

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**

August 2026

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 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.

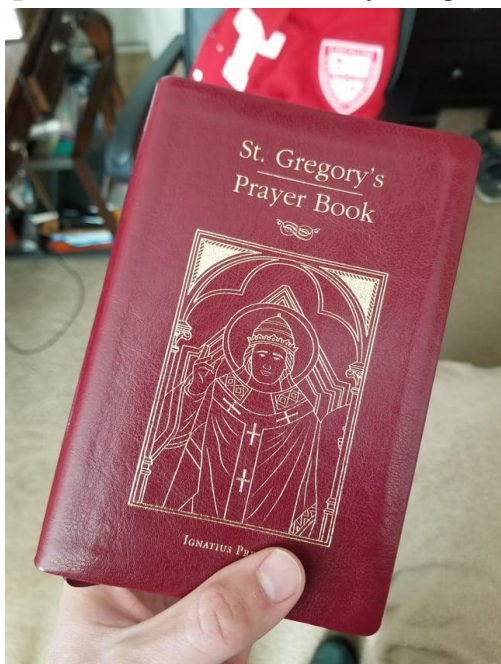
MINISTRY TO THE SICK & DYING Please notify Fr Michael those who are sick and require visiting. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved for communion at home or in hospital, and Holy Oil is available for anointing the sick and dying.

FROM THE GROUP PASTOR

We are very fortunate for the weekly hospitality that we receive from the Parish Priest and people of the Southend Parish. Most weeks we welcome visitors and members of the Parish to our weekly mass, and hope that they take spiritual nourishment from the Ordinate Rite. Whilst the earlier timing of 9.00am may suit some people, we also offer something distinctive in our use of the Ordinate's translation of the Roman Rite, and our more 'traditional' liturgy. As we offer this form of the mass, then we are living out the vision that the late Pope Benedict envisaged for the Ordinariates: sharing the treasures of our Anglican Patrimony.



It has been very encouraging of late to see increased numbers at our 9.00am mass, and I ask each of you to pray that that growth may continue, and that we may be in a position to receive many Anglicans into full communion into the Catholic Church. We



started this Mission less than four years ago with six Ordinate members, and have seen its steady growth in numbers. Perhaps now is an appropriate time to grow also in other directions: in knowledge of our faith, and in our practice of a variety of Catholic devotions. Many of these devotions are printed in the *St Gregory Prayer Book* - an Ordinate prayer book - which can be purchased online. Giving some part of our day over to an authentically Catholic devotion can change how we live our lives, and how we reach out to God. The help of the saints is key to this activity, and the book contains many litanies and prayers to the saints.

If, as a diocesan parishioner, you attend our mass regularly or occasionally, then you are encouraged to make your weekly offering in the parish envelopes, and we shall pass them on to the Treasurer. If you wish to know more about the Ordinate, and our Mission in the Church, then there is a variety of information in the News-stand in the Porch. If you would like to receive our weekly Monday Mailing, then send an email address to michael.halsall@ordinate.org.uk and we can add you to the

mailing list. If you would like to contribute to our Mission via standing order, then forms are available in the book stand at the back of church.

Our young people are still on holiday, and we hope that they and their teachers have plenty of rest and fun during their summer holidays from school. Wishing you all a happy and blessed August and, if you are going away on holiday, then don't forget to go to mass.

Fr Michael



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>

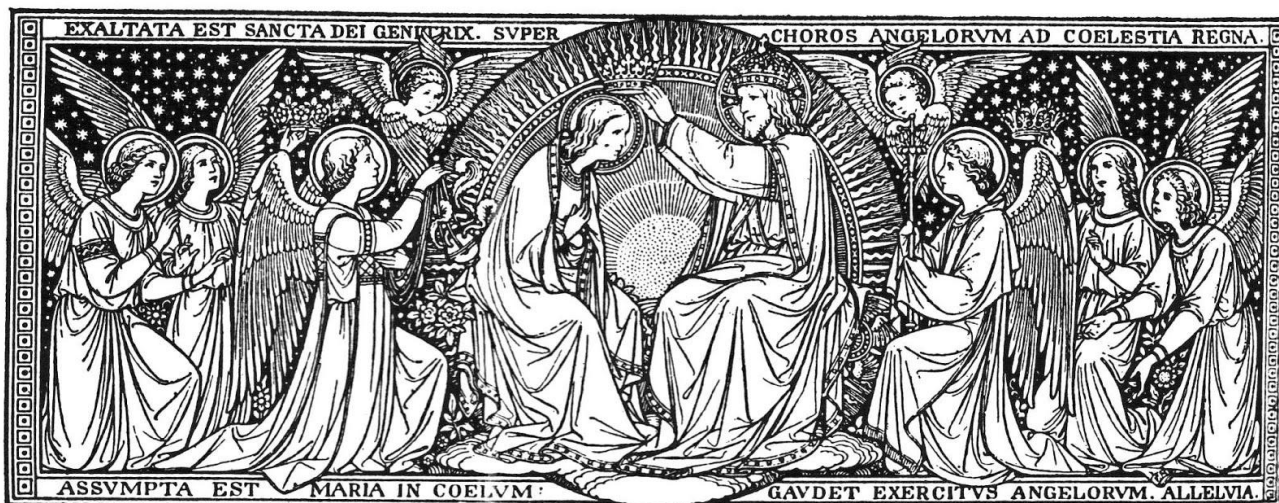
For more news about the Ordinariate, their main website is

<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.





