

## AT THE TOMB OF BLESSED PETER VIGNE

It is beautiful to read the intentions and prayers of the pilgrims who visit the church in Boucieu le Roi and pray at the tomb of Blessed Peter Vigne. With confidence let us also entrust our intentions to him.

*"Lord, help me to be a better person to help and listen to others. Thank you for them. Glory to You Lord, Jesus."*

Renée

*"Lord Jesus, it is the feast of your Resurrection! We are unable to go to Mass on this special day so Lord accept these two votive candles and may their light represent our presence. Protect my family and myself from all harm. Amen"*

Letitia

*"Arriving in this village for the first time I was thrilled to find a church open, and a beautiful one at that! And what's more, a Saint buried there! Kneeling there I shed tears of gratitude and I prayed: 'Lord, may this Church and all the other Churches be filled with worshippers once more. I pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit many souls will be converted and return to God. I pray for the youth of this country, who without hope, faith and without God are suffering. Reveal your love to them that they may know you. Blessed Peter Vigne, you who prayed that Christ be better known, loved and served throughout the whole world, pray for the renewal of our world today'"*

M. Ardèche

DATES for the two months:

**19 March:** SAINT JOSEPH, we pray for families and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**25 March:** THE ANNUNCIATION: Mary said "YES", her entire life was a GIFT, from Bethlehem to Nazareth and to Jerusalem; a path of joy and sorrow. Walk with us Mary along the way.

**14 April:** Palm Sunday. With the children of Jerusalem who acclaimed the Lord....we sing HOSANNA. Blessed is He who comes...He is on the way to Golgotha...He will say to us on Easter Sunday morning: "Peace be with you!"

**21 April:** HE IS TRULY RISEN! Go now and spread the news!

With Blessed Peter Vigne let us journey towards Easter with renewed FAITH in our hearts:



*"Adorable Saviour, you emerged from the tomb...  
You triumphed over death...  
What greater proof of your Divinity  
than by rising to immortality?"*

HAPPY AND HOLY FEAST OF EASTER

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## LENT..Pause and PRAY

*"Jesus my Saviour, in the Garden of Olives, you spent a long time in prayer. For an hour you prayed to your Father and three times in succession you returned to him with the same request.*

*We, on the contrary would like our prayers to be answered immediately. Three times you prayed asking for the same thing, while we scarcely ask just once for whatever we need. The three adorable Persons of the Blessed Trinity, the three theological virtues and the three sins in thought, word and deed, encourage us to threefold prayer.*



*Jesus, my Saviour, make me one with you in your three prayers, and as I imitate your three acts of profound prostration, both morning and night, may my prayers in union with yours be answered".*

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The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery.

Pope Francis



The month of March sees us off on our LENTEN journey; a 40 day journey of intense preparation for Easter to which Peter Vigne invites us.

**Why 40?** Moses went up Mount Sinai after 40 days, Elijah walked for 40 days in the desert before reaching Mount Horeb. For 40 years the People of God wandered in the desert after their escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus withdrew to the desert for 40 days before beginning his public ministry that lasted three years which would finally lead him to Mount Calvary....and to the Resurrection.

"40" is the symbolic number that expresses an intense preparation for an important event for us Christians: namely **EASTER**. We cannot fully understand Lent except in relation to EASTER. Lent was a period of immediate preparation for Baptism which was celebrated during the Easter Vigil in the early Church.....and is still a preparation and celebration for Catechumens.

LENT, the road to EASTER is therefore an important road for every baptised Christian; it calls us to conversion in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 21 April.

# Wake us up!

"Jesus, out of your great love, you went three times in succession to awaken the Apostles who were soundly sleeping; You urged them to watch and pray so as to gain strength and not succumb to the temptations that lurked in the future. In your goodness Lord, show us the same loving kindness. Give us the grace Lord Jesus to pray often, awaken us from the sorry sleep into which we drift especially when it relates to our Christian life".

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Blessed Peter Vigne's prayer could be a source of inspiration for our Lenten journey and help us welcome and reflect on Pope Francis' very concrete message for lent this year. Here are a few extracts:

1. The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, the culmination of the liturgical year, calls us yearly to undertake a journey of preparation....



2 ... when we fail to live as children of God, we often behave in a destructive way towards our neighbours and other creatures – and ourselves as well – since we begin to think more or less consciously

that we can use them as we will. Intemperance then takes the upper hand: we start to live a life that exceeds those limits imposed by our human condition and nature itself. We yield to untrammelled desires.....

Unless we tend constantly towards Easter, towards the horizon of the Resurrection, the mentality expressed in the slogans "I want it all and I want it now!" and "Too much is never enough", gains the upper hand.



5th station  
Way of the Cross  
Boucieu le Roi

*Vigne and Martin*

3. **Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion.** It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

**FASTING**, that is, **learning to change our attitude** towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.

**PRAYER**, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to **acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.**

**ALMSGIVING**, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to **rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us**, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire



## PETER VIGNE and his christian journey in PRIVAS

### THE CATECHISM TELLS US

"Interior repentance is a radical **reorientation** of our whole life, a **return**, a conversion to God with all our heart, **an end of sin**, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with **hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace**" (CCC 1431)

On the Catholic register in Privas, dated March 25, 1681, we discover the first signature of the young Peter Vigne where he signs himself as a "godfather" to a young Francis who was baptised that day. His handwriting is youthful but at the same time firm. From that date onwards we see Peter playing a more active role in the parish. He is often the one who accompanies the parish priest to the celebrations of the sacraments of baptism and marriage, as well as to funerals. However from October 1683 to October 1687 when we rediscover this signature: four years have passed and Peter would certainly have made a journey of personal conversion, a "reorientation" which led him to a stronger and more decisive commitment to the Lord. At an interment, October 5, 1690, when the Parish Priest, Fr. Martinent added the word "cleric" to his name, Peter signed with great firmness, wanting to affirm his decision to live his response to the Lord with fidelity. May he help us today on the road to Easter! B.R.

*Pierre Vigne*

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