

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,
Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 2QB**

**Sung Mass every Sunday
9.00am**

October 2025

The Ordinariate in Prittlewell & Southchurch

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The Priest's rest day is Saturday.

SUNDAYS 9.00 am

SUNG MASS in the Ordinariate Rite

12 Noon Holy Days of Obligation & Solemnities

**HOLY BAPTISM
& WEDDINGS** By arrangement with the Group Pastor.

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

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. For many Catholic Christians, the Rosary is a part of daily life: sharing our prayer lives through the life of Mary. Our patron – St John Henry Newman – had a growing devotion to Our Lady, informed by his devotion to the Rosary. Below you will read that, *“the Rosary gives us the great truths of His life and death to meditate upon, and brings them nearer to our hearts”*. The common Catholic prayers that we recite, during the various Mysteries of the Rosary, draw us into the divine life of Jesus seen through the eyes and experience of his Mother. The four Mysteries take us through the ‘highs and lows’ of her life and witness. If you are a stranger to the Rosary, then find a 20 minute slot in the day to offer a Mystery. There are many online and downloadable resources, in many different languages. You can pray it on the move, or late at night in bed; you can pray it with your children and/or spouse; you can meet together in a group. Either way, even a disrupted time of prayer is a good offering to God, and if you fall asleep praying the Rosary, it is said that the angels will finish it for you!



Page 6 (below) displays a summary of our accounts, from the beginning of the financial year in April till the end of August. We are in a healthy position, despite our small size. Now is a good time to consider how we might use our financial resources for the mission of the Church, as well as funding our Group and our activities.

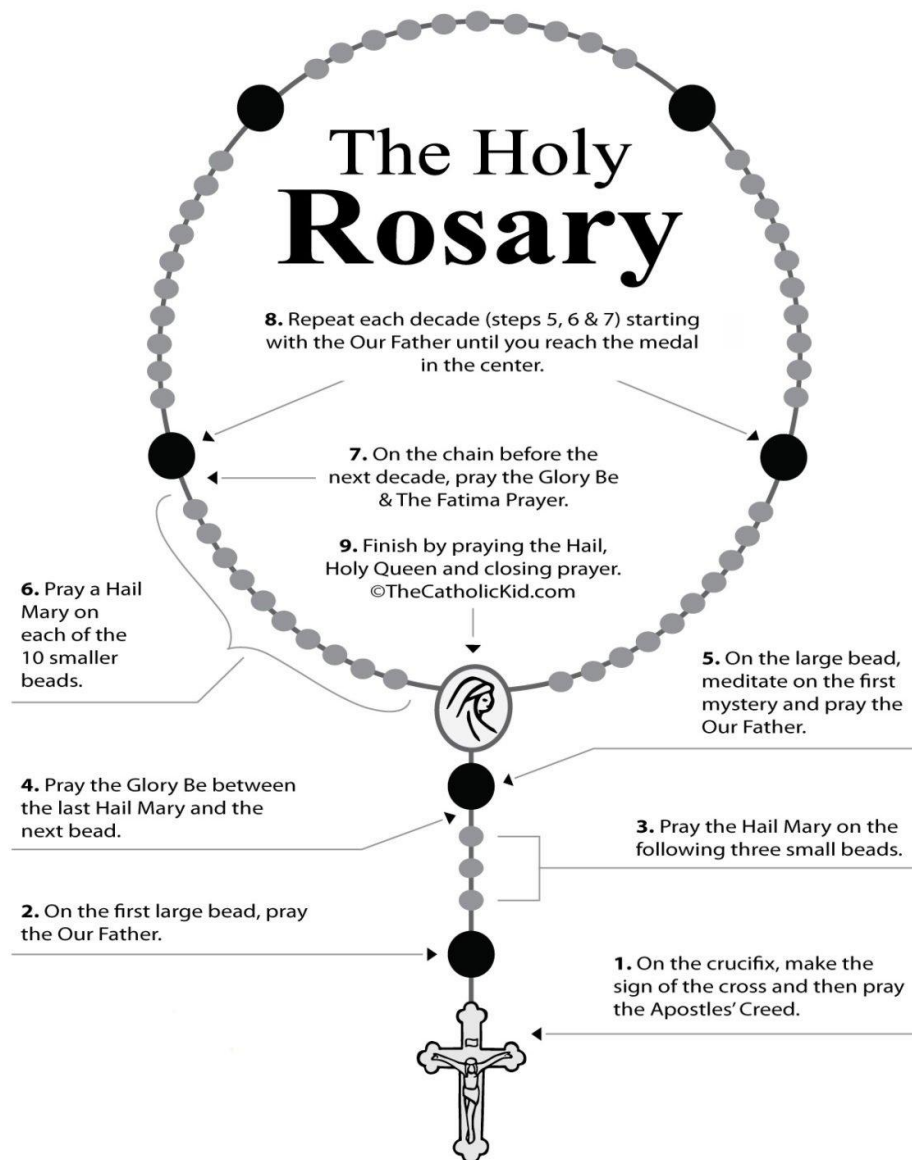
Our income is ahead of our expenditure, and this year we have begun paying our 40% levy to support the work, accommodation, and travel costs of our bishop, David, as

well as the central running costs of the Ordinariate. The newly elected Governing Council met for the first time in September, and we are looking forward to furthering the mission of the Ordinariate together in 2025 to 2030.

