

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**

June 2026

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

I have made the point in a couple of my weekday and Sunday homilies this Eastertide and Ascensiontide that, at no point in our lives, or in the existence of the universe, can God ever be absent from us. Whilst we have celebrated liturgically the ten days between the Ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, this time is not marked by absence but a universal presence.

In the words of the late Pope Benedict XVI, *“the continuing closeness that the disciples experience so strongly that it becomes a source of lasting joy. Now, through his power over space, Jesus is present and accessible to all – throughout history and in every place.”*

God is never absent from us, even if at times his movements to/from this world disturb and disrupt us. As a community of the Holy Spirit, the Church can never be viewed as a merely human institution – even if it is made up of humans. We exist before our conception in the mind’s eye of God the Holy Trinity: the very heart of God constantly draws us back to himself: *“The human person, created in the image of God, is a being at once corporeal and spiritual [...] Man, whole and entire, is therefore willed by God”*. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, para 362).



In 1884 Pope Leo XIII inaugurated a group of prayers to be said by the priest, server, and people after Low Mass, now known as the Extraordinary (Latin) Form of the mass. They were/are known as the Leonine Prayers, and end with a three-fold invocation of the Sacred Heart: *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; Have mercy upon us*. Whilst these prayers are not part of the mass, they are the last words prayed before the priest and server leave the sanctuary, and sets the tone for our being ‘sent out’ into the world.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart, and the feast of the Sacred Heart takes place on the Friday after the first Sunday after Trinity, and this year it falls on the **12th June**. **There will be a celebration of Mass at 12 Noon**. It is a feast with a particular promise: *“Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your soul”*. Taken from the Gospel for the day (St Matthew 11:25-30), this lowly ‘heart of Jesus’ – the God/Man – refers not to a physical organ, but instead the love that rises up from the very depths of God and, in the words of St Paul, *“God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us”* (Romans 5:5). St John Henry Newman describes this concept in beautiful human language: *“My God, my Saviour, I adore Thy Sacred Heart, for that heart is the seat and source of all Thy tenderest human affections for us sinners. It is the instrument and organ of Thy love. It did beat for us. It yearned over us. It ached for us, and for our salvation”* (Meditations, 13).

The statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus outside church is a popular focus for our devotion to our Lord, and is often accompanied by reciting the *Litany to the Sacred Heart*, joining our heart to his. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be for us a sure sign of God’s love for the world, and an ever-present help in our journey through life.



Wishing you all a happy and blessed month of the Sacred Heart,

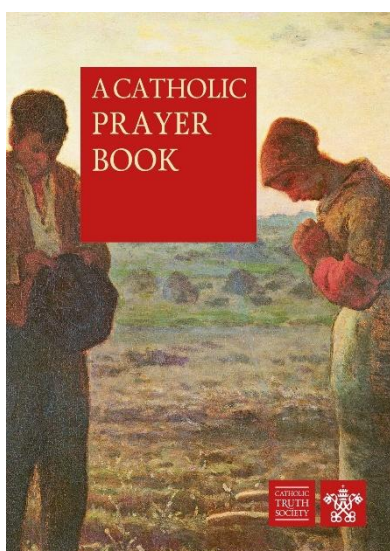
Fr Michael

NEWS FROM THE ORDINARIATE

The **Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Neil Taylor** of the Eastbourne Mission will take place on the **13th June at Warwick Street - 11.30am.**



The **12th June** is the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. It is not a holy day of obligation, but a significant day in the life of the Parish. There will be mass in the school playground in the morning, and we shall have our **mass at the usual time of 12 Noon.**



DAILY PRAYER WITH THE ORDINARIATE

You are very welcome to join in the daily prayer of The Church, each day of the week, with our Torbay Mission. Morning Prayer is at 9.00am, and Evening Prayer is at 5.30pm. Their live link is

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

The Test Card will give you the relevant pages from *Divine Worship: Daily Office*. Just click on the 'upcoming livestreams' link.

FORTNIGHTLY SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES

The series of SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES held on GMeet, 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:

10th June - Fr Michael Halsall - Sacred Heart of Jesus

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/oeb-xjvr-opa>

24th June - To be arranged

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/fzs-jdek-wrk>

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 JUNE 2026

Each year the holy father announces his particular prayer intentions for each month. This month we are asked to join him in praying for **the values of sports**. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity,

and personal growth.

Please pray for organisations such as *Christians in Sport*, as they have a presence at all major sporting events, such as the World Cup this summer.



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.



“A PRECIOUS GIFT”: ROME AFFIRMS THE ORDINARIATE’S MISSION

During his homily at the Chrism Mass in April, Bishop David spoke of a recent document prepared by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, after the recent meeting in Rome with the Ordinariate bishops. It offers a timely, joyful, and confident articulation of the Anglican patrimony, as it is lived within the Catholic Church today. 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.

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*” 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*. The Constitution itself describes this patrimony as “*a precious gift [...] and a treasure to be shared*”.

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 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”.*

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.

These include:

- A distinctive ‘ecclesial ethos’
- Evangelization through beauty
- Direct outreach to the poor
- Pastoral Culture
- The Family and the Domestic Church
- Scripture and Preaching
- Spiritual Direction and the Sacrament of Penance



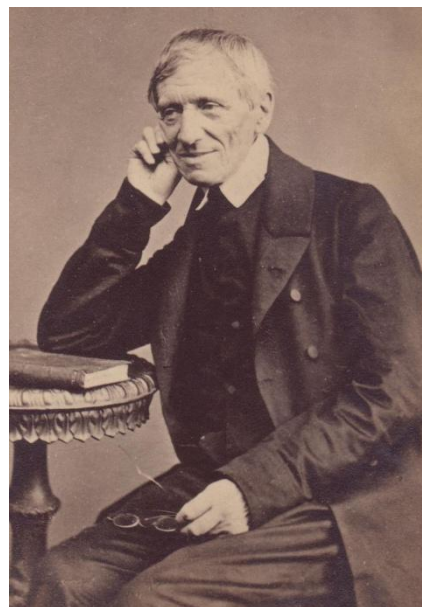
Insofar as this patrimony is a way of receiving and living out the faith, the clergy and faithful of the Ordinariates recognize that it is a living reality, which looks to the future in the transmission of the faith to future generations (cf. Ps. 22:30-31; 78:4-7; 102:18). The patrimony we have inherited, therefore, not only equips the Ordinariates to welcome communities and individuals into full communion but also continues to shape our 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”.

