



# Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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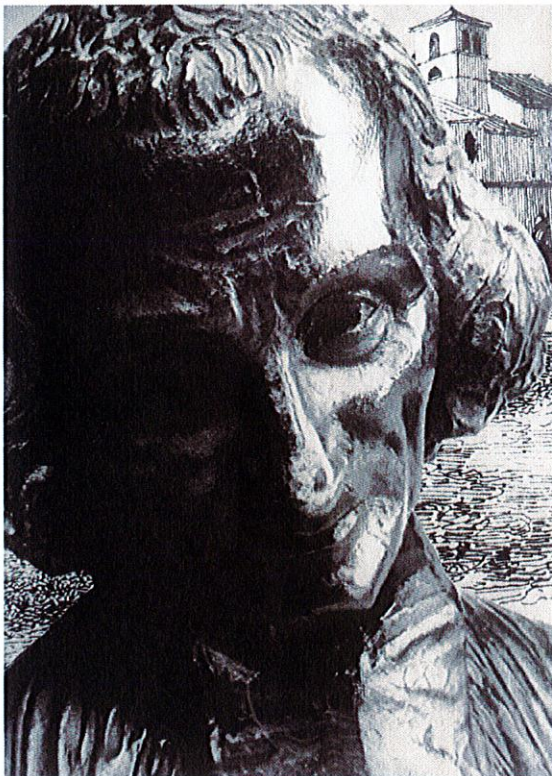
## 18th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12 - 12:30pm (and on request)

HOLY HOUR animated by HAKUNA will resume in mid-September



Today, 4<sup>th</sup> August, the Church remembers **Saint Jean-Marie Vianney, Curé of Ars**, Patron Saint of Parish Priests (me included!)

During the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday, Pope Francis remembered how the Curé of Ars lived a life of penance for the salvation of his parishioners and often said:

"This is not poetry, but priesthood!"

"Let us stop looking at our life and our vocation in terms of efficiency and immediate results... and let us return to adoration and the prayer of the heart" said the Pope, "repeating '*Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner*'".

"Let us pray, intercede and shed tears for others," urged the Pope, "in this way, we will allow the Lord to work His miracles. Let us not fear, for He will surely surprise us! "

Pray for your Parish Priest!

### *NO Mass tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday*

The Parish office will be open and emails attended to only on the following days:  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> July 10-12, Tue 13<sup>th</sup> August 10-3pm, Tue 20<sup>th</sup> August 10-3pm,  
Tue 27<sup>th</sup> August 10-3pm, Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> September 10-3pm  
Back to normal office hours on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Day pilgrimage to **Our Lady of Walsingham** on Saturday 21st September  
the cost for the transport by coach is £35 per person (send an email to enroll)



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# SAY IT. SEE IT. SORTED.

Thoughts matter; yes, they do.

"Saying" matters and so does the time we "say it".

The wisdom of the desert fathers distinguishes various stages of our thought-process. First of all, a simple suggestion, an innocent thought. When this thought 'enters' our heart, it goes 'deeper' within and I find myself 'in dialogue' with this thought. At breakfast time, when I go for a walk, lying in bed... I begin justifying this thought, to share its company, to become his/her 'friend'. The moment of the 'battle' is when we react against it, we challenge this thought, we test its origin. This battle can end with a victory or with an assent. When we 'agree' with this thought it becomes 'mine', my own will, my project, my interpretation. When this agreement is repeated over time, we find ourselves entangled in a 'passion', a 'motion' of the soul which takes where I do not really want to go, like an 'automatic pilot'. At the end, I experience a real captivity, I become enslaved to this passion, I suffer.

To speak out our thoughts - to "Say it"- at the early stage of this process is to 'catch' the first thought before it moves, before it enters too deep within me and starts entertaining me, seducing me, lying to me, taking hold of me, making me captive. "One must crush the serpent's head as soon as it appears." "As a serpent flees instantly as soon as it has left its hole, so an evil thought dissipates as soon as it begins to be disclosed."

**"Say it; See it; Sorted"** (become aware of your thoughts, speak as soon as they appear, do not make 'friends' too soon with them, learn how to test them, sort them out!)

*In manus.*

Father Ivano