



John Marie Vianney was born near Lyons on 8 May 1786 just three years before the start of the French Revolution.

When the cure at Ecully opened a school for ecclesiastical studies, John was sent. Studies and John were never great friends: his early

years of education had been spent more in the fields minding sheep.

He was conscripted to fight against Spain but never saw any action and after fourteen months, was able to resume his path to the priesthood.

On 13 August 1815 he was ordained priest by the Bishop of Grenoble. His first curacy was as assistant to M. Ballet in Ecully who had recognized his vocation and who urged him to persevere despite the difficulties.

Within three years he was made parish priest of Ars – a village of just 230 people – and it is with that small village that he became known throughout all of France. He visited every house and made himself known to his new parishioners. He immediately tried to restore a sense of Sunday in his flock, not just in getting them

to attend Mass but also to refrain from unnecessary work.

He had not long been in Ars when people began coming to him from other parishes and finally from every corner of the country. During the last ten years of his life he would spend up to eighteen hours a day in the confessional. His advice was sought by everyone, from bishops and priests to people in all sorts of difficulty. He especially loved those who were sick.

His instructions in the confessional were often very simple and in language that people could recognize, with images drawn from everyday life. Towards the end those who heard him preach admitted that they could hardly decipher a word, so inaudible was his speech. Yet they knew that God loved them because they saw this in his eyes. They knew too, that his own life was a constant mortification from his early youth.

In the years 1858-9 almost 100,000 people came to Ars but by now, the curé was an old man close to death. The strain was becoming too much and on 29 July he retired to bed for the last time.

John Marie died in 1859, aged 73 and within a short time was proclaimed Venerable by Pope Pius IX (3 October 1874). Pope Pius XI canonized him in 1925.

We offer a sincere word of thanks to all who are volunteering as stewards or in any way helping out in the parish during the present pandemic. Your help is very much appreciated. At the moment we would be glad of extra volunteers for stewarding as some of those already 'in action' will be away on holidays or for various reasons. If there are some people who would be willing to act as stewards at the weekday 10 am and weekend Masses, their help would be gratefully received. Names can be left in the Parish Office during the week.



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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 2nd Aug 11.30

John Charles Mc Carthy (Anv)

Months mind for June

Mavis Moore
Donal Graham
Seamus Mc Gowan
Margaret (Peggy) Egan
Maud Kerney
Caroline Morton

Other intentions

Anniversaries:-

Sr. Jarleth O' Neill
Kate Franklin
Dessie & Maureen Mc Donald
Annette Strickland
Ted O' Leary

Birthday Remembrance:-

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Recently Deceased
Dr Dermot Cantwell
Michael O'Dwyer
Gemma Byrne
Colm Palliser
John Kinsella
May they rest in peace





August 2, 2020
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

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Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love. It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Oh, come to the water, all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come. (Is 55:1-3)

PSALM

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. (Ps 144:8-9,15-18)

SECOND READING

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. (Rm 8:35-37-39)

GOSPEL

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. (Mt 14:13-21)



Transfiguration by Raphael painted between 1516–20. It is now in the Pinacoteca Vaticana in Vatican City

Raphael's painting depicts two consecutive, but distinct, biblical narratives from the Gospel of Matthew. In the first, the Transfiguration of Christ itself, Moses and Elijah appear before the transfigured Christ with Peter, James and John looking on. In the second, the Apostles fail to cure a boy from demons and await the return of Christ. The upper register of the painting shows the Transfiguration itself (on Mount Tabor,

according to tradition), with the transfigured Christ floating in front of illuminated clouds, between the prophets Moses, on the right, and Elijah, on the left with whom he is conversing. The two figures kneeling on the left are commonly identified as Justus and Pastor who shared August 6 as a feast day with the Feast of the Transfiguration.

The upper register of the painting includes, from left to right, James, Peter and John, traditionally read as symbols of faith, hope and love; hence the symbolic colours of blue-yellow, green and red for their robes. In the lower register, Raphael depicts the Apostles attempting to free the possessed boy of his demonic possession. They are unable to cure the sick child until the arrival of the recently transfigured Christ, who performs a miracle. As his last work before his death, Raphael joins the two scenes together as his final testament to the healing power of the transfigured Christ.



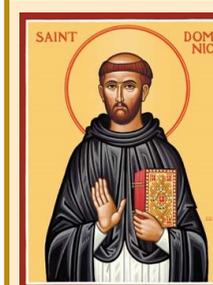
Left in the church recently— can be collected in the Sacristy.



We welcome into our parish community through baptism
 Robyn Margaret Foley

Saints of the Week

- Tues 4 Aug St John Vianney, priest
- Wed 5 Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
- Thurs 6 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
- Fri 7 Ss Sixtus II, pope, and Companions, martyrs
- Sat 8 St Cajetan, priest
- St Dominic, priest



'A man who governs his passions is master of the world. We must either rule them, or be ruled by them. It is better to be the hammer than the anvil.'

St Dominick