



The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Coventry Mission

Sunday 12th April 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)



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Introit *Quasi modo geniti infantes (1Pet2:2; Ps81:1)*

As new-born babes, alleluia: desire the sincere milk of the Word. Alleluia.

Ps. Sing we merrily unto God our helper: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

GLORY BE

As new-born

Collect

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness; that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen

First reading *Acts 2:42-47*

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

Psalm 118

R. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Second reading *1Peter 1:3-9*

We have bene born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Alleluia, alleluia. *John 20:29*

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Alleluia.

Gospel *John 20:19-31*

Eight days later Jesus came.

See *Biblegateway.com* for full texts of readings. Select RSVCE (Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition)

Offertory *Angelus Domini (Mt 28:2,5,6)*

The Angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and said unto the women: He whom ye seek is risen, as he said. Alleluia.

Prayer over the Offerings

ACCEPT, O Lord, we pray thee, the gifts which in her gladness the Church doth offer unto thee: that they on whom thou hast bestowed the cause of so great a gladness, may thereby be profited unto everlasting felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion *Mitte manum tuam (Jn 20:27)*

Reach hither thy hand, and behold the prints of the nails, alleluia: and be not faithless, but believing. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postcommunion

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord our God: that these holy mysteries which thou hast given unto us for the assurance of our salvation, may both in this life and that which is to come be profitable unto us for the healing of our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“A Precious Gift”: Rome Affirms the Ordinariate’s Mission

The following document, prepared by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith after the recent [meeting in Rome with the Ordinariate bishops](#), offers a joyful and confident articulation of the Anglican patrimony as it is lived within the Catholic Church today. Bishop David read it aloud to the clergy of the Ordinariate at the Chrism Mass in London on Thursday of Passion Week. Initiated by Cardinal Fernández, it is a clear sign of the Church’s deepening recognition of the distinctive gift the Ordinariates bring to the transmission of the faith. Drawing on lived experience from across the world, it celebrates this “precious gift” as a living reality, one that continues to enrich the Church through beauty, vibrant pastoral life, evangelisation, and a profound sense of tradition. Cardinal Fernandez asks the bishops to disseminate the document among the faithful of the Ordinariates and more widely.

Characteristics of the Anglican Heritage as Lived in the Ordinariates Established Under the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus*

During the Plenary Meeting of the Bishop Ordinaries of the Personal Ordinariates established under the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus* (2009), held at the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith from 1 to 3 March 2026, His Eminence Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, Prefect, invited the Bishops to describe the lived experience of the patrimony at the heart of their Ordinariates, as it relates to how they have received and integrated elements that came from the Anglican tradition.

The Bishops affirmed that, notwithstanding the vast geographical distances encompassed by their Ordinariates—from Inverness to Devon, from Edmonton to Orlando, from Perth to Sydney to Guam, and beyond—a core shared identity is indeed evident among Ordinariate communities wherever they are found.

This shared identity is rooted in a common path of following Christ that has led them into full communion with the Catholic Church. In entering, they brought with them that “worthy patrimony of piety and usage”¹ to which Pope Saint Paul VI referred when speaking about the Anglican heritage. It was precisely to enable such groups to enter into Catholic communion together, while preserving this patrimony, that Pope Saint John Paul II approved the Pastoral Provision in 1980, and that Pope Benedict XVI later promulgated the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus* in 2009. The Constitution itself describes this patrimony as “a precious gift [...] and a treasure to be shared.”²

In reflecting on the meaning and place of this patrimony, the Bishops recalled the homily that Cardinal Fernández gave at the episcopal ordination of Bishop David A. Waller at Westminster Cathedral on 22 June 2024. In that context, he observed that “the existence of the Ordinariate [...] reflects a profound and beautiful reality about the nature of the Church and the inculturation of the Gospel, as a rich English heritage. For the Church is one, and the Gospel is one, but in the process of inculturation, the Gospel is expressed in a variety of cultures. In this way, the Church acquires a new face [...] In this process, the Church not only gives but is also enriched. For, as Saint John Paul II taught, “every culture offers positive values and forms which can enrich the way the Gospel is preached, understood and lived.”³

The Ordinariate, the Prefect further affirmed, represents one particular expression of that reality: “In the case of the Ordinariate, the Catholic faith is inculturated among people who experienced the Gospel in the context of the Anglican Communion. As they entered into full communion with the Catholic Church, it was enriched. We can say, therefore, that each Ordinariate represents one of the faces of the Church, which, in this case, receives certain elements of the rich history of the Anglican tradition: elements that are now lived out in the fullness of Catholic communion.”⁴

Therefore, in response to the Prefect's invitation to describe the lived experience of the patrimony, the Bishops identified several traits that they consider to be characteristic of the spiritual and pastoral heritage of the Ordinariates.

