

Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

Under the patronage of St John Henry Newman

THE ORDINARIATE IN PRITTLEWELL & SOUTHCHURCH



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 418 Southchurch Road,
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**Sung Mass every Sunday
9.00am**

August 2025

The Ordinariate in Prittlewell & Southchurch

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SUNDAYS 9.00 am

SUNG MASS in the Ordinariate Rite

12 Noon Holy Days of Obligation & Solemnities

HOLY BAPTISM By arrangement with the Group Pastor.
& WEDDINGS

CONFESSIONS Saturdays at Sacred Heart: 10.00 - 10.45am; St Peter's,
Eastwood: 10.30am; St Teresa's, Rochford: 5.00pm.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & DYING Please notify Fr Michael those who are sick and
require visiting. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved for
communion at home or in hospital, and Holy Oil is available for anointing the
sick and dying.

FROM THE GROUP PASTOR

This month the Church celebrates one of the five great festivals of Our Lady – her Assumption, body and soul, into heaven. In many countries in southern Europe this feast is accompanied by festivities, processions, special food, and a renewed opportunity to affirm our faith in life after death.

The newly defined dogma on Mary's Assumption, and the papal statement of Pope Pius XII in 1950 – *Munificentissimus Deus* – declared that: “from the universal

agreement of the Church's ordinary teaching authority we have a certain and firm proof, demonstrating that the Blessed Virgin Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven – which surely no faculty of the human mind could know by its own natural powers, as far as the heavenly glorification of the virginal body of the loving Mother of God is concerned – is a truth that has been revealed by God and consequently something that must be firmly and faithfully believed by all children of the Church”. That is quite a statement, and Pope Pius goes to great lengths to unpack how, from the earliest times, the Church has believed that Mary's death was not subject to the usual decay and disintegration that is the common human experience.

In 1946 he petitioned all the bishops and faithful of the Church whether or not – if defined as dogma – they would accept the statement. After much prayer, discussion, and calling upon the Holy Spirit, the answer was almost a unanimous – ‘Yes!’ The dogma – unlike Our Lord's Ascension into heaven – is not contained as such in Sacred Scripture but has, since the earliest days, been part of the ‘deposit of faith’. How does the Church come to such a decision definitively? Simply by petitioning the Holy Spirit



to make it known, universally, and across the centuries. Before 1950, belief in the Assumption of Mary was enshrined in our prayer books, missals, and popular devotions such as the Rosary. Pope Pius was therefore able to state that, *"the Holy Spirit was not promised to the successors of Peter in such a way that, by his revelation, they might manifest new doctrine, but so that, by his assistance, they might guard as sacred and might faithfully propose the revelation delivered through the apostles, or the deposit of faith"*.

Whatever exists, does so because God has made it so. Whatever is taken up beyond this life, is because God exists beyond the confines of the physical world. Such that:

"It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles... It was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son, and that she should be honoured by every creature as the Mother and as the handmaid of God".

As the Creator of all creatures, God accounts for all the perfections that they have and aim for, and that these reflect him as their maker. When we see beauty in the Blessed Virgin Mary then we do so because she is also good (after God) in the truest sense. At her life's completion, she is also in that state of actuality, which is the realisation of her full potentiality as a human being. In her Assumption she is now completely human in her unique existence, and also in her unique proximity to the Most Holy Trinity.



This is the promise that holds for each of us as we journey through life, towards eternal life. Just as Mary was saved by her Son at the first moment of her conception, so we shall be saved by him in his divine mercy and love.

Wishing you all a blessed month, and safe travels if you are away on holiday.

Fr Michael



LITURGICAL NOTES

August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, since Pope Pius XII instituted this feast in 1944 to be celebrated on 22nd August, coinciding with the traditional octave (eighth) day of the Assumption.

In 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to the Saturday, immediately after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This means in practice that it is now held on the third Saturday after Pentecost. At the same time, as he closely associated the celebrations of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pope Paul VI moved the celebration of the Queenship of Mary from 31st May to

the 22nd August, bringing it into association with the feast of her Assumption.

THE WEEKLY PODCAST

Sharing our Common Life

The Weekly Podcast is published online each Saturday. The web link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/@OLWOrdinariate>

The podcasts can be found in the 'Playlists' tab



OUTREACH & PUBLICITY

The Group has a Facebook page, which is designated as 'Prittlewell Ordinariate Group', and can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088650917250>

For more news about the Ordinariate, their main website is

<https://ordinariate.org.uk/>



In the porch at the back of church are copies of this newsletter, and a colour brochure explaining the Ordinariate, published by the *Catholic Truth Society*. Feel free to take one and pass it on to a friend or neighbour. We are privileged to offer mass weekly in this beautiful Church: let us never fail to give thanks for the life of faith in the Catholic church.



