



# The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Coventry Group

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## The Transfiguration of the Lord



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### Collect

O GOD, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thine Only Begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in his beauty; who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

### First reading *Daniel 7:9-10,13-14*

As I looked,  
Judgment before the Ancient One  
thrones were placed  
and one that was ancient of days took his seat;  
his raiment was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
its wheels were burning fire.  
<sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued  
and came forth from before him;  
a thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before  
him;  
the court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

I saw in the night visions,  
and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before him.  
<sup>14</sup> And to him was given dominion  
and glory and kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him;  
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed.

### Second reading *2Peter 1:16-19*

Beloved: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>17</sup> For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son,<sup>[b]</sup> with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup> we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

### Gospel *Matthew 17:1-9*

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Eli’jah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli’jah.” <sup>5</sup> He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup> And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.  
<sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead.”

## Saint of the Week

### Saint Dominic, 8<sup>th</sup> August



If he hadn't taken a trip with his bishop, Dominic would probably have remained within the structure of contemplative life; after the trip, he spent the rest of his life being a contemplative in active apostolic work.

Born in old Castile, Spain, Dominic was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma, where there was an attempt to revive the apostolic common life described in *Acts of the Apostles*.

On a journey through France with his bishop, Dominic came face to face with the then virulent Albigensian heresy at Languedoc. The Albigensians—or Cathari, “the pure ones”—held to two principles—one good, one evil—in the world. All matter is evil—hence they denied the Incarnation and the sacraments. On the same principle, they abstained from procreation and took a minimum of food and drink. The inner circle led what some people regarded as a heroic life of purity and asceticism not shared by ordinary followers.

Dominic sensed the need for the Church to combat this heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately why the preaching crusade was not succeeding: the ordinary people admired and followed the ascetical heroes of the Albigenses. Understandably, they were not impressed by the Catholic preachers who travelled with horse and retinues, stayed at the best inns and had servants. Dominic therefore, with three Cistercians, began itinerant preaching according to the gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10 years, being successful with the ordinary people but not with the leaders.

His fellow preachers gradually became a community, and in 1215 Dominic founded a religious house at

Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans.

Dominic's ideal, and that of his Order, was to organically link a life with God, study, and prayer in all forms, with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God. His ideal: *contemplata tradere*: “to pass on the fruits of contemplation” or “to speak only of God or with God.”

## Notices and news

### Recently departed

Terry Hutchinson

### Anniversaries of death

6 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Kasim
7 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Atkinson
10 <sup>th</sup>	Agnes McLaughlin
11 <sup>th</sup>	James Sands

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.

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on 15<sup>th</sup> August, which this year, being a Tuesday, is not transferred to the nearest Sunday. Please note that this is a Holyday of Obligation. I hope we will all be present at **Solemn Mass at 7.30pm**.

### 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.

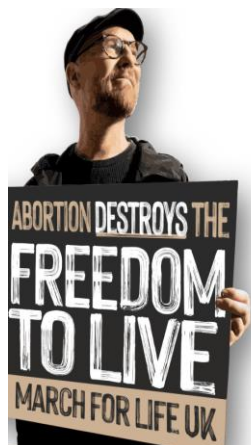
*I pray especially for the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin, that they may find a new home in which to love, serve and worship you.*

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.

### August barbecue

Our next monthly meeting will be our barbecue in August. John and Sarah Ingram will very kindly be hosting our summer barbecue on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August**. Please let them know if you're planning to attend (which I hope you will), with any dietary requirements.

### March for Life 2023



### 2023 THEME

Many are concerned about restrictions on freedoms but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Sadly, those who have their most fundamental freedom taken from them, by abortion, cannot speak for themselves - this is why we march. For our nation to be truly free, no one can be denied the number one freedom, the freedom to live!

### EVENT PAGE

This year's March for Life in Westminster is on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. Monsignor Newton is very keen that those who are physically able turn out in support of this growing and peaceful act of witness to the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death.

Many people are concerned about restrictions on freedom, but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live, and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this peaceful, prayerful and family-friendly event in London to speak up for those who can not speak for themselves.

**A deanery coach will depart from All Souls at 9.45am, after Mass at 9am.** Cost per person £15 on the day. The march ends in Parliament Square at

around 4.30pm, so arrival back in Coventry will be late evening. To book a place contact Fr Paul on 02476674161 or at [fr.paul.burch@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.paul.burch@rcaob.org.uk) Full details of the event can be found at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves. Speak up for the rights of all those who are poor. (Proverbs 31:8)

Lots more information at [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

### Parish pilgrimage to Walsingham 2023



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

It is still possible to book a place, so please contact the parish office - 02476674161 or [allsouls.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:allsouls.covty@rcaob.org.uk) if you are interested. If you need more information please contact Fr Paul at [allsoulsco@gmail.com](mailto:allsoulsco@gmail.com) General information about the Shrine and accommodation can be found at [www.walsingham.org.uk/guest-information-elmham-house/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/guest-information-elmham-house/)

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### Praying the Daily Office this week

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	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>	489	1941	283	146	492	1942	283	146	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feria	495	1503	202	100	498	1504	202	100	Collect of 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>St. Dominic</b>	500	1507	202	147	504	1989	314	147	
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS</b>	506	1989	315	147	510	1991	314	147	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>St. Lawrence</b>	512	1513	204	148	516	1514	204	148	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> <b>St. Clare</b>	518	1516	205	148	521	1517	205	148	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feria	523	1519	205	100	525	1521	206	100	EP I of Tenth Sunday after Trinity.
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	528	1522	201	100	530	1525	201	100	

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](https://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](https://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.*