

## MAILBAG



Thank you for this magnificent leaflet which has been real spiritual nourishment during my years as a priest. I always share it with my parishioners. With Blessed Pierre Vigne, let us continue to walk the Way of Jesus Christ in his paschal mystery. Let's open the most beautiful book...God bless you.

Abbé Pierre Friess, curé de Villars les Dombes FRANCE

This leaflet allows me to be in touch with the community and you, and to immerse myself in the wisdom of Peter Vigne. Anne R. FRANCE

**INFORMATION:** The Congregation entrusts to your prayer of thanksgiving

\* Sr Seraphia Eusebio Masonda, who pronounces her **first Vows** at

Kilakala Morogoro, May 1st. This will also be an opportunity to celebrate **20 years of the Sacramentine Mission in Tanzania.** MAGNIFICAT, and to ask for all the grace of authentic fidelity to the Lord



## FEAST DAYS NOT TO BE MISSED

**8 MAY: Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament:** Learn from her how to desire and truly welcome her Son at each Eucharist and to be Christ bearers on a daily basis. We entrust to her our Sacramentine Vocations.

**12: The Ascension of Jesus:** invites us not to stand still, looking at the clouds...but to pray to be true witnesses to our faith where we live.

**19: Pentecost:** "Let your spirit serve the Spirit of God," says P. Vigne, and not want the Spirit to be at the service of our more or less righteous and disinterested ideas! Pray for those who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

**26: The Holy Trinity:** one God, one Love which is given in the Father, the Son and the Spirit... A beautiful celebration which invites us to pray for families and Communities.

**May 30 / June 2: Corpus Christi:** the Eucharist is at the heart of the Church...Adore, give thanks and pray more particularly with the Communities of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. "The Magnificat expresses Mary's spirituality, and there is nothing greater than this spirituality for helping us to experience the mystery of the Eucharist. **The Eucharist has been given to us so that our life, like that of Mary, may become completely a Magnificat!** »

St John Paul II

**May 31: The Visitation:** Mary is the "Beautiful Tabernacle of God among men" who immediately goes to help her elderly cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant. She does not burden others, but goes herself...Let us pray to her especially for those who with generosity, love and self-sacrifice care for older family members at home.



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Once again the feasts in our liturgical calendar for these two months point us to a deeper understanding of our Christian life. We are invited to hold high the Light of Easter and the ardent flame of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. At the table of our humble "Emmaus" let us rediscover the Presence of the Risen One who shares his Bread with us, -his Eucharist- to give us strength and nourishment for the difficult roads ahead. Mary will be with us at every moment as she was with the Apostles when they experienced the great miracle of which Peter Vigne speaks.

## Fruits of Pentecost

*What an amazing*

*miracle you wrought Lord Jesus*

*that so many proud pagan nations accepted shame and humiliation for publicly witnessing to your Gospel!*

*...That many Rulers and Princes who once commanded armies with great authority now themselves want to submit to your holy Law:*

*who **without seeing you** cast aside the idols of their false gods to recognise you as their unique Lord. Without any hesitation **they believed in mysteries that were beyond their comprehension.***

*What an amazing miracle you wrought Lord Jesus,*

*\*that the **Apostles, poor and powerless, without property, authority, or human eloquence, might be victorious over***

*powerful people, the learned and those familiar with the art of persuasion!*

*\*that after so much bloodshed the violent have become like lambs, and the blood of martyrs is **"the seed of new Christians"**!*

*\*that the cruelty of tyrants has contributed to **an increasing number of those who adore you, O Jesus Christ Crucified!** What a miracle if ever there was one!*

***But what is very surprising is that some who profess to be Christians today have no desire to follow or to live as the Lord asked us, to keep his precepts! And that those who are sure the path marked out leads to eternal Happiness, are still unwilling to follow it!***

H.N. -1- 126-127



*Vigne Peter*

## Come Holy Spirit rekindle in us the spirit of new life

With Peter Vigne we are making our way towards Pentecost... We need to rediscover the "lived experience" of the Apostles who were just simple people, but precisely "simple" because that was the fruitful soil in which the great miracle of Pentecost could take place! This transformation, or total conversion, which leads from fear to audacity, from pride to joyful humility allowed them to hand on to others what they had received from the Lord. Let us welcome that fire of the Spirit to make us committed disciples, just like Peter Vigne. He says to you today: "Let your spirit serve the Spirit of God".

### SEND YOUR SPIRIT, LORD...

He will renew our hearts, our faith, our hope  
He will help us rediscover your Sacrament of Love,  
your EUCHARISTIC PRESENCE.  
Send your Spirit, may he "increase your adorers". BR



### What symbols are used to represent the Holy Spirit?

There are many symbols of the Holy Spirit:

**living water** which springs from the wounded Heart of Christ and which quenches the thirst of the baptized;

**anointing** with oil, which is the sacramental sign of Confirmation

**fire** which transforms what it touches;

the **cloud**, dark or luminous, in which the divine glory is revealed;

the **imposition of hands** by which the Holy Spirit is given;

the **dove** which descended on Christ at his baptism and remained with him.

CCC 139

So remember therefore that you received the spiritual sign, the Spirit of wisdom and intelligence, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and piety, the Spirit of holy fear, and keep what you have received.

God the Father has marked you with his sign, Christ the Lord has confirmed you and he has placed in your heart the pledge of the Spirit.

St Ambrose.

LORD JESUS,

from your Heart to the heart  
of Father Vigne, you shared

your intense passion for the Glory of the Father. It was then that he undertook his apostolic missions and his ardent preaching.

From your Heart to his heart,

you passed on your love for children and your compassion for the sick and the infirm; and for them he founded his Congregation of the Sisters of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Since his death, the sick and disabled have continued to seek his intercession, and sick children are still brought to his tomb for healing.

You know that his love was always an expression of your tenderness.

He loved you in your Passion,

and to spread the devotion so dear to his heart, he erected the Stations of the Cross in Boucieu to represent the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem.

He loved you in your Eucharist,

and as an associate member of the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament, he wanted people to love and praise your Eucharistic Presence using the Canticles entrusted to his Congregation.



O Jesus, give us a little of his love and charity, a little of his passion for the Glory of the Father, and may he whom

we venerate as "saint Father Vigne" be one day be glorified by the universal Church. Amen. Valence 22 July 1924.

>>>This beautiful prayer is 100 years old!

It invites us to contemplate the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** which will be celebrated **June 7**, and to imitate Blessed Peter Vigne's love of Jesus and his confidence in Him. Already during his missionary life and after his death he was an intercessor for all those who entrusted to him their intentions and continue to have recourse to him today.