1. **A Distinctive "Ecclesial Ethos":** The Bishops first spoke of a distinctive "ecclesial ethos," marked by the broad participation of both clergy and laity in the life and governance of the Church. This culture, grounded in relationships that shape the ecclesial life of each Ordinariate, is inherently consultative and collaborative. It is also characterized by a capacity to welcome converts into Catholic communion while preserving the uniqueness of their spiritual history. Moreover, it is centered on a living sense of tradition that seeks to remain faithful to what has been received while also recognizing the place of organic development.
2. **Evangelization Through Beauty:** A theme that emerged several times in the discussion was the importance of beauty—yet not as an end in itself, but insofar as it has the power to lead us to God; it thus has an inherent evangelizing power. Therefore, divine worship, sacred music, and sacred art are understood both as means of bringing us into communion with God and as instruments of mission. The beauty they convey is meant to draw individuals and communities into full participation, body and soul, in the work of the Savior, who is the "image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15) and the "refulgence of [the Father's] glory" (Heb. 1:3)
3. **Direct Outreach to the Poor:** The Bishops identified direct outreach to the poor as a defining element of the patrimony. In the Ordinariates, beauty in worship and holiness of life are brought to bear in the concrete realities of the neighborhood. This reflects a deeply incarnational theology: to go out from divine worship to seek Jesus among the poor and those in want (cf. Mt. 25:40).⁵ As a practical example, the crowds that gathered in the streets of Birmingham at Saint John Henry Newman's funeral were there not only on account of his scholarship, but also because he was the priest who served them in their need.
4. **Pastoral Culture:** The Ordinariates promote a pastoral culture in which divine worship and daily life are profoundly interconnected. While this could be said of many parish communities, what is distinctive in this context is a liturgical, almost monastic rhythm drawn from the English spiritual tradition. Essential to this is the communal praying of the Divine Office, which is understood as the prayer of the whole People of God (cf. Ps. 119:164; Eph. 5:19).⁶ This shared life of prayer also shapes a distinctive approach to forming and sustaining parish communities.
5. **The Family and the Domestic Church:** Another strong emphasis the Bishops articulated centers on the importance of the family and its role as "the domestic church."⁷ They noted that the Shrine of Walsingham is often called "England's Nazareth." Just as Nazareth, in the words of Pope Saint Paul VI, is "the school of the Gospel,"⁸ where we learn to observe, listen, meditate, and grasp the mystery of the Son of God within the Holy Family, so also the home is understood as the first place where the faith is learned and lived. Central to this is the appreciation of the Sacrament of Matrimony and the role of parents as the primary educators of their children in the faith.⁹ Parish life in the Ordinariates, therefore, seeks to support parents in this sacred responsibility of handing on the faith to their children (cf. Dt. 6:6-7; Joel 1:3) and to accompany families as they grow together in Christ. This vision leads to an organic approach to formation that is centered in the parish and the family, and that prioritizes lifelong intellectual formation for all the members of Christ's Body.
6. **Scripture and Preaching:** The Bishops further noted that the patrimony includes a strong tradition of preaching grounded in Scripture, recognizing that nourishing people intellectually is an integral part of nourishing their souls (cf. Mt. 4:4). Here the theme of beauty reappears: encountering Christ in the splendor of the liturgy and in the proclamation of the Word are not understood as separate realities,

but as two dimensions of the same encounter.¹⁰ In the Ordinariate communities, this is lived out with a strong foundation in the Tradition (especially the Fathers of the Church) and with an appreciation for the role of reason in harmony with and in service of faith.

7. Spiritual Direction and the Sacrament of Penance: Finally, the Bishops emphasized the importance of spiritual direction and the Sacrament of Penance. They explained that they have inherited an approach to these elements of the care of souls that prioritizes giving each person time and accompanying them as they encounter Christ the Good Shepherd (cf. Jn. 10:11-16; Lk. 15:4-7).

