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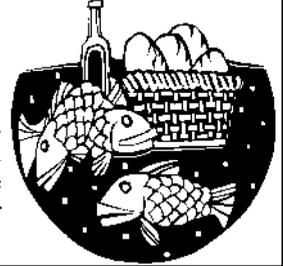
*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd August 2020

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ gives us food to eat. God freely gives us our spiritual food and drink. He gives us his own Son in the Mass so that nothing can come between us and the love God made visible in Christ. Christ takes pity on us and knows our needs which he will always satisfy if only we turn to him.



Sunday Mass at 11am with a congregation continues and will also be live-streamed. In the foreseeable future we have three congregations: terrestrial, celestial and virtual.

Track & Trace requires that we keep a record of who enters the church building. If you fill out a 'chitty', this information is kept locked away, and destroyed after 21 days.

Sign up with the parish. Some 'regulars' who have registered for *TnT* are not in the parish register. Sign up on-line to stay in touch and keep the parish info up to date. Besides, it's easier the next time you want to sign-in.

The Obligation for Catholics to attend Mass each Sunday is still suspended. It's easy to get out of the routine, even the routine of 'attending' on-line. Keep faithful to the Lord!

When you arrive for Mass, if you attend physically, there are the now familiar procedures. An addition is the use of face coverings. Thank you to all those who have complied with all these temporary requirements.

Take full part in the Mass if you watch on-line. If you attend, the doors open at 10.40am. Please don't all wait to arrive at the last minute. It will take time to get in.

During August everything quietsens down. The weekday Mass will be suspended, as will Evensong and Benediction. Sunday Mass at 11am continues.

Next term we hope to have Mass during the week and on Sunday 8.30am. The regulations might be different by then, but we will still need stewards. Will you sign up?

Stewards are required whenever the Church is open. If we open more often, an additional task will be to 'sanitise' the church after each Mass on Sundays and weekdays.

Katya & Henry are to be married here at MPB on Friday this week. They had to postpone because of the lock-down. Pray for them as they begin their married life together.

Financial giving has, like many churches, reduced significantly. Thank you to those who continue to give by standing order or on-line. The regularity of this gives us confidence. Have you considered setting up a standing order? *See the website.*

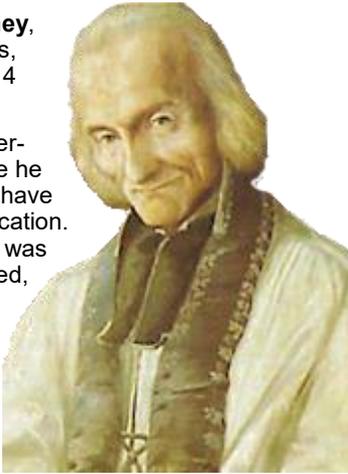
The Monthlies are available on-line. The *Portal Mag*, and the *Pilgrim*.

Summer reading or listening - want some easy reading or listening? For this *Year of the Word*, try 'The Bible is a Catholic Book' by Jimmy Akin.



St John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, died at Ars, on 4 Aug 1859.

Although of average intelligence he never seem to have doubted his vocation. His knowledge was extremely limited, and knew only a little arithmetic, history, and geography, and he found learning, especially the study of Latin, very difficult.



He was conscripted to the war with Spain so had to leave his ecclesiastical students. After fourteen months, he was able to come home to his family. But his father was worried that he was a deserter and ordered him to return, however, his younger brother offering to serve in his stead and was accepted

Jean-Baptiste resumed his studies and in 1812 was sent to the seminary at Verrieres; he was so deficient in Latin he had to follow the philosophy course in French. He failed to pass the examinations for entrance to the seminary proper, but after a re-examination three months later succeeded. Eventually, on 13 August, 1815, he was ordained. Even though he was not particularly intelligent, he was far advanced in his spiritual life and in virtue.

