



The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Coventry Group

Sunday 3rd September 2023

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity



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Collect

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee laudable service: grant, we beseech thee; that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First reading *Jeremiah 20: 7-9*

O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; every one mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

Second reading *Romans 12: 1-2*

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gospel *Matthew 16:21-27*

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷ For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done.

Saint of the Week

9th September, Saint Peter Claver

(‘Apostle of slaves’ or ‘Slave of the slaves’)



One day as he was in prayer, Alphonse Rodriguez, porter of the school of the Society of Jesus on the Spanish island of Palma de Mallorca, was taken to Heaven in spirit. There he saw, arranged in a circle, many thrones of glory occupied by saints dressed in bright royal robes. In their midst was a higher, still empty throne. As he tried to understand the meaning of this vision, the holy lay brother heard a voice telling him that throne had been prepared for Peter Claver as a reward for the many souls he should win for God in America. Ever since, Alphonse Rodriguez tried to instil in his disciple a desire to carry out missions and thus fulfil his great destiny.

Peter Claver was sent to Palma de Mallorca to study philosophy and met Saint Alphonse Rodriguez. Peter asked his superiors to take the humble lay brother,

then 73, as his spiritual director. That started between them a spiritual kinship that would mark the future apostle of slaves for his whole life. It was on Rodriguez's advice that Peter asked his superiors to go to South America as a missionary.

During the uncomfortable sea voyage that lasted several months, he made sure to care for the sick crew members. His humility and kindness soon won over the hearts of all sailors to the point that he was able to set an hour a day to explain the catechism and pray the rosary with them.

Cartagena de Indias, in present-day Colombia was one of the most important Spanish trade centres in the New World and its main slave port. It received more than 10,000 slaves per year. They were confined in slums to be later acquired.

Slavery was considered quite normal at the time. The slaves were sold on the African coast, sometimes by people of their own tribe or other tribes to whom they had become slaves as prisoners of war. By going to South America they had an advantage that overcame their misfortunes.

Peter Claver dedicated himself to the slaves from the beginning of his ministry, assisting Father Sandoval, who was already doing that work. He gradually became the father, comforter, nurse and evangelist to that suffering people.

Through an interpreter he would teach the slaves the way of salvation. He would baptise them and keep in touch with them by every possible means to make sure they would persevere on the right path. As the saint himself said before dying, in 40 years of this apostolate he baptised more than 300,000 black slaves.

Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654 at 74 years of age.

Accession Day, 8th September



On 8th September 2022 King Charles III acceded to the throne on the death of his mother, HM Queen Elizabeth II. Accession marks the occasion and encourages prayer for the monarch.

O GOD, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: vouchsafe so to bless thy servant our King, that under him this nation may be wisely governed, and grant that he being devoted to thee with his whole heart, and persevering in good works unto the end, may, by thy guidance, come to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices and news

Recently departed

Terry Hutchinson
Mary Marcer
Pamela Read

Note: Pamela's funeral service will take place at Heart of England Crematorium, Nuneaton on Tuesday 5th September at 12:30pm.

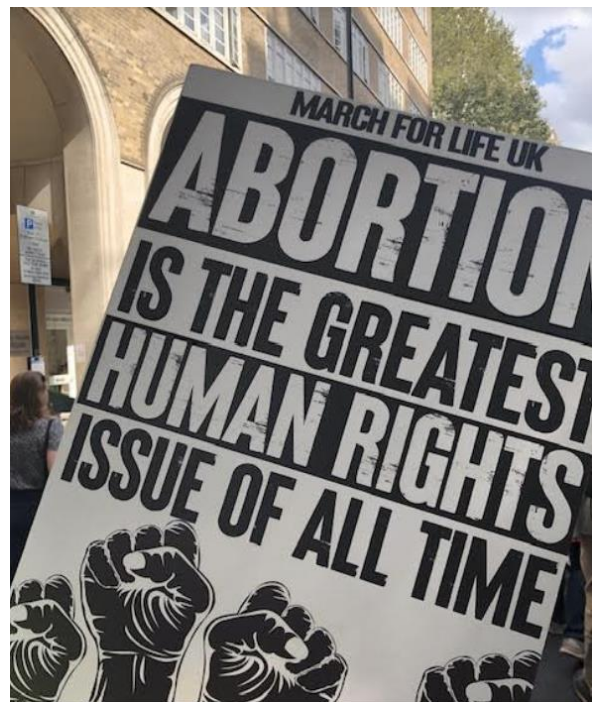
Anniversaries of death

5th Aileen Trew
6th Mary Hannah (Polly) Hughes

O GOD, the Father of mercies: grant unto the souls of thy servants a place of refreshment, the blessedness of rest, and the brightness of light; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

March for Life UK 2023, Sat 2nd Sept

A good number of people from Coventry, including from All Souls, attended the March for Life yesterday in Westminster. The protestors ('pro-choice') were there in force and noisy, which perhaps suggests that the Church's message is being heard! Our Ordinary, Mgr Newton was there, as were a couple of other courageous bishops and members of the Ordinariate from across the country. Young people were there in their droves, men and women, as well as children, something which I think really irritates the protestors! This is not something the Catholic faithful are going to let drop. All human life from conception to natural death is sacred.