Considering these characteristics together, one sees how central the mystery of the Incarnation is to the patrimony preserved in the Ordinariates. The dignity of each person, the role of beauty, the richness of liturgical expression, concern for the poor, and reverence for the domestic church all flow from this same source: the Son of God, our only Savior (cf. Acts 4:12) and Mediator before the Father (cf. 1 Tim. 2:5), who, having become incarnate among us (cf. Jn. 1:14), suffering for us (cf. 1 Pt. 2:21), and rising from the dead, opened for us the way “so we too may walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4).

Finally, insofar as this patrimony is a way of receiving and living out the faith, the clergy and faithful of the Ordinariates recognize that it is a living reality, which looks to the future in the transmission of the faith to future generations (cf. Ps. 22:30-31; 78:4-7; 102:18). The patrimony they have inherited, therefore, not only equips the Ordinariates to welcome communities and individuals into full communion but also continues to shape their distinctive participation in the Church’s mission well into the future. In this way, as the Ordinariates grow organically, they offer a unique reflection of the face of the Church and a distinctive contribution to the living richness of her identity as “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.”

References

¹ PAUL VI, *Homily for the Canonization of Forty Martyrs of England and Wales* (25 October 1970): AAS 62 (1970), 753.

² BENEDICT XVI, Ap. Const. *Anglicanorum Coetibus* (4 November 2009), III: AAS 101 (2009), 987.

³ Card. Victor Manuel FERNÁNDEZ, *Homily for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop David A. Waller* (22 June 2024), III, 8.

⁴ *Ibid.*, III, 9.

⁵ Cf. F. WESTON, “Our Present Duty” (Anglo-Catholic Congress, London, 12 July 1923).

⁶ Cf. SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Const. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (4 December 1963), par. 100: AAS 56 (1964), 124.

⁷ Cf. SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Dogm. Const. *Lumen Gentium* (21 November 1964), par. 11: AAS 57 (1965), 15-16.

⁸ PAUL VI, *Address at the Basilica of the Annunciation* (5 January 1964): AAS 56 (1964), 167.

⁹ Cf. SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Decl. *Gravissimum Educationis* (28 October 1965), par. 3: AAS 58 (1966), 731-732.

¹⁰ Cf. SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL, Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (4 December 1963), pars. 7, 48-51: AAS 56 (1964), 100-101, 113-114; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, pars. 1088, 1346.

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Baptism of Jack Cutler

Please pray for Jack Cutler, who will be baptised during Eastertide.

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Livestreamed Evensong Sunday to Thursday

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Thursday evening Mass

Mass at 7.30pm on Thursdays is celebrated according to Divine Worship. Mass is preceded at 5.30pm by Evening Prayer and an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, with Confession available.

Monthly Solemn Evensong & Benediction

One Wednesday per month we have a service of Solemn Evensong and Benediction. The next is at 7pm on **Wednesday 22nd April 2026**, followed by a Bring and Share.

This office of Evening Prayer, or 'Evensong', consists of psalms, readings, canticles from scripture, with hymns and prayers. It gives expression to and preserves for Catholic worship the worthy Anglican liturgical patrimony, understood as that which has nourished the Catholic faith throughout the history of the Anglican tradition and prompted aspirations towards ecclesial unity. This beautiful service is an opportunity to share our distinctive liturgy with others.¹

1. Cf. Benedict XVI, Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum coetibus*, Art III

Recently departed

George Pittam
Deacon Stephen O'Connor

Anniversaries of death

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| 7 th | Charles Gardner |
| 13 th | June Brown |
| 14 th | Enid Gardner |
| 15 th | William Favell |

O ALMIGHTY God, the God of the spirits of all flesh: multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus, the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be perfected unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, vouchsafe that we, who now serve thee here on earth, may at the last, together with them, be fund meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Funeral of Deacon Stephen O'Connor

We extend our condolences to Deacon Stephen's wife, Janet, and their family, and pray for the repose of the soul of Deacon Stephen who served the Lord so faithfully and joyfully. Bishop David will celebrate Deacon Stephen's Funeral Mass this week:

Reception of body, Monday 13th April, 4pm

Funeral Requiem, Tuesday 14th April, 12.30pm

St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church, St Margaret's Road, Manchester M40 0JE.

Ordinariate Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026

An Ordinariate day pilgrimage led by Bishop David will take place on **Thursday 28th May 2026**. Full details will follow but please book the day in your diary. In the morning we will walk the Holy Mile and we will have Mass at the Shrine at 12.00.