It is also a great joy to be celebrating our first baptism during the mass, on the 19th October. We pray for baby Raphael, his parents, and young Michael, as they make this step in their lives together.

Wishing you all a blessed month of the Holy Rosary.

Fr Michael





**St Vincent de Paul
Society**



presents

CDOT Voices

Songs in Harmony

7:30pm till 10pm

Saturday

18 October 2025

**Our Lady Help of Christians and
St Helen's Church Milton Road
Westcliff SS0 7JP**

Adults £10 School children £2

Family ticket £20 (2 adults up to 4 children)

**All money raised for St. Vincent's,
Southend, will help the most vulnerable
in our society**

NEWS FROM THE ORDINARIATE



Harvest Sunday this year will be on the **5th October**, followed by a Harvest Buffet Lunch in the Hall after mass. There will be a special collection of food for the SVP Centre at Short Street.

The **9th October** is the **feast of St John Henry Newman**. Mass will be at 12 Noon.

There will be a **concert** – Songs of Harmony – on behalf of the SVP Centre in Southend, at **St Helen's Catholic Church**, Westcliff. **18th October at 7.30pm**. Tickets for sale on the door: £10 adult, £2 children; £20 for a family.

The **Quiet Day** at Clare Priory this year will be on **Saturday 1st November** – All Saints' Day. Arrangements are now being made for another successful day out in the country.



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.

FOCUS ON VOCATIONS

Please continue to pray for our five seminarians at Allen Hall, who are being formed for the service of a priest in the Ordinariate. Three are new and just settling in; two are continuing their formation part-time; and Fr Tomas Krejci is settling into his new life as a new priest.



THE WEEKLY PODCAST

The Portal Magazine Podcast is published online each Saturday. The web link is:

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

The podcasts can be found in the 'Playlists' tab.

FORTNIGHTLY SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES

The series of SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES held on Zoom, will continue this month, on the second and fourth Wednesdays, at 8.00pm. They will last 20-25 minutes, and we shall pray the Office of Compline afterwards. The Zoom links are as follows:

8th Oct – Mr Brenden Thompson, UK Programme Director, *Word on Fire*

<https://meet.google.com/ohe-vgmb-rqd>

22nd Oct – Deacon Carl Watson, Darlington Ordinariate Mission

<https://meet.google.com/sxb-jgix-sgc>

All Members, Associates, and Friends of the Ordinariate are welcome to join us, from around the British Isles, as are those interested in joining the Ordinariate.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 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 **collaboration between different religious traditions**.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

PRITTLEWELL ORDINARIATE GROUP

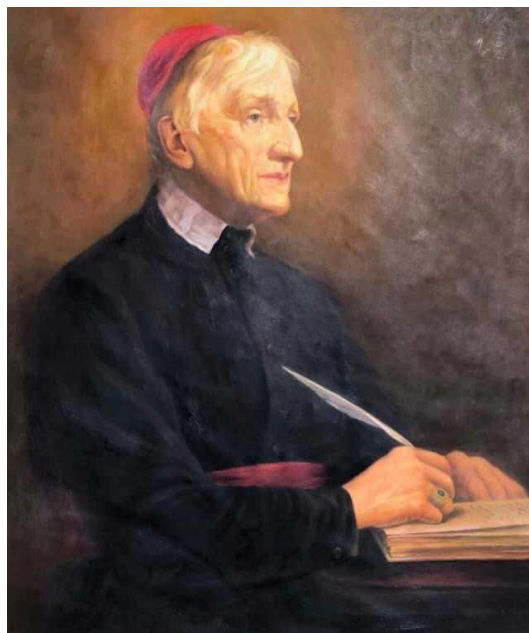
SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS: April 2025 – August 2025

BROUGHT FORWARD	CARRIED OVER 2024-25	2500
INCOME	COLLECTIONS	514
	STANDING ORDERS	595
	GIFT AID	148.75
	DONATIONS / LEGACY	0
	RELIGIOUS ITEMS	0
	Sub Total	1257.75
EXPENDITURE	CLERGY EXPENSES	22.15
	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	0
	PRINTING	30
	CONSUMABLES	0
	LITURGICAL ITEMS	0
	PILGRIMAGE / AWAY DAYS	0
	DONATIONS TO PARISH	300
	DONATIONS TO CHARITY	0
	SUNDRY PAYMENTS	231.10
	Sub Total	583.25
ORDINARIATE LEVY	REQUIRED PAYMENTS	241.25
	ADDITIONAL PAYMENT	0
	Sub Total	241.25
BALANCE		2933.25