GROUP NEWS

The Group summer Day Pilgrimage to St Peter's, Bradwell-on-Sea will take place on 10th August. Full details in tomorrow's *Monday Mailing*.

The Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Sunday 16th August at 9.00am.

There are no online Spiritual Conferences in August. They meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month, other than August.

There will be no Sunday mass on the 6th September.

NEWS FROM THE ORDINARIATE

The Bishop's monthly pastoral letter can be found on our website:

<https://www.ordinariate.org.uk/the-spring/the-bishops-july-pastoral-letter>

The latest figures regarding membership of the Ordinariate are quite encouraging. Given that we are spread out in England, Scotland, and Wales, the current role is as follows:

Lay faithful – 1905 (167 have died since 2011)

Priests (incl our bishop) – 89 (27 have died since 2011)

Permanent Deacons – 10

Religious (men and women) – 10 (5 have died since 2011)

New members are being added to our number each month, from a variety of church backgrounds, and none: on average around 80 each year. Please pray for the growth of the Ordinariate.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 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 **Evangelization In The City**. Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

FROM THE WRITINGS OF OUR PATRON:

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Mary is called the Gate of Heaven, because it was through her that our Lord passed from heaven to earth. The Prophet Ezechiel, prophesying of Mary, says, "the gate shall be closed, it shall not be opened, and no man shall pass through it, since the Lord God of Israel has entered through it – and it shall be closed for the Prince, the Prince Himself shall sit in it."

Now this is fulfilled, not only in our Lord having taken flesh from her, and being her Son, but, moreover, in that she had a place in the economy of Redemption; it is fulfilled in her spirit and will, as well as in her body. Eve had a part in the fall of man, though it was Adam who was our representative, and whose sin made us sinners. It was Eve who began, and who tempted Adam. Scripture says: "The woman saw that the tree was good to eat, and fair to the eyes, and delightful to behold; and she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave to her husband, and he did eat." It was fitting then in God's mercy that, as the woman began the destruction of the world, so woman should also begin its recovery, and that, as Eve opened the way for the fatal deed of the first Adam, so Mary should open the way for the great achievement of the second Adam, even our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to save the world by dying on the cross for it. Hence Mary is called by the holy Fathers a second and a better Eve, as having taken that first step in the salvation of mankind which Eve took in its ruin.

How, and when, did Mary take part, and the initial part, in the world's restoration? It was when the Angel Gabriel came to her to announce to her the great dignity which was to be her portion. St. Paul bids us "present our bodies to God as a reasonable service." We must not only pray with our lips, and fast, and do outward penance, and be chaste in our bodies; but we must be obedient, and pure in our minds. And so, as regards the Blessed Virgin, it was God's will that she should undertake willingly and with full understanding to be the Mother of our Lord, and not to be a mere passive instrument whose maternity would have no merit and no reward. The higher our gifts, the heavier our duties. It was no light lot to be so intimately near to the Redeemer of men, as she experienced afterwards when she suffered with him. Therefore, weighing well the Angel's words before giving her answer to them – first she asked whether so great an office would be a forfeiture of that Virginity which she had vowed. When the Angel told her no, then, with the full consent of a full heart, full of God's love to her and her own lowliness, she said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to thy word." It was by this consent that she became the Gate of Heaven.

(Meditations on the Litany of Loreto, for the Month of May: On the Annunciation, 4)

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



VERITAS

TEACHING FROM THE MAGISTERIUM

"Those Christians who have leisure should be mindful of their brethren who have the same needs and the same rights, yet cannot rest from work because of poverty and misery. Sunday is traditionally consecrated by Christian piety to good works and humble service of the sick, the infirm, and the elderly. Christians will also sanctify Sunday by devoting time and care to their families and relatives, often difficult to do on other days of the week. Sunday is a time for reflection, silence, cultivation of the mind, and meditation which furthers the

growth of the Christian interior life.

Sanctifying Sundays and holy days requires a common effort. Every Christian should avoid making unnecessary demands on others that would hinder them from observing the Lord's Day. Traditional activities (sport, restaurants, etc.), and social necessities (public services, etc.), require some people to work on Sundays, but everyone should still take care to set aside sufficient time for leisure. With temperance and charity the faithful will see to it that they avoid the excesses and violence sometimes associated with popular leisure activities. In spite of economic constraints, public authorities should ensure citizens a time intended for rest and divine worship. Employers have a similar obligation toward their employees.