His first assignment was to the priest who had first recognized and encouraged his vocation, and urged him to persevere when the obstacles in his way seemed insurmountable. In 1818, after the death of Fr Balley, his parish priest, Fr Vianney was made parish priest of Ars, a village not very far from Lyons, where he stayed for 41 years. It was here in this remote French hamlet of only 230 souls the "curé d'Ars" became known throughout France and the Christian world. A few years after he went to Ars, he founded a orphanage for destitute girls. It was called "The Providence" and was the model of similar institutions established later all over France. "The

Providence" was the favourite work of the "curé d'Ars", but, although it was successful, it was closed in 1847. Its closing was a very heavy trial to him.

The main and most famous work of the Curé d'Ars was the direction of souls. He had not been long at Ars when people began coming to him from other parishes, then from distant places, then from all parts of France, and finally from other countries. As early as 1835, his bishop forbade him to attend the annual retreats of the diocesan clergy because of "the souls awaiting him yonder". During the last ten years of his life, he spent from sixteen to eighteen hours a day in the confessional. His advice was sought by bishops, priests, religious, young men and women in doubt as to their vocation, sinners, persons in all sorts of difficulties and the sick. In 1855, the number of pilgrims had reached twenty thousand a year. The most distinguished persons visited Ars for the purpose of seeing the holy curé and hearing his daily instruction. His direction was characterised by common sense, remarkable insight, and supernatural knowledge. He also had the gift of reading souls and could tell people the sins they had forgotten to mention. His instructions were simple in language, full of imagery from daily life and country scenes, but breathing faith and that love of God which was his life principle and which he infused into his audience as much by his manner and appearance as by his words, for, at the last, his voice was almost inaudible. He also had the gift of bi-location: being able to be in two places at the same.

He practised mortification from his early youth. and for forty years his food and sleep were insufficient, humanly speaking, to sustain life. And yet he laboured incessantly, with unflinching humility, gentleness, patience, and cheerfulness, until he was more than seventy-three years old.

On 3 October, 1874 Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney was proclaimed Venerable by Pius IX and on 8 January, 1905, he was enrolled among the Blessed. Pope Pius X proposed him as a model and patron to the parochial clergy and in 1925, Pope Pius XI canonized him. His feast is on Tuesday this week..



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JOY OF THE PRIESTHOOD

A strong priestly heart is able to leap with joy when he contemplates, for example, how his catechists give classes to children, or when he sees his youth group going out at night to take care of those who are homeless.

A priestly heart is strong if he has the ability to be full of joy before the prodigal son returning, when he is patiently waiting in the confessional. A priestly heart is strong if it allows his happiness to increase with the word of the hidden Jesus, who walks with us, just as on the road to Emmaus." *Cardinal Bergoglio in the Homily at the Chrism Mass in 2000*



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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 3rd <i>feria</i>		
Tues 4th <i>St John Mary Vianney</i>		
Wed 5th <i>(St Mary Major)</i>		
Thur 6th <i>Transfiguration</i>		
Fri 7th <i>(Pope St Sixtus et al)</i>		
Sat 8th <i>St Dominic</i>		
Next Sunday <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings 1 Kings 19:9.11-13 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

Sacrament of Confession. By appointment and only in emergency

Evensong 4.00pm, Sunday & Benediction, *suspended for August*
6.30pm, Thursday *suspended for August*

Last week: £1,009.00 Standing Orders and On-line payments

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Kate Pope, Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 0800 0935063

Holy Father's Intention for August: *The Maritime World.* We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

The Ordinariate weekly intercessions: The Isle of Wight & Portsmouth Group & Fr Jonathan Redvers Harris, Mgr Robert Mercer & Fr John Maunder.

For your prayers:

In formation: for Ministry, Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes)

Those to be married Katya to Henry

Those who are Sick: Dora, Mary, Mark, David, Rebecca, George, David, Betty Fr Charles
And for all those with Coronavirus

Coronavirus: The medical profession, doctors, nurses, first responders, support-staff, research scientists, those who make big-impact decision,

Recently Departed: Christopher Tuckwell *priest*, Bill Scott, Bill East *priest*

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