

MAILBAG: I would like to continue receiving this leaflet. I am a former student of St Just, Montélimar; I learned the art of weaving, I met Sr. M. Ange; I was there at the same time as Sr M. Alice; I will be 90 in May; pray for me, thank you. Simone Pradon FRANCE



Your leaflet is precious for **deepening our faith and meditating**. United with you all in prayer. May Bl. Peter Vigne bless you and send you vocations! Warm regards, fraternally. B. P. Coulaud. FRANCE

I thank God because at first I was not able to read the Word of God and meditate, but after joining Peter Vigne Eucharistic Association, reading "Reflections" and seeing how people shared their reflections, helped me a lot because now I can read the Word of God and meditate on it. **Truly, God has done great things for me through the Association and the "Word of Pierre Vigne for today".** . Rose Mlughe. Morogoro TANZANIE

**IN MEMORY:** On February 12, Father Willy Musanzi Monvula died in Lubumbashi, **D.R. Congo**. From 1999, first in Kolwezi and for several years, he accompanied a group of young Sacramentine aspirants who appreciated "the meetings every 1st Sunday of the month, the retreats and the teachings received from Father Willy" and their first introduction to Peter Vigne. The establishment of a Sacramentine community in Tanzania in 2004 allowed several of them to pursue their vocation as Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Thanksgiving for his life, his mission, his availability.

May he fully enjoy the Peace and Love of God

Important dates

19 March: feast of **Saint Joseph** who devoted his life to the service of Jesus and Mary, a loving service to the vocation of each and everyone. Let us pray for sacramentine vocations and also on the 8th of the month.

Monday **March 25/Sunday March 31, 2024: Holy Week and Easter**

March 28: **Maundy Thursday**; the Last Supper, the Eucharist...an important day for all and a day of special celebration for our Congregation of the "Blessed Sacrament"

March 29: **Good Friday**; Passion of the Lord. Meditate on the Stations of the Cross

March 31: **Easter, Feast of the Resurrection**, Joy, the beginning of Eastertide.

April 8: **Feast of the Annunciation**, postponed due to Holy Week

April 21: **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Pray to the Holy Spirit that men and women will respond generously to Christ's Call to live the charism of special consecration in the Church: priestly life, consecrated life.

HAPPY AND HOLY LENT AND A HAPPY EASTER.



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March and April were very **busy months indeed for Peter Vigne**. As a missionary he was in great demand so popular were his missions. Many parishes wanted to renew and actively support and strengthen Christians in the true faith. **Isn't that what is still needed today?** Why not slip into a Church near you and hear once more Fr. Vigne's humble yet firm voice resound as he speaks to you today. **Why not continue our Lenten journey with him to the joyful celebrations of the Paschal feast of the Lord? Why not indeed?**

*Lent : with Peter Vigne...*

Winter was the most suitable time for Pierre Vigne's missions. Work in the countryside was practically non-existent, which meant that people were free to take part and to benefit from the missions. We join him in 1724, which was also a leap year! He notes in his diary: **"I began the mission at Montvendre on March 25, 1724; I arrived here on the 24th."** (15 km from



Montvendre, the old Church

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*"We must be truly convinced of the unique dignity of MARY, the Mother of God and therefore the Queen of Heaven, the one who is most powerful in God's presence, most loved by the Son, and most enriched with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

*May she listen favourably to us, protect us, intercede for us with her Son and answer our prayers.*

*Do not be in a hurry when you're praying to Mary...Speak with great attention and respect, and above all with a heart full of affection for Mary our incomparable Queen"*

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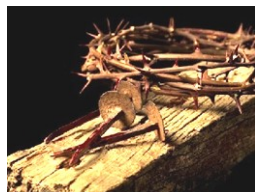
FOR YOU

**On Saturday, March 25, 1724**, the feast of the Annunciation, Peter Vigne suggested to all who had gathered in the church to **begin the mission with Mary**, to welcome the Word of God as she did so well and pray to her during the course of the mission.

