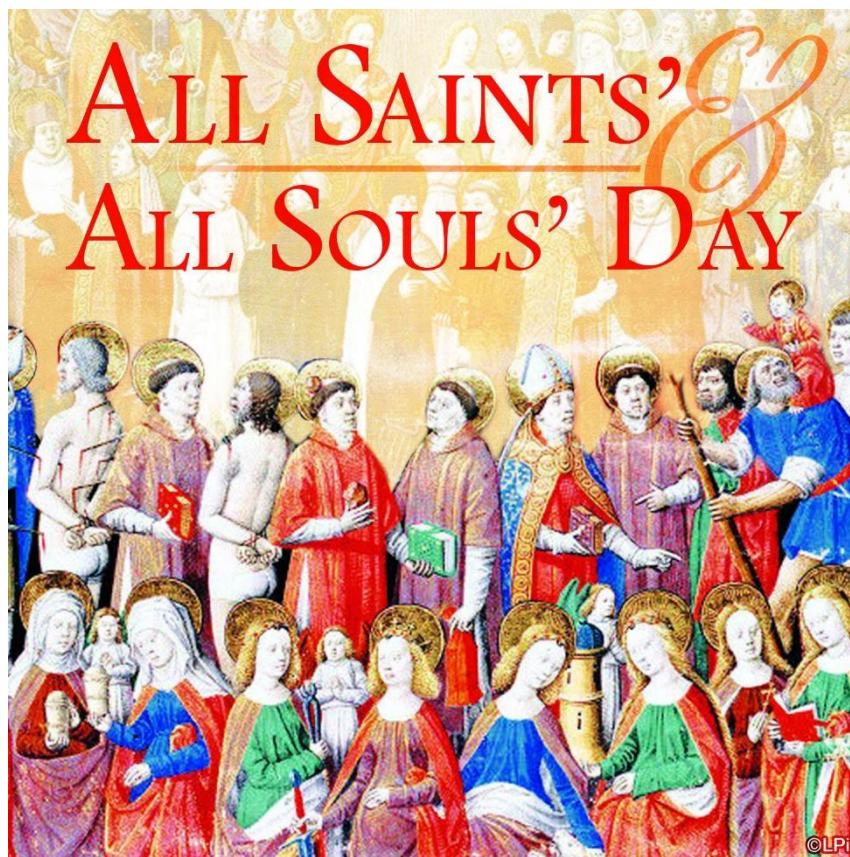


Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

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

November 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
& 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.



AUTUMN QUIET DAY

CLARE PRIORY

Saturday 1st November

Cost £10

with Sr Tamsin Geach OP,
from the Dominican Sisters in Cambridge

Approximate timings for the day are as follows:

10.00am Arrival, Coffee, and 1st Address

12 Noon Angelus & Votive Mass of Our Lady

12.45pm Bring & Share Lunch

*Free time in the afternoon. A priest will be available for
confessions, and tea is available.*

4.00pm 2nd Address & Prayers

4.30pm Depart.

For further details and booking,
please contact Jane Halsall
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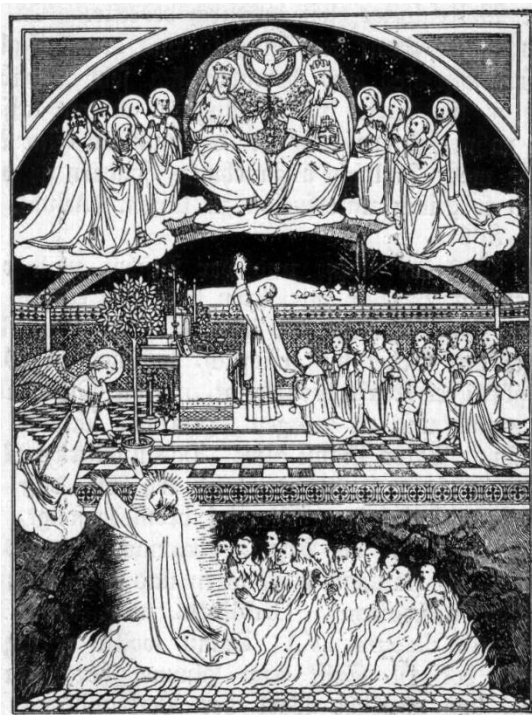


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FROM THE GROUP PASTOR

Dear all,

We are now in that strange 'in-between' month of November, with the joint celebrations of All Saints' and All Souls' days, and the beginning of Advent. At this time, we seek the protection and prayers of all God's saints, and commit ourselves during this month to pray for the departed members of our families. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains this with great clarity:



"To the offering of Christ are united not only the members still here on earth, but also those already in the glory of heaven. In communion with and commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. In the Eucharist the Church is as it were at the foot of the cross with Mary, united with the offering and intercession of Christ (Para 1370).

There are particular graces given to the departed, as we pray for the souls in purgatory in this holy month, especially if we offer masses for them and visit their graves in prayer. One of the best ways to do this is to offer the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary on their behalf's, either at the site of their graves or remotely.