In respecting religious liberty and the common good of all, Christians should seek recognition of Sundays and the Church's holy days as legal holidays. They have to give everyone a public example of prayer, respect, and joy and defend their traditions as a precious contribution to the spiritual life of society. If a country's legislation or other reasons require work on Sunday, the day should nevertheless be lived as the day of our deliverance which lets us share in this "festal gathering," this "assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven".

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, paras 2186-2188)

LITURGICAL NOTES

The month of August is dedicated to the *Immaculate Heart of Mary*, and draws us into the pure, sorrowful, triumphant Heart of Our Lady. Framed by the Assumption and the Queenship of Mary, it is a fitting time to consecrate yourself to her Immaculate Heart.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary reflects her interior life, encompassing her joys, sorrows, virtues, and maternal love for Jesus and all humanity. It is traditionally depicted as a heart pierced by a sword or seven swords, surrounded by roses, and sometimes aflame, symbolizing her intense love for God and compassionate care for mankind. This theological aspect of Mary's vocation and life is a counterpoint to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The sword represents the prophecy of Simeon: that her heart would be pierced, signifying her sorrows, especially during Jesus' Passion (St Luke 2:35).



The devotion is rooted in Scripture, particularly in St Luke 2:19 and 2:51, which describe Mary treasuring and pondering events in her heart. The Gospel of St John depicts her at the foot of the Cross, highlighting her cooperation in the work of redemption. St Augustine of Hippo emphasized that Mary's heart bore Christ spiritually, making her interior life a model of charity and devotion. The Immaculate Heart is closely linked to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in that Mary's heart is the vessel through which Jesus received His humanity, and their hearts are spiritually united. Devotion to Mary's heart leads believers to Jesus, emphasizing her role as intercessor, and model of love and holiness.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart began in the Middle Ages, with early references by saints such as Anselm of Canterbury and Bernard of Clairvaux. St John Eudes in the 17th century popularized the devotion, promoting public veneration and establishing feasts in honour of Mary's heart. The feast was formally approved by Pope Pius VII in 1805 and later instituted universally by Pope Pius XII in 1944, now celebrated on the Saturday following the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Immaculate Heart of Mary remains a central devotion in Catholic spirituality, guiding the faithful toward holiness, encouraging reparation for sins, and fostering a deeper relationship with God through Mary's maternal love. It is a symbol of hope, purity, and divine

intercession, inviting believers to emulate her virtues and unite their hearts with hers in love and devotion.



Traditional depictions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary often show it pierced by seven swords or wounds, a reference to seven major sorrows experienced by the Virgin Mary throughout her life, especially during the Passion of Christ. There are devotional practices and prayers dedicated to the meditation on these seven sorrows. Devotion to the Virgin Mary's Immaculate Heart experienced significant growth following the Marian apparition to St

Catherine Labouré in 1830, during which Mary requested the production of the *Miraculous Medal*. The Immaculate Heart is depicted on the reverse side of the medal, pierced by a sword - once again symbolizing the prophecy of Simeon. The Sacred Heart of Jesus also appears on the medal, next to the Immaculate Heart, crowned with thorns.

How can we live this devotion in our daily lives this month? One can simply pray the Rosary, asking for a pure and open heart like Mary's. You can download prayer cards from the internet, containing devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

At a completely different level, you can consecrate yourself (or renew your consecration) to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This involves a 33 day preparation of prayer, meditation, and making an act of Consecration on one of the feasts of Our Lady. You can find a comprehensive and detailed guide, which can be downloaded and printed: <https://nsti.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/TAY-DD-2025-04-25-Total-Consecration-r2.pdf>

As always, Mary points and leads us to Jesus, and the more we identify with her Sacred Heart and life of prayer, the more we are lead into a deeper relationship with Our Lord.

A POEM FOR SUMMER

Breeze wafting blest peace
zephyr gently blows
serene news of grace
midst trials and tests
echoing triumph...

Air of gladness
zephyr breathes out
joyous delight
inspiring heart...

Calming soul
zephyr now
whispers hope...

God gives
for sweet
rest.

By Beata Augustin, 2024

Inspired by the words of St Paul:

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost". (Romans 15:13)

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GROUP DIRECTORY

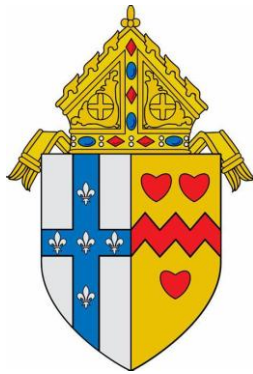
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The Mission operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Dioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Jo Routh. She can be contacted at: jorouthj@hotmail.com, or alternatively the Ordinariate Safeguarding team can be contacted at simon.ellis@ordinariate.org.uk if you have any concern.



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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