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, interspersed with music, reflections and meditations, featuring dialogue between Jesus and Padre Pio, including excerpts from Padre Pio’s writings. It will provide a unique insight into the Healing Power of the Rosary, as explained by Padre Pio through his own personal “journey” with this ancient prayer.

- The Rosary will be followed by the ***Litany of St. Pio*** (copies of the Litany Prayer will be distributed to all attending pilgrims on the day)

11.15am – 12.00 noon – Morning Break

During this time, there will be blessings with the Padre Pio Glove by Capuchin Friars. The Gift Shop and Mass Card Stands will also be available at this time.

12.00noon – Praying the Angelus, followed by Introductory Talk by Fr. Bryan Shortall – National Director for the Padre Pio Apostolate in Ireland

Fr. Bryan will also introduce a Guest Speaker at this time too, and this talk will immediately follow Fr. Bryan’s contribution.

12.30pm – 1.00pm – On The Padre Pio Ministry Abroad

Talk from Visiting Guest – We are delighted to welcome a representative from the Padre Pio Ministry Abroad to address the Pilgrims on this occasion.

1.00pm – 2.00pm - Break for Lunch - During this time, the Centre will continue to remain open for people to come and go as they wish, and to speak with Volunteers and Capuchin Friars from the National Shrine of St. Pio in Dublin. The Gift Shop and Mass Card Stands will also be available throughout lunchtime.

2.05pm – "Reconciliation Service – Padre Pio – the Saint of the Confessional" – This is a Guided Prayer Session on the theme: ***"Come and Encounter Jesus the Divine Mercy, with our beloved Padre Pio – the Saint of the Confessional"*** featuring Music, Spiritual Reflections and Readings from the Diary of St. Faustina and excerpts from the Letters and Writings of Padre Pio, as we journey with Jesus and Padre Pio in the Divine Mercy, Padre Pio's Favourite Prayer. ***This guided prayer session is designed to prepare for the Sacrament of Healing that will be administered during Holy Mass.***

3.00pm - Preparation for Holy Mass (Friars, Volunteers, Ministers of the Word, and Music Ministry)

3.15pm – Celebration of the Holy Mass of St. Pio of Pietrelcina – with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, concluding at approximately 4.45pm

5.00pm - 6.00pm - Blessings with the Padre Pio Glove by a Capuchin Friar - During this time, the Centre will be open for people to come and go as they wish, and to speak with Volunteers and Capuchin Friars from the National Shrine of St. Pio in Dublin. The Padre Pio Religious Gift Shop and Information Hub, and Mass Card Stands, will all remain open during this time.

6.00pm - 6.50pm - Break for Evening Tea/Refreshments/Dinner. The Padre Pio Religious Gift Shop, Information Hub, and Mass Card Stands, will all continue to remain open during this time.

7.00pm - 8.00pm – Holy Hour – The theme of this year's Holy Hour is:

"Divine Intimacy"

A Personal Encounter with Jesus through dialogue with Padre Pio

– ***(This is a Guided Prayer Session)*** – held in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed, with words and reflections from Padre Pio on his deeply personal encounter and dialogue with Our Lord Jesus Christ throughout this humble Friar's life in San Giovanni Rotondo.

During this Holy Hour, and in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed, we will enter into a period of divine intimacy with Jesus through his encounter with Padre Pio, in a prayerful setting aided by the spiritual and sacred music that will intersperse the hour. We will come to experience at first hand the “identity of Jesus” and that of His Mother Mary, through the fifty years of faithful discipleship of Padre Pio, our modern-day Simon of Cyrene, and will grow to better understand and experience the healing power of the Divine Physician in Padre Pio’s own words, as dictated to him throughout his life-long journey with Jesus.

This year’s Holy Hour is a conclusion of the day-long themed guided prayer sessions on the Healing Power of Padre Pio’s Ministry.

The Prayer Session will conclude with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament thorough the people, followed by a Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.

8.00pm – 8.10pm – Pilgrimage Ceremonies close for the evening. We will conclude with Night Prayer to Padre Pio – by a Capuchin Friar

8.10pm - 9.00pm - The Padre Pio Religious Gift shop and Information Hub will remain open until 9.00pm, and during this time a Capuchin Friar will be on hand to assist with requests for **Blessings with the Padre Pio Glove**

9.00pm – St. John’s Welcome Centre closes.