



# The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Coventry Group

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**



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## Collect

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; 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.

## First reading *IKings 3:5,7-12*

In those days: At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I shall give you."

And Solomon said, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

## Second reading *Romans 8:28-30*

Brethren: We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called

he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

## Gospel *Matthew 13:44-52*

Jesus said to the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

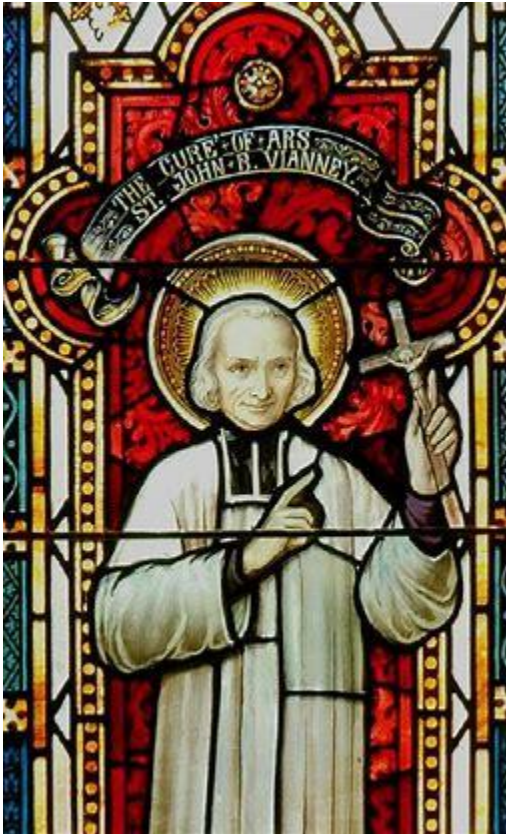
<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

## Saint of the Week

St John Vianney, 4<sup>th</sup> August



Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, known as John in English, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France and was baptized the same day. He was the fourth of six children born to Matthieu and Marie Vianney.

John was raised in a Catholic home and the family often helped the poor and housed St. Benedict Joseph Labre when he made his pilgrimage to Rome.

In 1790, when the anticlerical Terror phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed the priests were heroes.

He continued to believe in the bravery of priests and received his First Communion catechism instructions in private by two nuns who lost their convents to the Revolution.

At 13-years-old, John made his first communion and prepared for his confirmation in secrecy.

When he was 20-years-old, John was allowed to leave the family farm to learn at a "presbytery-school" in Écully. There he learned math, history, geography and Latin.

As his education had been disrupted by the French Revolution, he struggled in his studies, particularly with Latin, but worked hard to learn.

In 1802, the Catholic Church was reestablished in France and religious freedom and peace spread throughout the country.

Unfortunately, in 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. He had been studying as an ecclesiastical student, which was a protected title and would normally have exempted him from military services, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses as he required more soldiers.

Two days into his service, John fell ill and required hospitalization. As his troop continued, he stopped in at a church where he prayed. There he met a young man who volunteered to return him to his group, but instead led him deep into the mountains where military deserters met.

John lived with them for one year and two months. He used the name Jerome Vincent and opened a school for the nearby village of Les Noes' children. John remained in Les Noes and hid when gendarmes came in search of deserters until 1810, when deserters were granted amnesty.

Now free, John returned to Écully and resumed his ecclesiastic studies. He attended a minor seminary, Abbe Balley, in 1812 and was eventually ordained a deacon in June 1815.

He joined his heroes as a priest August 12, 1815 in the Couvent des Minimes de Grenoble. His first Mass was celebrated the next day and he was appointed assistant to Balley in Écully.

Three years later, when Balley passed away, Fr. John Vianney was appointed parish priest of the Ars parish. With help from Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lerdet, *La Providence*, a home for girls, was established in Ars.

When he began his priestly duties, Fr. Vianney realized many were either ignorant or indifferent to religion as a result of the French Revolution.

Fr. Vianney spent much time in confession and often delivered homilies against blasphemy and dancing. Finally, if parishioners did not give up dancing, he refused them absolution.

He spent 11 to twelve hours each day working to reconcile people with God. In the summer months, he often worked 16-hour days and refused to retire.

His fame spread until people began to travel to him in 1827. Within thirty years, it is said he received up to 20,000 pilgrims each year.

He was deeply devoted to St. Philomena and erected a chapel and shrine in her honour. When he later became deathly ill but miraculously recovered, he attributed his health to St. Philomena's intercession.

By 1853, Fr. Vianney had attempted to run away from Ars four times, each attempt with the intention of becoming a monk but decided after the final time that it was not to be.

Six years later, he passed away and left behind a legacy of faith and was viewed as the champion of the poor. On October 3, 1873, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Fr. Vianney as "venerable" and on January 8, 1905, Pope Pius X beatified him. St. John Vianney was canonized on May 31, 1925. His feast day was declared August 9 but it was changed twice before it fell to August 4.

## Notices and news

### Recently departed

Terry Hutchinson

### Anniversaries of death

31<sup>st</sup> Peter Stewart Mason  
1<sup>st</sup> Aug Jessie Earle

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.

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.

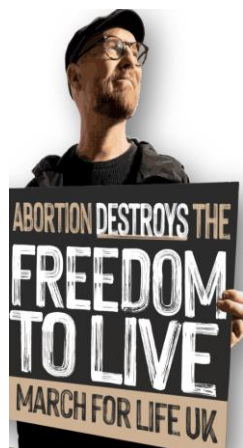
*I pray especially for the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin, that they may find a new home in which to love, serve and worship you.*

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 [allsoulscov@gmail.com](mailto:allsoulscov@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 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	616	1467	201	100	619	1471	201	100	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> <b>St. Ignatius of Loyola</b>	616	1475	202	144	619	1477	202	144	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August <b>St. Alphonsus Liguori</b>	463	1478	202	144	466	1480	203	144	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feria	468	1482	203	100	471	1484	204	100	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feria	473	1485	204	100	476	1487	204	100	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>St. John Vianney</b>	479	1489	205	145	481	1490	205	145	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feria	484	1492	205	100	486	1940	282	146	EP I of the Transfiguration
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>	489	1941	283	146	492	1942	283	146	

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.*