In previous years we have held events in the 2 days running up to the pilgrimage. We hope to do so this year, but in a slightly different way. You may be aware that accommodation is very tight in Walsingham that week – don't worry – Our Lady has identified an exciting alternative! Details for 26th will follow but on 27th we will be holding a full day of worship, praise and celebration at the pontifical shrine in King's Lynn.

Some of you will remember that we enjoyed a happy afternoon there as part of the 2024 pilgrimage and many asked for more time there. Final details will follow but the day will include a concelebrated Mass at 12 noon, a Rosary "mini pilgrimage" to the Red Mount Chapel (Our Lady of the Mount, a medieval Pilgrim Chapel near the old town walls of Lynn), Evening Prayer and Benediction, and other cultural opportunities connected with pilgrimage and the historic religious history and heritage of Lynn. We will need an idea of numbers in due course but at present please book the date.

Re booking accommodation, people may find it easier to stay in Kings Lynn and then to drive to Walsingham on the Thursday morning.

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SOLEMN EVENSONG & BENEDICTION



Monthly at 7pm

Wed 19th November

Wed 10th December

Wed 14th January 2026

Wed 11th February

Wed 11th March

Wed 22nd April

Wed 13th May

Wed 10th June

Wed 15th July

Wed 19th August

Wed 23rd September

Wed 21st October

Wed 18th November

Wed 16th December

Praying the Daily Office this week

Evening Prayer is recited publicly in church Sunday to Thursday at 5.30pm and is livestreamed (see the parish website). Please join in.

If you intend to pray daily **Morning Prayer** and **Evening Prayer**, the table below gives you the page numbers for each of the parts of the Office for each day this week. Placing the markers in the correct pages, as indicated in the table below, takes a few minutes each time, but once done, actually praying the Office is quite straight-forward.

The Order of Morning Prayer (MP) (Matins) begins on page 375

The Order of Evening Prayer (EP) (Evensong) begins on page 421

All numbers below refer to *page numbers* in Divine Worship: Daily Office (DWDO), unless otherwise indicated.

Note: the Office hymn is always optional, but encouraged.



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Each day's office electronically in full.

| Day | Morning Prayer (Matins) | | | | Evening Prayer (Evensong) | | | | Notes |
|--|-------------------------|----------|------|---------|---------------------------|----------|------|---------|--|
| | Psalmody | Readings | Hymn | Collect | Psalmody | Readings | Hymn | Collect | |
| Sunday 12th SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) | 523 | 1076 | 232 | 92 | 525 | 1079 | 230 | 92 | |
| Monday 13 th <i>Easter Feria</i> | 528 | 1080 | 232 | 92 | 530 | 1081 | 230 | 92 | |
| Tuesday 14 th <i>Easter Feria</i> | 533 | 1083 | 232 | 92 | 536 | 1084 | 230 | 92 | |
| Wednesday 15 th <i>Easter Feria</i> | 539 | 1084 | 232 | 92 | 542 | 1085 | 230 | 92 | |
| Thursday 16 th <i>Easter Feria</i> | 546 | 1086 | 232 | 92 | 549 | 1087 | 230 | 92 | |
| Friday 17 th <i>Easter Feria</i> | 553 | 1089 | 232 | 92 | 555 | 1092 | 230 | 92 | |
| Saturday 18 th <i>Easter Feria</i> | 558 | 1092 | 232 | 92 | 561 | 1093 | 230 | 93 | EPI Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter |
| Sunday 19th THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | 563 | 1093 | 232 | 93 | 656 | 1094 | 230 | 93 | |

For those who are looking initially for something a little simpler, the **Office of Prime** (page 397) is a shorter form of prayer for the morning, and the **Office of Compline** (page 427) is a shorter form of prayer for the evening. These will take about 10 minutes each to pray.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding in the Ordinariate is carried out in conjunction with the local diocese. It is important to understand that all priests are aligned with the diocese for all safeguarding issues such as training, whilst the Ordinariate retains responsibility for the working of those arrangements.

The Coventry Ordinariate Mission is based in the Parish of The Precious Blood and All Souls Coventry, which operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese of Birmingham policies & procedures at all times.

The Parish Safeguarding Representative is John Corroon. He can be contacted at sg.allsouls.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 and safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham **Safeguarding Statement** is at www.ordinariate.org.uk/safeguarding

Safe Spaces <http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/>

The Isaiah journey: A Guide for Survivors of Abuse
www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/02/Survivors-Guide.pdf