From March 26, Fr. Peter Vigne put all his energy and passion into preaching to ensure that the people from Montvendre and those from the surrounding villages, could deepen their relationship with God and return to him trusting in his mercy. He invites them to **rekindle their faith and to live it**, wherever they are, with their joys and sufferings and make it a living faith, not one in appearance only! A society that was still experiencing ongoing confrontations because of religious wars was open to such a temptation. **What is it saying to us?**

**FAITH must be alive...it would be great folly and presumptuous to believe in the truths of the Gospel, to be assured of the right path, and yet live in a manner completely opposed to the truth and follow a path entirely removed from what the Gospel marks out for us. Faith must be effective...so therefore one must be a practicing Christian and not just a Christian on canvas, only showing a beautiful exterior without any works.** PBL 1, 295

**O great mystery of the CROSS!**  
*This is the height of God's love... This is the source of the spiritual and eternal birth of so many Saints: this is the cause and principle of all their happiness. This is the immense and infinite Treasure of all the graces we receive from the bountiful goodness of God. This is the cause of our deepest adorations and blessings.*  
**The love of Jesus for us is an infinite love:** yet you see his head so kind now crowned with thorns, his eyes so sweet now bathed in blood... his hands so kindly in action and purpose now nailed to the Cross and his feet which served to seek us out when we were lost and on the road to destruction...  
**In return, let your response be love, love the one who always loves you... Meditate well on this and constantly ask for the grace to love Jesus and for perseverance in his grace.** PBL.2. 376



Celebrating the 5th Sunday of Lent, or "Passion Sunday" as it was previously called, on **April 2**, he preaches on "the Passion, Resurrection, prayer etc..." From the high pulpit, or near those who listen to him, Father Peter doesn't seek to impress with eloquent words, but goes straight to the point and speaks in a manner that is understood by all, whether they are dignitaries or unsophisticated village folk. **His sermons are for everyone!** What is needed is simplicity which touches the hearts of his "dear Christians". **He invites them to contemplate Jesus and his love for them made manifest in the Passion. And us too!**

As usual, Peter is attentive to everything to do with the church, its cleanliness, etc. Here, the building is in a bad state. "Repairs were made to the church at the cost of 50 pounds and 8 muids of lime, the locals doing the work themselves." **The church will be in good condition for Easter!** It is wonderful to see the local people involved making sure the work is done. Peter Vigne seems to have financed the work himself from the offerings he received: "For food and other expenses Messire Girard only gave me 50 pounds." He lodged with Marie Prieure where the accommodation was poor and meagre. "I gave Marie Prieure about 17 pounds for my expenses...almost every day was a fast day". When he was leaving he gave her "several bottles of wine and several small gifts, fruit, etc..." which had probably been given to him! On his departure he donated more than thirty of his books: *Book of the Hours, Calvary Meditations* and left an equal number to the parish priest, Mr. Jacquier to ensure the mission continues. Those who attended the mission and the Parish Priest join him in procession **to erect a Cross or perhaps three.** There is still a place in Montvendre known as "des Trois Croix".

With this leaflet, Father Vigne also leaves us texts to read and reread as we continue our Lenten journey to the celebration of Holy Week and Easter!



Cross at Montvendre

## **..and celebrate Easter.**

He was to leave on **Easter Sunday, April 16**, but "Mme d'Allard, gave him 10 pounds to stay a few extra days". This shows how much the people appreciated his presence, his preaching, his visits to the sick, his long hours in the confessional, etc... He will therefore solemnly celebrate Easter with them and prolong it by involving



them in contemplating the "luminous" Stations of the apparitions of the Risen Lord. He extends that same invitation to us today:

**"He is risen...give praise to God!"**

With Blessed Peter Vigne, have a fruitful Lenten journey and a Happy Easter. Alleluia!

*After enduring so much suffering for the Glory of his Father, the Body of Jesus was clothed in divine glory, for the benefit of his family, the whole human race.. If we imitated Jesus Christ during his life and as he is now raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, then we too must walk in newness of life. Now that you have received the life-giving power of God's grace in your soul make it fruitful in good works; and know that whatever you do for the Lord is not in vain!* PBL 2 385