

The Transfiguration foreshadows the light of Easter: an event of death and resurrection, of darkness and new light that Christ radiates on all bodies scourged by violence, crucified by pain, or abandoned in misery...

The Redeemer transfigures the wounds of history, enlightening our minds and hearts... Do we see the true face of God with a gaze of wonder and love?

The Father's reply to the despair of atheism is the gift of his Son, the Saviour; ...but it took time to understand it(cf. Mt 17:9). Time in silence to listen to the word, time for conversion in order to enjoy the Lord's company.

During this Lent, let us ask Mary, teacher of prayer and Morning Star, to guide us in faith.

Pope Leo XIV March 2026

APRIL: May we keep these Holy Days truly holy.

April 2: Holy Thursday, we commemorate the first Eucharist in the Upper Room.

April 3: Good Friday, the day to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, along his Way of the Cross... Boucieu-le-Roi will see the pilgrims arrive once again!

April 5: EASTER, RESURRECTION OF JESUS, Life has conquered death!

**Happy Eastertide
to all**



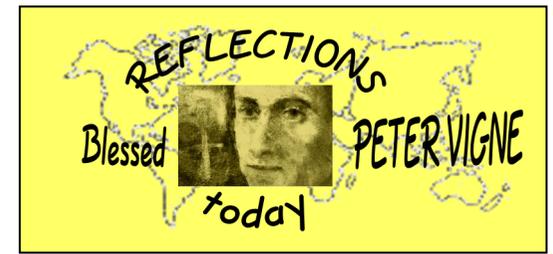
Lord, you made **Blessed Peter Vigne**, missionary priest, an ardent preacher of the **love of Christ suffering on the Cross and present in the sacrament of the Eucharist.**

Grant through his intercession, that we who contemplate these mysteries, may proclaim to all our brothers and sisters the Good News of Salvation. Amen.

From the mass of Bl. Peter Vigne



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These two months are marked by the season of Lent and the celebration of Easter. Peter Vigne shows us once again how important the **CROSS of Christ** is. It is our Christian Sign and it calls us to action. What will our response be to this **Sign of extreme unconditional Love**? And to the Eucharist which is the fruit of the Cross? **A blessed Lent as we journey on to Easter.**

His CROSS is the Tree of LIFE

"The greatest of all devotions, whether interior or exterior, is the contemplation of Jesus' suffering and dying on the Cross.

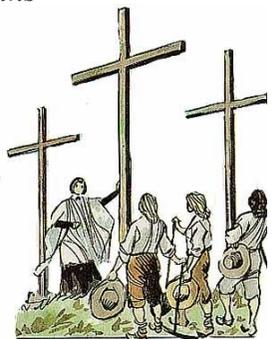
*Devotion to the Passion of Jesus Christ Our Saviour, is considered the most ancient and solid form of devotion, most pleasing to God, and strongly recommended by the Church. **Jesus Christ even willed that His Sacred Body, hidden in the Eucharist, should remind us of it and impress it deeply upon our hearts.***

This is the truest and most profound form of devotion...since to forget a God who died on a Cross for us, would be an extreme act of ungratefulness.

...Our Christian Religion is not the work of human hands, but of God, who built it on a firm rock...It is the Almighty who sustains it...The Holy Spirit who animates it,.. so how could that Faith be extinguished?

Since the Creator defends it, how could a human creature overcome it? It is like Noah's Ark, the floods of evil will never overwhelm it.

*Who gave this unwavering steadfastness to the Church? **Jesus on the Cross. This then, is where we can strengthen our Faith".***



Vigne p. missionnaire.

MAILBAG:

Dear Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, a big thank you for *Reflections Blessed Peter Vigne* that you send me each month, and which I share with the parishioners here at Notre Dame des Peuples. My greetings to the Sisters who have worked in the Chamberlière neighbourhood...I am always amazed by the freshness and modernity of Peter Vigne's teachings. I give thanks for the testimonies, the suggestions for meditations and prayers that nourish my faith. I wish you all a holy 2026 and that each of you may be a "builder" of Peace. Edwige, Valence, FRANCE

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Lent and Easter Eymeux, 1731 with Peter Vigne

1731 was a very busy year for Peter Vigne in terms of missionary activity. In January, he returned to Boucieu after a mission in Landos. He then went to preach in Eymeux, a parish in the diocese of Valence: "On Friday, March 9, 1731, I left here (Boucieu) to go on mission to Eymeux". He spent Saturday night in Clérieux at the home of Father Bofard, who, on several occasions went to hear him preach during the mission. After a long hike of about 22 kilometres, he finally arrived in Eymeux. On that same day, a 15-year-old girl called Marianne was buried.

