

PADRE PIO RELICS: BEWARE - SCAMMERS ARE COMING YOUR WAY!!

I posted the following on Facebook today –

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I received an email from a retired minister and the heading was as above. What is he referring to - well this newspaper article (see at the end of this article) from the Irish News (all about 'the relics' of PADRE PIO) explains - details of the 'touring schedule' of 'the relics' are also given - should be a nice wee money-spinner for a certain religious organisation.

Many years ago, my good friend, **ROB ZINS**, whilst my guest here, also agreed to go to London to take part in a TV debate that contained much interaction on the subject of **Mr Padre Pio**. These links will take you to videos of that debate –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tiooPLelllw>

(Part one - 13 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IXQI2YqUps>

(Part two - 13 minutes)

Considering the heavily-stacked odds against him on the panel, **ROB** did an excellent job - particularly in part two.

I received one very interesting private message from a good friend (an ex Roman Catholic) who shared the following – (to preserve anonymity, names removed) –

The article on padre pio gives me the 'shudders' - I can't believe the 'relics' are still doing the rounds! We (me, xxx's mum and sister xxx, and to a small extent xxx), were 'into' all this, listening to testimonies from those who had supposedly 'seen' him, experienced the 'perfume' etc. I took someone to see one of the people who had 'seen' him after his death - (xxx, she lived local to us), and had one of his relics, xxx was also 'blessed' with his mitt. I read books about him, and went to hear one of the monks from his monastery giving a talk over here about him, and how he had the 'gift of bi-location', it was dressed up spiritualism, though we couldn't see it at the time - dangerous stuff! He was supposed to have had the 'stigmata' ... It's awful that people are still being duped! 😞 We were all 'obsessed' with pp at one time, we were nearly going to go on a 'pilgrimage' to his 'shrine', thankfully we didn't! There are pp groups all over the place, people praying for his 'intercession'

Absolutely tragic to read of what my friend formerly believed in and trusted in – however, how wonderful that my friend, and another referred to, were later, truly “born again” and delivered from such diabolical, dark deception.

The ‘stigmata’ of Padre Pio were also the subject of articles that totally called their genuineness into question as you can read on these links –

<http://web.archive.org/web/20180127043811/http://www.miraclesceptic.com/stigmatapio.html>

<http://web.archive.org/web/20180127030743/http://www.miraclesceptic.com/piocarbohc.html>

‘Relics’ are a regular feature where Roman Catholicism is concerned and back in 2001, I wrote about another ‘relic visitation’ to Ireland (Saint Therese of Lisieux), as you can read on –

<https://www.takeheed.info/news-from-the-front-september-2001/>

Here are the details of the current ‘relic visitation’



The Relics of Padre Pio

① Relic of Padre Pio's coat of the wounds
② Relic of Padre Pio's mouth
③ Crystals with Padre Pio's blood stains
④ Relic of Padre Pio's hand (relic of wounds with the wound)
⑤ Relic of Padre Pio's hair

SAINT PIO

Belfast
St Peter's Cathedral, 6 - 8th November

Ballymena
All Saints' Church, 8 - 10th November

Downpatrick
St Patrick's Church 10 – 11th November

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And this is the newspaper article announcing the current visit

Padre Pio relics to tour north 20 years after cleric was canonised

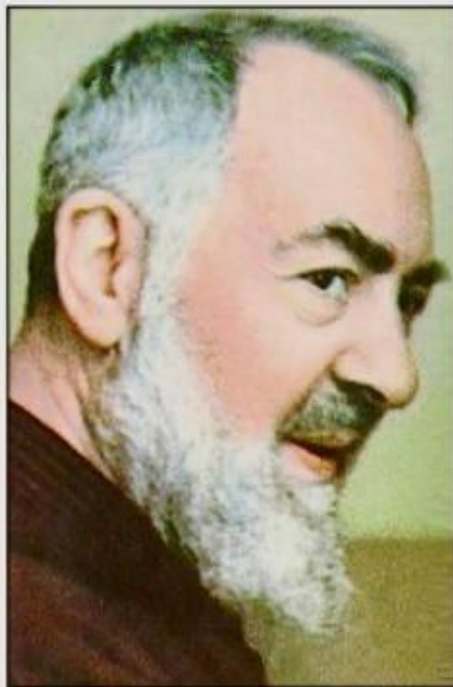
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RELICS of Padre Pio are to be displayed this month in the north to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Italian saint's canonisation. The items, including a cotton gauze bearing the cleric's blood stains and a piece of his mantle, will be displayed at St Peter's Cathedral in west Belfast, All Saint's Church in Ballymena, and Downpatrick's St Patrick's Church.

The visitation of the relics were announced by the Saint Pio Foundation, which said the tour will allow Catholics in the north to have a "spiritual encounter" with the cleric, who died in 1968 and was canonised in 2002 by Pope John Paul II.

The items normally reside in the saint's former home town of San Giovanni Rotondo in Italy.

Details of the relic tour, which takes place



from November 6-12, are available on the Down and Connor website at www.downandconnor.org/padrepio.

The relics, which also include a lock of the saint's hair and a handkerchief soaked with his sweat in the hours before his death, attracted more than a million people in a tour of US churches earlier this year.

Down and Connor Bishop Noel Treanor said the diocese was "very excited" to host the relic pilgrimage.

"St Padre Pio is recognised by the Church as a model of faith and inspiration," he said.

"He has helped so many people, and there is a profound devotion to St Padre Pio across the diocese and Ireland, with many seeking his intercession in time of need.

"It will be wonderful that so many people will get the chance to spend time in prayer before his relics."

Truly, what a 'scam'.