Over the summer we shall have a series of meetings to discuss these findings, and how they pertain to our own Mission here in Prittlewell and Southchurch. Dates to be arranged.

FROM THE WRITINGS OF OUR PATRON:

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

O SACRED Heart of Jesus, I adore Thee in the oneness of the Personality of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. Whatever belongs to the Person of Jesus, belongs therefore to God, and is to be worshipped with that one and the same worship which we pay to Jesus. He did not take on Him His human nature, as something distinct and separate from Himself, but as simply, absolutely, eternally His, so as to be included by us in the very thought of Him. I worship Thee, O



Heart of Jesus, as being Jesus Himself, as being that Eternal Word in human nature which He took wholly and lives in wholly, and therefore in Thee. Thou art the Heart of the Most High made man. In worshipping Thee, I worship my Incarnate God, Emmanuel. I worship Thee, as bearing a part in that Passion which is my life, for Thou didst burst and break, through agony, in the garden of Gethsemani, and Thy precious contents trickled out, through the veins and pores of the skin, upon the earth. And again, Thou hadst been drained all but dry upon the Cross; and then, after death, Thou wast pierced by the lance, and gavest out the small remains of that inestimable treasure, which is our redemption. My God, my Saviour, I adore Thy Sacred Heart, for that heart is the seat and source of all Thy tenderest human affections for us sinners. It is the instrument and organ of Thy love. It did beat for us. It yearned over us. It ached for us, and for our salvation. It was on fire through zeal, that the glory of God might be manifested in and by us. It is the channel through which has come to us all Thy overflowing human affection, all Thy Divine Charity towards us. All Thy incomprehensible compassion for us, as God and Man, as our Creator and our Redeemer and Judge, has come to us, and comes, in one inseparably mingled stream, through that Sacred Heart. O most Sacred symbol and Sacrament of Love, divine and human, in its fulness, Thou didst save me by Thy divine strength, and Thy human affection, and then at length by that wonder-working blood, wherewith Thou didst overflow. (Meditations on the Sacred Heart, Part 3, XVI)

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



VERITAS

TEACHING FROM THE MAGISTERIUM

"Since the Word became flesh in assuming a true humanity, Christ's body was finite. Therefore the human face of Jesus can be portrayed; at the seventh ecumenical council (Nicaea II in 787) the Church recognized its representation in holy images to be legitimate. At the same time the Church has always acknowledged that in the body of Jesus "we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see". The individual characteristics of Christ's body express the divine person of God's Son. He has made the features of his

human body his own, to the point that they can be venerated when portrayed in a holy image, for the believer "who venerates the icon is venerating in it the person of the one depicted". Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony and his Passion, and gave himself up for each one of us: "The Son of God. . . loved me and gave himself for me". He has loved us all with a human heart. For this reason, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced by our sins and for our salvation, "is quite rightly considered the chief sign and symbol of that. . . love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings" without exception". (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paras 476-478)



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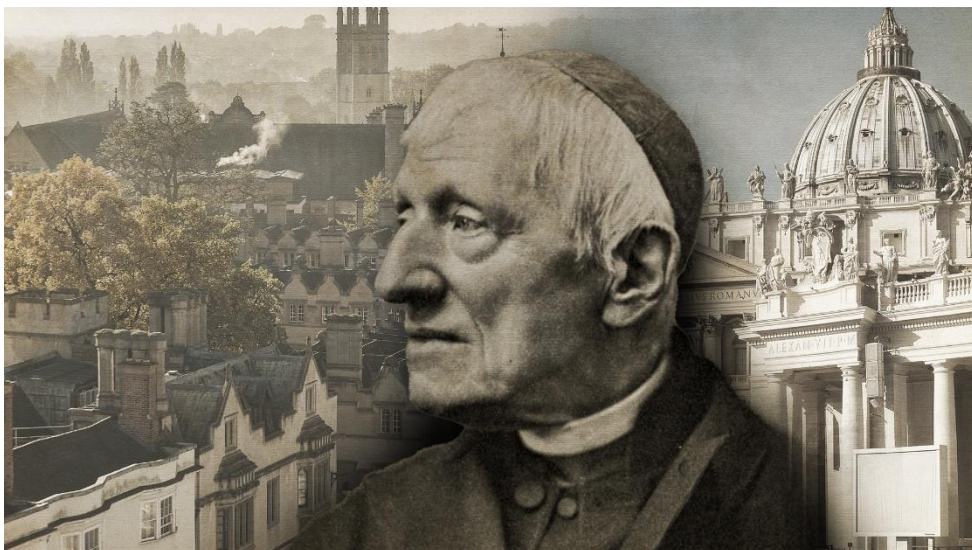
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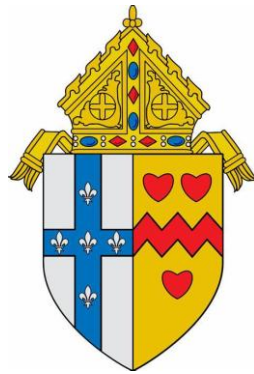
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The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

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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