**FROM THE WRITINGS OF OUR PATRON:
SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

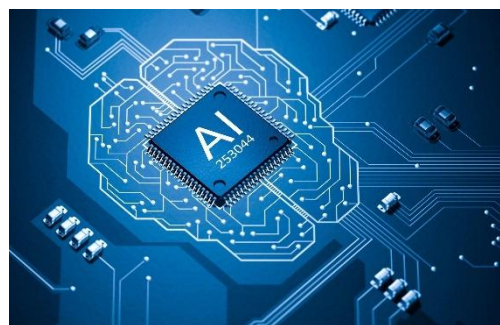
"God chooses the small things of the world to humble the great. Of course it was first of all for the poor and simple, but not for them only, for everyone who has practised the devotion knows that there is in it a soothing sweetness that there is in nothing else. It is difficult to know God by our own power, because He is incomprehensible. He is invisible to begin with, and therefore incomprehensible. We can in some way know him, for even among the heathens there were some who had learned many truths about Him; but even they found it hard to conform their lives to their knowledge of Him. And so in His mercy He has given us a revelation of Himself by coming amongst us, to be one of ourselves, with all the relations and qualities of humanity, to gain us over. He came down from Heaven and dwelt amongst us, and died for us. All these things are in the Creed, which contains the chief things that He has revealed to us about Himself. Now the great power of the Rosary lies in this, that it makes the Creed into a prayer; of course, the Creed is in some sense a prayer and a great act of homage to God; but the Rosary gives us the great truths of His life and death to meditate upon, and brings them nearer to our hearts. And so we contemplate all the great mysteries of His life and His birth in the manger; and so too the mysteries of His suffering and His glorified life. But even Christians, with all their knowledge of God, have usually more awe than love of Him, and the special virtue of the Rosary lies in the special way in which it looks at these mysteries; for with all our thoughts of Him are mingled thoughts of His Mother, and in the relations between Mother and Son we have set before us the Holy Family, the home in which God lived".

(Sayings of Cardinal Newman, 40: To Boys, about the Rosary)



**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

AI is a new, exciting, and fast developing tool that is being used in most aspects of society. But are there drawbacks of this new technology that contradict the moral teachings of the Church? Join us on **Thursday 9th October 2025 in Sacred Heart Church hall at 7pm**. We will discuss AI through the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching – the positives, the negatives, and what it could mean for the future of humanity. Please contact southend@brcdt.org if you have any questions.



PRAYING FOR THE ORDINARIATE

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

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| 5 th Oct | The Governing Council |
| 12 th Oct | Ordinate of the Chair of St Peter in the USA |
| 19 th Oct | Ordinate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross in Australia |
| 26 th Oct | Peter's House Advertising & Web Design Agency |



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



TEACHING FROM THE MAGISTERIUM

*"All generations will call me blessed":
The Church's devotion to the Blessed
Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship.
The Church rightly honours "the Blessed*

Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honoured with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs. . . This very special devotion . . . differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration." The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary".

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, para 971)

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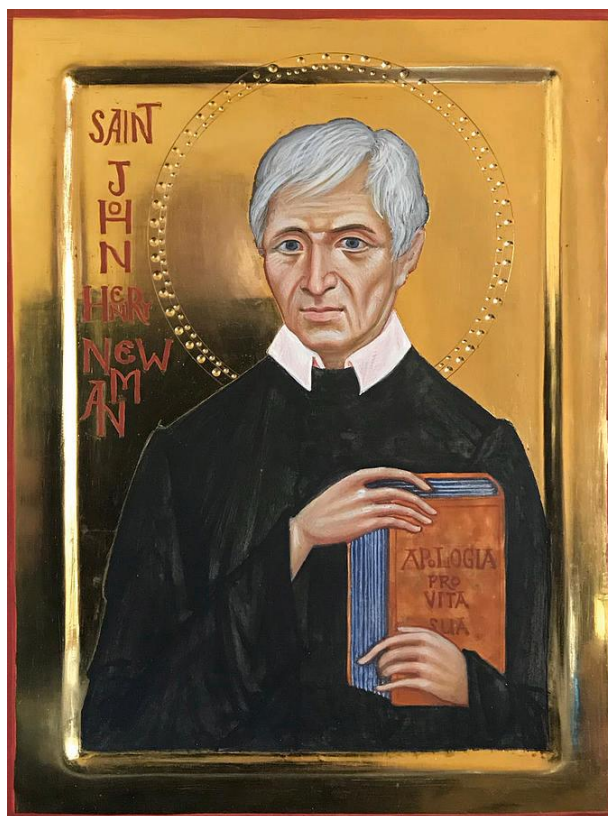
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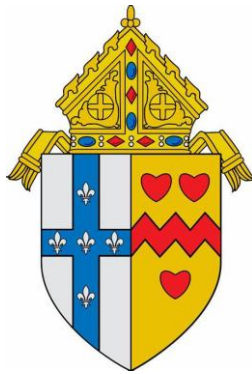
SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

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Our Lady of Walsingham: pray for us.

St John Henry Newman: pray for us.



The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

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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