He began his mission with the celebration of the fourth Sunday of Lent. In the congregation were many "old catholics" and "new converts" who came to hear the sermons of such a well-known missionary who was in the region. He was simple and genuine in his approach and they understood him. For more than three weeks he lived among them getting to know them, help them, and share with them a message of hope and love. He invited them to embrace the love of God manifested by "**Jesus suffering and dying on a Cross.**" The inhabitants of Eymeux and the surrounding area listened to the missionary who, each day spoke of the gift of infinite love manifested by Jesus in his Passion. He constantly emphasised with fervour and insistence how "**Jesus Christ even willed that his sacred Body, hidden in the Eucharist, should remind us of it and imprint it on our minds.**"

This Lenten mission was intense, even though Peter Vigne was aware of the spiritual poverty of those who participated and who were so often neglected at other times of the year. He spoke to them, with "patience and gentle charity" of the importance of prayer and the sacraments, and faithfully putting them into action in daily life.

The mission was a **time of conversion**. These were days of faithful and sustained presence. "Throughout Holy Week they besieged his confessional, leaving him no free time except for his sermons; ...he barely had time to eat," Perrossier tells us. And Peter Vigne writes: "...this mission was very useful and blessed." One might think there were only good results!

However, he adds: "I experienced much sorrow and grief there". **He carried with him a share of Christ's Cross and of those he was about to leave, their problems and their spiritual and human needs.** However, that did not prevent him from getting them to sing the **Easter Alleluia**. On Tuesday, April 3, he left for Boucieu, passing through Châtillon-Saint-Jean where he met up with Father Davenas, the parish priest, who also signed the registers of Eymeux and had occasionally accompanied him during the mission.

FOR US, seeing Peter Vigne's missionary "work" is not without value! It can renew our perspective on the Cross... and help us to live Easter in a more profound way. B.R.



The fruits of the RESURRECTION

The words of Peter Vigne invite us today as they did the inhabitants of Eymeux, to live more consciously, our personal and shared journey toward Easter.

Why not focus more closely and contemplate the Crucifix.. still displayed in our homes perhaps, or which we wear without paying too much attention? It is not just a fashion accessory...it is truly the "Sign of the Cross." "**It is there that our Faith is strengthened,**" Peter Vigne tells you. Your faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

"**Jesus, you are like a beautiful tree laden with fruit, which beaten and shaken on all sides, mistreated by everyone, you let fall beautiful fruit to give life to all.**" We will welcome these "beautiful fruits," which Peter Vigne shows us, on Holy Thursday and at Easter...fruits of Reconciliation, Joy and Peace offered to all. Happy Easter! B.R.

FOREVER WITH YOU

Yes, I have journeyed to the uttermost depths of the earth, to the abyss of death, **and brought them light;** now I have risen and I am upheld for ever by your hands." These words of the Risen Christ to the Father have also become words which the Lord speaks to us: "I arose and now I am still with you," he says to each of us. **My hand upholds you.** Wherever you may fall, you will always fall into my hands. I am present even at the door of death. Where no one can accompany you further, and where you can bring nothing, even there I am waiting for you, **and for you I will change darkness into light.**

Benedict XVI 07-04-2007.

PRAY WITH THE LITURGY

You have told us, Lord, to listen to your Beloved Son, help us find in your Word the nourishment our faith needs... **You are the source of all goodness, and all mercy comes from you...** We are aware of our faults; **patiently raise us up with love.** May your grace enable us to imitate with joy the charity of Christ, who gave his life out of love for us. Through the celebration of Easter, rekindle our faith and increase your grace within us. Amen



To be a witness to Christ is to be a "witness to his Resurrection," (Acts 1:22; 10:41; cf. 4:33) to have eaten and drunk with him after he rose from the dead." (Acts 10,41) Encounters with the risen Christ characterise the Christian hope of resurrection. We shall rise like Christ, with Him, and through Him.

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