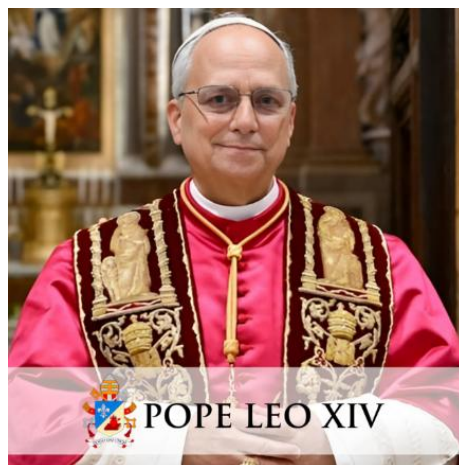
FORTNIGHTLY SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES

The series of SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES held on GMeet, will not take place during August, but will commence on the **24th September**. Each month we meet online, on

the second and fourth Wednesdays at 8.00pm. After each meeting we pray the 'night office' of Compline, taken from *Divine Worship: Daily Office*.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 2025

Each year the holy father announces his particular prayer intentions for each month. This month we are asked to join him in praying for **MUTUAL COEXISTENCE**. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.



PRAYING FOR THE ORDINARIATE

This month in the Ordinariate *Intercession Paper* we pray for:

3 rd August	Isle of White Mission	Fr Jonathan Redvers Harris
10 th August	Salisbury Mission	Fr Jonathan Creer
17 th August	Oxfrod Mission	Frs Daniel Lloyd, Michael Ward
24 th August	Reading Mission	Fr David Elliot
31 st August	Buckfast Mission	Frs Ian Hellyer, Robin Ellis

Please remember these groups and clergy in your prayers, and offer them up to God daily.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

HOLY RELICS TOUR 2025

The local chapter of The Knights of St Columba have been given permission to once again tour the relics of Saints Andrew, Columba, and Margaret of Scotland. Nearby venues for their veneration and prayer are as follows:



St Peter's, Eastwood	3 rd / 4 th August	1.30 - 6.00pm / 8.00 - 10.00am
Most Holy Trinity, Basildon	4 th / 5 th August	12 noon - 6.00pm / 8.00 - 10.00am
Brentwood Cathedral	5 th / 6 th August	12 noon - 8.00pm / 8.00 - 10.00am



FROM THE WRITINGS OF OUR PATRON: Saint John Henry Newman

"AS soon as we apprehend by faith the great fundamental truth that Mary is the Mother of God, other wonderful truths follow in its train; and one of these is that she was exempt from the ordinary lot

of mortals, which is not only to die, but to become earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Die she must, and die she did, as her Divine Son died, for He was man; but various reasons have approved themselves to holy writers, why, although her body was for a while separated from her soul and consigned to the tomb, yet it did not remain there, but was speedily united to her soul again, and raised by our Lord to a new and eternal life of heavenly glory.

And the most obvious reason for so concluding is this – that other servants of God have been raised from the grave by the power of God, and it is not to be supposed that our Lord would have granted any such privilege to anyone else without also granting it to His own Mother.

We are told by St. Matthew, that after our Lord's death upon the Cross "the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints that had slept" – that is, slept the sleep of death, "arose, and coming out of the tombs after His Resurrection, came into the Holy City, and appeared to many." St. Matthew says, "many bodies of the Saints" – that is, the holy Prophets, Priests, and Kings of former times – rose again in anticipation of the last day.

Can we suppose that Abraham, or David, or Isaías, or Ezechias, should have been thus favoured, and not God's own Mother? Had she not a claim on the love of her Son to have what any others had? Was she not nearer to Him than the greatest of the Saints before her? And is it conceivable that the law of the grave should admit of relaxation in their case, and not in hers? Therefore we confidently say that our Lord, having preserved her from sin and the consequences of sin by His Passion, lost no time in pouring out the full merits of that Passion upon her body as well as her soul."