The Eucharistic sacrifice is also offered for the faithful departed who "have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified, so that they may be able to enter into the light and peace of Christ: Put this body anywhere! Don't trouble yourselves about it! I simply ask you to remember me at the Lord's altar wherever you are (St Augustine, Confessions 9,11,27).

The remembrance of our departed parents and grandparents is vitally important, as we pray them towards their final destination – the beatific vision of God. Don't forget also those who have ministered to us in the past, and taught us the faith:

Then, we pray [in the anaphora] for the holy fathers and bishops who have fallen asleep, and in general for all who have fallen asleep before us, in the belief that it is a great benefit to the souls on whose behalf the supplication is offered, while the holy and tremendous Victim is present ... By offering to God our supplications for those who have fallen asleep, if they have sinned, we ... offer Christ sacrificed for the sins of all, and so render favourable, for them and for us, the God who loves man" (Para 1371).



**LET THE
CHILDREN LIVE!®**

It is with joy that we welcome Fr Peter Walters from Colombia, South America, on the 2nd November. Fr Peter is the Director of the charity – *Let the Children Live* – and was in the past a priest of the Anglican Shrine in Walsingham. A visit to Colombia moved him to come to the aid of the street children in the city of Medellín. Upon approaching the Catholic bishop for help, Peter was received into the Catholic Church and ordained, and now works closely with some of the most marginalized and vulnerable of the city. You can read about his work and ministry on their website (<https://letthechildrenlive.org/>), and we shall give him a donation from our funds.

It was a great joy to celebrate the Baptism of Rafael with his brother Michael, parents, and extended family and friends. On the 23rd November – the Feast of Christ the King – we shall celebrate also the Baptism of Aidan. Both of these children become members of the Ordinariate by virtue of their Baptism, which helps the growth of our Mission.

Thankyou to all who help out in any way, and to our Servers, who await their induction into the Guild of St Stephen.

Wishing you all a blessed month of the Holy Souls,

Fr Michael

NEWS FROM THE ORDINARIATE

3 rd November	All Souls' Day Mass at 12 Noon
20 th November	Ordinariate Clergy Plenary, London
29 th November	Deacons' Day, London
	For men in formation and discerning a vocation to the permanent diaconate. Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street.
30 th November	Inauguration of Advent, Brentwood Cathedral, 4 pm
	An evening service of Advent hymns and readings



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 online, 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 links are as follows:

12th November – Deacon Carl Watson, Darlington Mission - Church Organs and the Anglican Patrimony

<https://meet.google.com/ctb-qhok-ghz>

26th November – Fr Andrew Starkie, Pastor of the Manchester Mission and Dean for the North – Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

<https://meet.google.com/dzv-wgco-fxd>

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 NOVEMBER 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 **CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF**

CONFLICT. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

PRAYING FOR THE ORDINARIATE

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

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| 2 nd Nov | Unattached Ordinariate clergy (no group) |
| 9 th Nov | Fr Michael Halsall, Episcopal Vicar for Vocations & Formation |
| 16 th Nov | Seminarians and Vocations to the Priesthood |
| 23 rd Nov | Ordinariate Religious |
| 30 th Nov | Mgr Keith Newton, The Ordinary Emeritus |

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

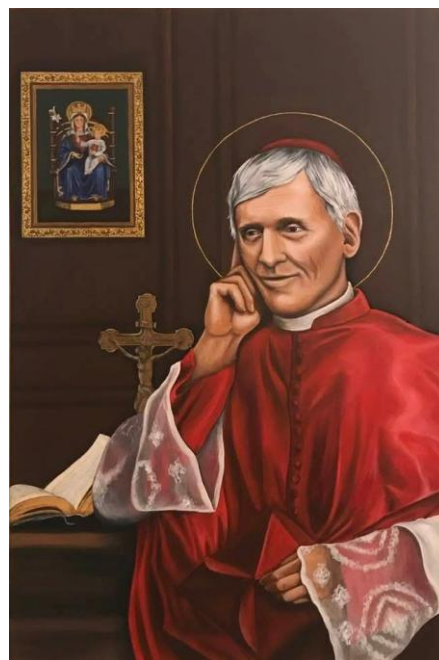
FROM THE WRITINGS OF OUR PATRON:

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

"Gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me". 2 Cor. xii. 9.

"ALL the Saints, from the beginning of history to the end, resemble each other in this, that their excellence is supernatural, their deeds heroic, their merits extraordinary and prevailing. They all are choice patterns of the theological virtues; they all are blessed with a rare and special union with their Maker and Lord; they all lead lives of penance; and when they leave this world, they are spared that torment, which the multitude of holy souls are allotted, between earth and heaven, death and eternal glory. But, with all these various tokens of their belonging to one and the same celestial family, they may still be divided, in their external aspect, into two classes. There are those, on the one hand, who are so absorbed in the divine life, that they seem, even while they are in the flesh, to have no part in earth or in human nature; but to think, speak, and act under views, affections, and motives simply supernatural. If they love others, it is simply because they love God, and because man is the object either of His compassion, or of His praise ... On the other hand, there are those, and of the highest order of sanctity too, as far as our eyes can see, in whom the supernatural combines with nature, instead of superseding it – invigorating it, elevating it, ennobling it; and who are not the less men, because they are saints. They do not put away their natural endowments, but use them to the glory of the Giver; they do not act beside them, but through them; they do not eclipse them by the brightness of divine grace, but only transfigure them".

