



The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you. After God, the priest is everything...When people wish to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest, because where there is no longer any priest there is no sacrifice, and where there is no longer any sacrifice there is no religion.

What joy did the Apostles feel after the Resurrection of Our Lord, at seeing the Master whom they had loved so much! The priest must feel the same joy, at seeing Our Lord whom he holds in his hands...The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see the priest, think of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

St John-Mary Vianney



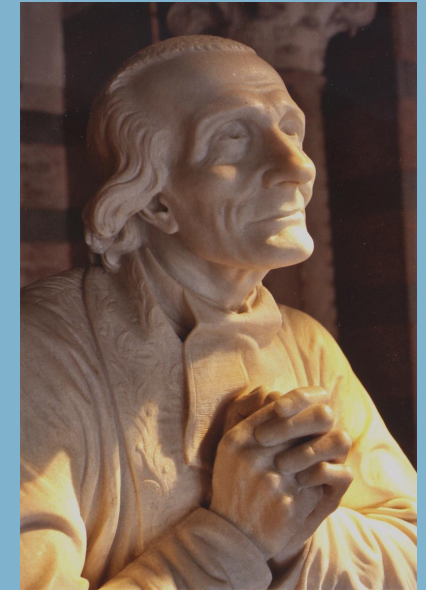
The Society of St John-Mary Vianney (*Société Jean-Marie Vianney*) is a clerical association of Pontifical Right, founded in 1990 by Mgr Guy-Marie Bagnard, the then Bishop of Belley-Ars, for diocesan priests: for fraternal support and mission, and to live the priestly life according to the mind of the Church, and the charism of St John-Mary Vianney. Many of the priests of the Society live in fraternity with each other, and seek to support one another to live the priestly life in the mission given by the Bishop. The Society is present in France, Germany, England, Canada, Congo, Benin and Haiti. In Ars, the Society has its seminary for the formation of priests for various Dioceses in France and around the world, and also a priests' retreat centre, the *Foyer Sacerdotal Jean-Paul II*. This will be the place where we will be staying for the pilgrimage, which is offered by the Society, as part of the celebrations for the Jubilee Year and the centenary of the Canonisation of St John-Mary Vianney.

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS

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JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE FOR PRIESTS TO ARS & PARAY-LE -MONIAL



24TH TO 28TH NOVEMBER

2025

*Offered by the Society of St John Mary
Vianney for English speaking priests*

On 31st May 1925, during that Jubilee Year, John-Mary Vianney, the saint who was to become the Patron of all the Parish Priests of the world, was canonised by Pope Pius XI. The 100th Anniversary of that Canonisation and the present Jubilee Year provide an opportunity to invite Catholic priests of today to taste an experience of the grace of Ars, a place which puts us in touch with the life of St John Vianney, as well as the experience of priests over more recent times who have received their formation in Ars, and others who have come and found a renewal in their priesthood through visiting the sites connected to the Curé.



St John Vianney said: “The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus”. And so, this pilgrimage also offers an opportunity to visit Paray-le-Monial, the place where Jesus revealed his Sacred Heart to St Margaret Mary, and continues to be a lively place of pilgrimage too.

This pilgrimage is for English speaking priests and is organised by the Society of St John-Mary Vianney.



The pilgrimage offers is a way of discovering Ars and Paray-le-Monial for those who have either never visited these shrines before or who already know them.

RESERVING YOUR PLACE

The full package includes flights from Heathrow airport and transfer to Ars, all meals and accommodation in the Foyer or one of the other houses of the Society in Ars. All rooms have en suite facilities. The full package also includes air travel by British Airways from London Heathrow on Monday morning, returning on Friday afternoon, and transport from Lyon airport to Ars. Connecting flights to London can be arranged at extra cost (please ask for details) from Manchester, or Scottish or Irish airports.

PILGRIMAGE PROGRAMME

Monday 24th November

Travel to Ars by air and transfer coach. In the evening, there will be the opportunity for Mass, and a time of Eucharistic Adoration.

Tuesday 25th November

There will be a full day in Ars, beginning with a visit to the statue of the Rencontre, where the Curé first arrived in Ars. We will concelebrate Mass in the Basilica, and then have the opportunity to visit the presbytery, chapel of the Heart, and other sites connected to the Curé.

Wednesday 26th November

A full day pilgrimage to Paray-le-Monial with Mass at the chapel of the Apparitions and a programme organised by the shrine.

Thursday 27th November

We will have a day of recollection in Ars at the Foyer, with free time for prayer and to revisit the Basilica.

Friday 28th November

We depart after Mass and breakfast for the return flight home.

BOOKING FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Diocese/Order _____

Nationality _____

I wish to book the Retreat for Priests:

Full travel package, en suite room

£550

If you wish to enquire about connecting flights or other options please contact the Organiser directly, so that the price can be quoted accurately, prior to booking.

Please make full payment at the time of booking. Cheques drawn on UK banks should be made payable to “Our Lady of Grace parish, Stoke”. For bank details for bank transfer, please contact the Organiser by email.

Travel insurance is not included. All British resident priests should bring a valid GHIC card. Insurance should be arranged individually. A form requesting insurance details, medical conditions, dietary requirements, and next of kin details will be sent out to be returned before the pilgrimage.

Please then send this slip by email attachment or post to:

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