(Meditations IV.1, On the Assumption: Mary is the "Sancta Dei Genetrix," the Holy Mother of God)

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



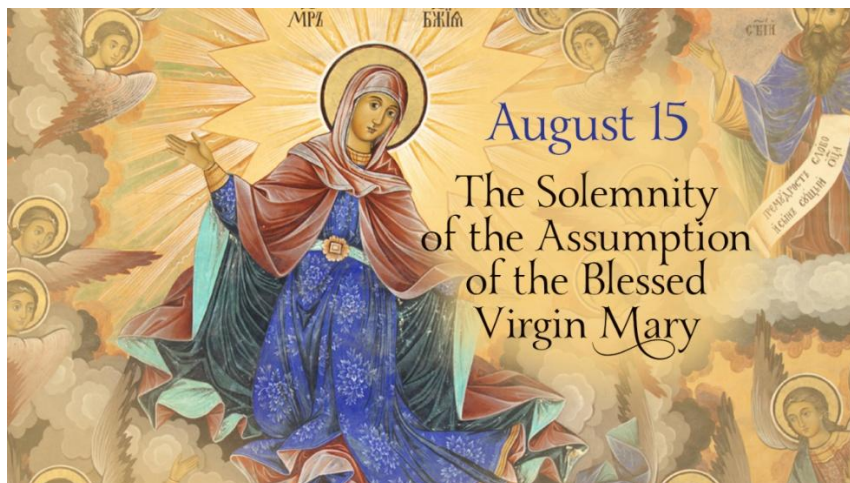
VERITAS

TEACHING FROM THE MAGISTERIUM

"Victory over the 'prince of this world' was won once for all at the Hour when Jesus freely gave himself up to death to give us his life. This is the judgment of this world, and the prince of this world is "cast out. He pursued the woman" but had no hold on her: the new Eve, 'full of grace' of the Holy Spirit, is preserved from sin and the corruption of death (the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption of the Most Holy Mother of God, Mary, ever virgin). 'Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest

of her offspring'. Therefore the Spirit and the Church pray: 'Come, Lord Jesus', since his coming will deliver us from the Evil One".

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, para 2853)



MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

15th August

12 noon

Followed by a bring & share lunch in the Church Hall

THE LITANY OF LORETO

Below is the beautiful litany, dedicated to Our Lady of Loreto, and is on the east coast of Italy – a short train ride from the city of Ancona. The story of how the holy house arrived in the town, and what it consists of deserves a read. You may wish to pray this during the month of August, being the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Lord have mercy.	Mother inviolate,	Ark of the covenant,
Christ have mercy.	Mother undefiled,	Gate of heaven,
Lord have mercy.	Mother most amiable,	Morning star,
Christ hear us.	Mother admirable,	Health of the sick,
Christ graciously hear us.	Mother of good counsel,	Refuge of sinners,
God, the Father of heaven,	Mother of our Creator,	Solace of Migrants,
have mercy on us.	Mother of our Saviour,	Comfort of the afflicted,
God the Son, Redeemer of	Virgin most prudent,	Help of Christians,
the world;	Virgin most venerable,	Queen of Angels,
God the Holy Spirit;	Virgin most renowned,	Queen of Patriarchs,
Holy Trinity, one God;	Virgin most powerful,	Queen of Prophets,
Holy Mary,	Virgin most merciful,	Queen of Apostles,
pray for us.	Virgin most faithful,	Queen of Martyrs,
Holy Mother of God,	Mirror of justice,	Queen of Confessors,
Holy Virgin of virgins,	Seat of wisdom,	Queen of Virgins,
Mother of Christ,	Cause of our joy,	Queen of all Saints,
Mother of the Church,	Spiritual vessel,	Queen conceived without
Mother of Mercy,	Vessel of honour,	original sin,
Mother of divine grace,	Singular vessel of devotion,	Queen assumed into
Mother of Hope,	Mystical rose,	heaven,
Mother most pure,	Tower of David,	Queen of the most holy
Mother most chaste,	Tower of ivory,	Rosary,
	House of gold,	Queen of families,
		Queen of peace.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: **spare us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: **graciously hear us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God: **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we, your servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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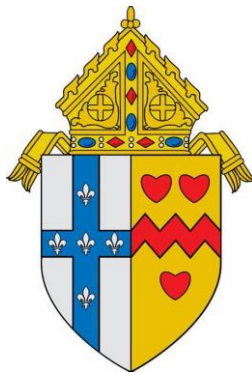
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was established in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI to allow Anglicans to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church whilst retaining much of their heritage and traditions. We exist to promote the unity of all Christians with the Apostolic See, and faithfully to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the rich treasures of our traditions.

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