Ann Wilson's Reception & Confirmation

A date for your diary. Following a period of preparation over the past year or so, Ann Wilson will be received and confirmed during the **7.30pm Mass on Thursday 30th November, St. Andrew's Day**. In that way she will begin a new Church year in the full communion of the Church. Please try your very best to be here to show your support for Ann and pray for her in the meantime.

Monthly Solemn Evening & Benediction



I've decided to introduce a monthly weekday celebration of Solemn Evensong and Benediction (using Divine Worship Daily Office) to the parish beginning on **Wednesday 27th September**. I'm delighted that Tim Campain will be the organist.

The idea is to make our existing monthly ordinariate gatherings something more open to others and outward-looking, and what better than an act of worship so distinctive to the ordinariate and so beautiful? Followed by some refreshments of course!

These Wednesday evenings will still provide an occasion for fellowship, something very important to us as a community, but they won't include any

'business' – we'll meet periodically at other times for that. **The focus will be worship and refreshments and extending hospitality to any who come along.**

Please do make this a monthly priority, and support it as a missionary initiative. It will start small (the size of our existing monthly gatherings), but I think it has the potential to attract others, Catholics and Anglicans, not least because it will be **livestreamed**, and I'm discovering with the new high quality livestream that if you livestream it, people watch it!

Evensong Sunday to Thursday

As you know, Evening Prayer is prayed publicly in church **Sunday to Thursday at 5.30pm**, using Divine Worship Daily Office. Sometimes it is just me; on other occasions I'm joined by one or two people. I've recently started livestreaming it, so again there is the potential that others will join in remotely, as I know they have been doing. I'd love you to join me, either remotely or in person if you're able. I'm more and more convinced that the ordinariate Office Book is a very powerful tool in our hands – in gathering us around a very authentically Anglican liturgy and in reaching out to others and sharing a new expression of prayer. Evensong lasts about 30 minutes:

Versicles and responses

Psalms

First Lesson

Office hymn

Magnificat

Second Lesson

Nunc Dimittis

Apostles' Creed

Our Father

Versicles and responses

Collect of the Day

Collect for Peace

Collect for Aid against all Perils

Thursday evening Mass

Please do attend Thursday evening Mass if you are able, which is celebrated according to Divine Worship.

The Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please hold Mother Winsome and the Sisters in your prayers as, with the Ordinary, they continue to seek to secure a new home. Please pray for the Sisters.

Remember us in heaven, Saint John Henry Newman.

Obtain for us the gifts you sought for your friends here below: the grace to follow the kindly light of faith; belief that is firm and true; a heart to speak to the heart of God; and a voice to give praise to the Holiest.

Obtain for us the courage to follow your teaching and example: in loyalty to Christ and the Church; in love for the Immaculate Mother of God and in compassion for the perplexed.

I pray especially for the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin, that they may find a new home in which to love, serve and worship you.

Obtain for us support all the day long of this troubled life till the shades lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done; so that the Lord in His mercy may grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; and that we may pass, with you, from shadows and images into the fullness of truth and love.

Parish pilgrimage to Walsingham 2023



The parish pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, **Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th October 2023, has been confirmed.** So far, there are 19 pilgrims, including a good number of the Ordinariate community.

Pilgrims will soon be sent information about payment.

Ordinariate monthly e-newsletter

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Praying the Daily Office this week

Evening Prayer is recited publicly in church Sunday to Thursday at 5.30pm and is livestreamed (see the parish website). **Please join in.**

If you intend to pray daily **Morning Prayer** and **Evening Prayer**, the table below gives you the page numbers for each of the parts of the Office for each day this week. Placing the markers in the correct pages, as indicated in the table below, takes a few minutes each time, but once done, actually praying the Office is quite straight-forward.

The Order of Morning Prayer (MP) (Matins) begins on page 375

The Order of Evening Prayer (EP) (Evensong) begins on page 421

All numbers below refer to *page numbers* in Divine Worship: Daily Office (DWDO), unless otherwise indicated.

Note: the Office hymn is always optional, but encouraged.