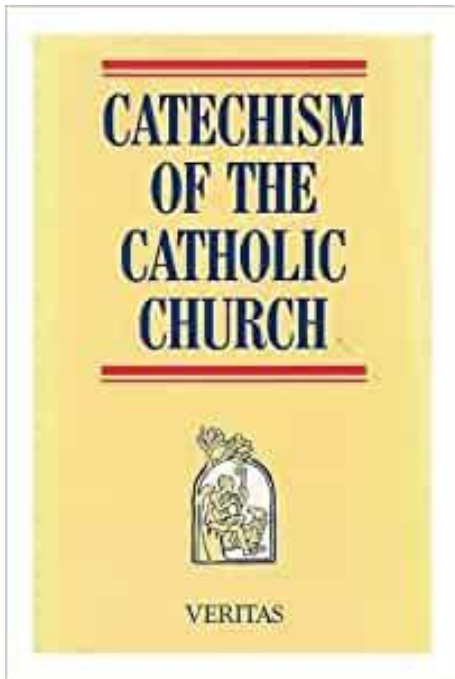
(Sermons Preached on Various Occasions: Sermon 7 - St. Paul's Characteristic Gift)



Please pray for our seminarians at Allen Hall, who are being formed for the service of a priest in the Ordinariate: Eric Lobsinger, Nathaniel Plumtree, Jules Samuels, Iwan Williams; and for two men in formation for the permanent diaconate: Neil Taylor (Eastbourne) and Will Townsend

(Husbands Bosworth). The Vocations pages on our website gives lots of information and contacts with regard to vocations in the Ordinariate:

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



TEACHING FROM THE MAGISTERIUM

"Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul--a destiny which can be different for some and for others. Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven--through a purification or immediately -- or immediate and everlasting

damnation: At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, para 1021-22)

LITURGICAL NOTES

Why do we use incense at mass?

One of the more obvious changes in our worship of late is the use of incense on Sundays. The reasons for using incense in worship are not readily obvious, and it certainly isn't essential. Its use, however, takes us from the 'ordinariness' of life to the worship of heaven.



Worship offered to God is best when experienced with all the senses working together: a whole-offering of ourselves – and not simply 'reading services'. The use of incense in worship is not exclusive to Christians, as we see its introduction into the life of the early Jewish communities in the Old Testament. The origins of worship at the time of Moses saw incense as a 'natural element' to the offerings of the

people of Israel, and it burned on the altar day and night (Exodus 30:27; Deuteronomy 33:10; 2 Chronicles 13:11; St Luke 1:9). Sometimes incense was mixed with other offerings and burnt before the Lord ...*"an offering by fire, a pleasing odour to the Lord"*

(Leviticus 2:1). Clear instructions as to how it was made and used were given (Exodus 30:34-38), and it was a holy thing in its own right. David prays, in Psalm 141:2, *“let my prayer be set forth before thee as the incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice”*. Malachi, the last of the prophets, foretelling the days of the Gentile church says, *“in every place incense is offered in my name, and a pure offering”* (Mal. 1:11).

Incense has always been used to denote the presence and worship of God, and we see this graphically in the offering of the three gifts by the Magi in St Matthew’s gospel (2:11; see also Jeremiah 6:20). In the well-known words of a Christmas Carol, *“Incense owns a deity nigh”*, which means that incense is a sign of our belief in the Real Presence of God in Christ Jesus. That is why it is used at the Mass (or Eucharist) and at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It heightens our awareness of what happens; who it is who is giving himself to us; and whose presence we are in – Almighty God.

If this all seems too much, then the last book of the Bible gives us some keen insights into the worship of God in heaven. In St John’s vivid Revelation (or Apocalypse) we see (several) golden bowls of incense offered alongside hymns in praise of Almighty God (5:8). Later we see the offering of incense to accompany the prayers of the saints (8:3). Indeed, the New Testament only records two kinds of smell: incense and brimstone (St Luke 17:29). One denotes the presence of God, the other of his perilous judgement. We had better get used to one or the other

The use of incense, like ornate vestments, or elaborate and exciting music, is all there to help us recognise God in our midst, and to help us focus on who we are worshipping. Perhaps the greatest aspect of this kind of ‘symbolism’ is that we are called to be that ‘sweet smelling fragrance’ of Christ’s offering to others (2 Corinthians 2:15-16). As our lives are to reflect that of Jesus, so our worship should reflect the worship of heaven.

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.



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