Day	Morning Prayer (Matins)				Evening Prayer (Evensong)				Notes
	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	
Sunday 3rd THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	473	1592	201	101	476	1595	201	101	
Monday 4 th St. Cuthbert, Bishop	479	1598	202	154	481	1600	202	154	
Tuesday 5 th Feria	484	1601	202	101	486	1603	203	101	
Wednesday 6 th Feria	489	1605	203	101	492	1606	204	101	
Thursday 7 th Feria	495	1607	204	101	498	1951	306	154	EPI of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 8th THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	500	1951	306	154	504	1952	306	154	
Saturday 9 th Feria (St. Peter Claver)	506	1611	205	101	510	1612	201	101	
Sunday 10th FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	512	1614	201	101	516	1617	201	101	

For those who are looking initially for something a little simpler, the **Office of Prime** (page 397) is a shorter form of prayer for the morning, and the **Office of Compline** (page 427) is a shorter form of prayer for the evening. These will take about 10 minutes each to pray.

Novena for Life



This novena, nine days of intercessory prayer, is offered to encourage a flourishing of a culture of life, with a particular focus on ending abortion and healing the trauma of abortion.

Day for Life is the day in the Church's calendar set aside for raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition – from conception to natural death.

Theme and Message: 'Listen to Her'. Focusing on post-abortion trauma, this year's *Day for Life* message was written by Jane, who attended Catholic schools as a child, and had an abortion as a teenager. You can read her full message: cbcew.org.uk/df123-message

Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard is a healing ministry for those who are suffering from the trauma of abortion, or those who have been connected to someone who is. To find out more, visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk



Start the novena with the following prayer each day, taken from St John Paul II's concluding comments in his encyclical letter 'The Gospel of Life', followed by the daily quote or reflection as set out below and finish with the Glory Be

Daily prayer

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life.
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick
killed by indifference or our misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love
to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely,
in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and Lord of life. Amen.

Day 1: All life has inestimable value

The first of nine days of prayer and readings to encourage a flourishing of a culture of life and end abortion.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

‘All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.’

Pope Francis, Message to Catholics participating in Day for Life in Britain and Ireland, 28 July 2013.

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen

Day 2: Culture of life

Our second day of our Novena for Life focuses on the promotion of a culture of life being the highest priority in our societies.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

‘The promotion of a culture of life should be the highest priority in our societies...if the right to life is not defended decisively as a condition for all other rights of the person, all other references to human rights remain deceitful and illusory.’

Pope St John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae

Glory be

Day 3: Judged by our treatment of others

Day Three of our Novena for Life sees us reflect on how we will be judged on our treatment of societies weakest members.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

‘A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying.’

Pope Saint John Paul II, Address to the New Ambassador of New Zealand to the Holy See, 25 May 2000

Glory be

Day 4: Violence through abortion

Day Four of our Novena for Life sees us reflect on how the Womb becomes a place of unutterable violence through abortion.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

‘How can it be that the most wondrous and sacred human space – the womb – has become a place of unutterable violence through abortion?’

Pope Benedict XVI, World Youth Day Sydney, 17 July 2009

Glory be

Day 5: Protection of nature

Our fifth day of our Novena for Life explores the protection of nature and its incompatibility with the justification of abortion.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion...how can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties?

Pope Francis, Laudato Si

Glory be

Day 6: Defend the innocent unborn

Day Six of our Novena for Life sees us reflect on how we defend the innocence of the unborn and the dignity of Human Life.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'Our defence of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person regardless of his or her state of development.'

Glory be

Day 7: Stand up for life

Day Seven of our Novena for Life calls on us to Stand up for Life, to work and pray against abortion.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.'

Pope St John Paul II, New York, 1995

Glory be

Day 8: God's infinite mercy

Day eight of our Novena for Life sees us reflect on how abortion is a grave sin, but there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life. In the same way, however, I can and must state that there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father...I henceforth grant to all priests, in virtue of their ministry, the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion.'

Pope Francis, 21 November 2016

Glory be

Day 9: Never tire in the defence of life

The final day of our Novena for Life calls on us to never tire of firmly speaking out in defence of life.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'Never tire of firmly speaking out in defence of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: do not be afraid!'

Pope St John Paul II

Glory be

Other prayers

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Unborn

O St. Joseph, after your most holy spouse, our Blessed Mother, you were the first to take into your arms and heart the baby Jesus. From the first time you gazed upon him and held him, your heart and soul were forever bonded to him. You caressed the Holy Child with fatherly love and affection, and you committed yourself always to love, protect, and care for this Son.

Look now with similar love and affection upon this child of mine, who has gone from this world. I place my child, as well as my grief and guilt, into the eternal embrace of your arms. Hold and caress my child for me with the love of my arms and sweetly kiss my child with all the tender affection of my heart.

As God the Father entrusted the care of His most precious Son into your most loving and confident hands, so too do I entrust into your fatherly care this child of mine. Please present him to the merciful hands of Our Lord, so that one day, when I too leave this world, my child may greet me into eternal life. *Amen.*

Prayer to St Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest Saint Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.

May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defence of human life,
especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. *Amen.*