

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**

September 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

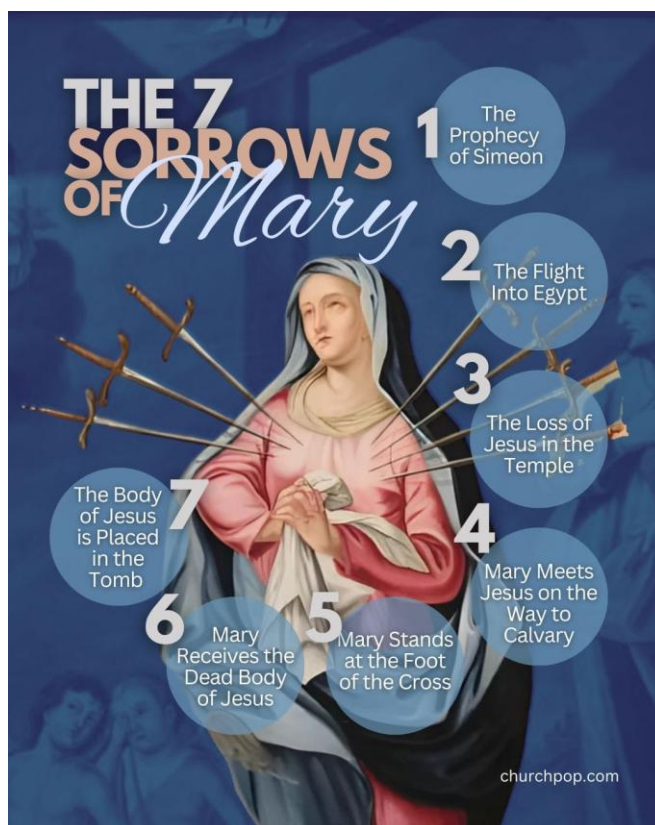
CONFESSIONS Saturdays at Sacred Heart: 10.00 - 10.45am; St Peter's,
Eastwood: 10.30am; St Teresa's, Rochford: 5.00pm.

MINISTRY TO THE Please notify Fr Michael those who are sick and
SICK & DYING 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

The month of September contemplates Mary's Seven Sorrows, the sword that pierced her heart at the foot of the Cross. Anchored to her feast on September 15, it is a month to acknowledge and walk beside our suffering Mother. This comes exactly a month after her glorious Assumption, and it demonstrates the bitter-sweet aspects of the life of faith.

"*Life Isn't All Ha Ha Hee Hee*" is a novel by Meera Syal and a BBC miniseries that



explores the complexities of friendship, love, and cultural identity among three British Indian women. Originally published in 1999, Meera Syal's novel follows three childhood friends—now in their thirties - as they navigate personal and professional challenges in London. The story examines the tension between traditional Indian expectations and modern urban life, highlighting the struggles of women balancing career ambitions, marriage, and family responsibilities. The story explores friendship, betrayal, love, and cultural identity. It portrays the emotional roller-coaster of adulthood, including infidelity, family pressures, and the search for personal happiness. The narrative emphasizes that life is not always light-hearted or simple, reflecting the title's meaning. The series highlights the strengths and limits of female friendship, using events like weddings and personal betrayals to explore deeper emotional truths. While the plot includes familiar romantic and familial conflicts, it is enriched by witty dialogue, cultural nuance, and the exploration of identity and belonging.

Our own lives often reflect this roller-coaster of emotions, linked to the 'normal' events of life. We experience the highs and lows of life, involving our sacramental

celebrations such as birth, baptisms, confirmations, and marriage. But we also suffer the effects of sickness and death; suffering and bereavement; separation from our families, and life's uncertainties. The *Catechism* urges us that, "*Christ unites us with his Passover: all his members must strive to resemble him, until Christ be formed in them. For this reason we . . . are taken up into the mysteries of his life, . . . associated with his sufferings as the body with its head, suffering with him, that with him we may be glorified*" (Para 793). To unite our sufferings to those of Christ – and his saints – is to look beyond those temporal challenges, to the joys and triumphs which take us to heaven. To recognise and reconcile ourselves to the fact that the Christian life isn't all 'Ha Ha Hee Hee' is to live an authentic life, knowing that we walk the Way of the Cross in our own lives. In this respect, we unite ourselves with the Seven Sorrows of Mary, living the authentic life of faith, with all of its joys and sorrows – embracing each with equal grace.

On pages 6 and 7 you will find a *Litany of the Dolours (Sorrows) of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, which you can use at home and in your private prayers throughout this month. They are written by our patron – St John Henry Newman.



September also marks back to school and college. New beginnings bring renewed opportunities and challenges. Please pray for our students, their teachers, classroom assistants, and governors in our local schools: that the life of faith may be extended to our classrooms and places

of learning.

Wishing you all a blessed month of the Seven Sorrows,

Fr Michael

NEWS FROM THE ORDINARIATE



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

The **annual Mass for the Guild of St Stephen**, to which our Servers are affiliated, will take place at **Westminster Cathedral on the October 3rd, at 2.30pm**. We plan to attend this event, and travel for our servers will be subsidised by Group Funds.

13th-15th October is the Ordinariate Festival of Faith in Eastbourne. Full details are in the Monday Mailing. £40 per person, includes all meals, tea, coffees, and cake.

The **2027 Quiet Day at Clare Priory** will be the **17th April**. This will take place after the clocks have changed, making evening travel much easier.



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.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 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 **CARE OF WATER**. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water - a vital resource - so that everyone may have equal access to it. We have seen our reservoirs diminished after this summer's drought. This has happened throughout Europe.

FORTNIGHTLY SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES

The series of **SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES** held on GMeet, will recommence 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:

9th Sept - To be arranged

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xkm-qswq-suw>

23rd Sept- Fr David Lashbrook: The Vicar General

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ggy-dwnx-hfw>

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.

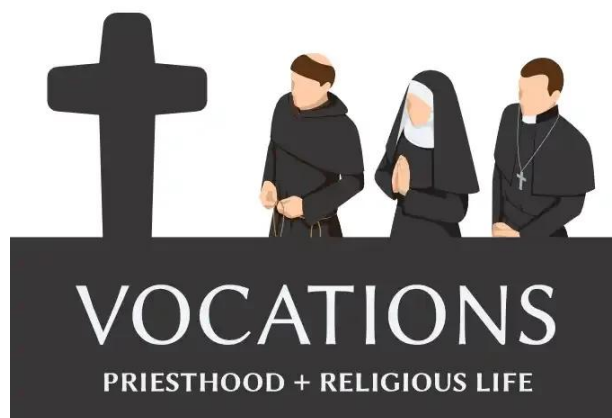


FOCUS ON VOCATIONS

Please pray for our seminarians at Allen Hall Seminary, London, who are being formed for the service of a priest in the Ordinariate. They are Nathaniel Plumtree, Jules Samuels, and Iwan Williams.

We shall also have three men in formation for the permanent diaconate: Peter Hamilton, David Montgomery, and Will Townsend. They will be attending regional diaconal formation courses.

Please pray for them and their families, and for the Ordinariate as we support them in their vocations.



FROM THE WRITINGS OF OUR PATRON: ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Litany of the Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LORD, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.

Mother of sorrows,

Pray for us.

Mother, whose soul was pierced by the sword,

Mother, who didst flee with Jesus into Egypt,

Mother, who didst seek Him sorrowing for three days,

Mother, who didst see Him scourged, and crowned with thorns,

Mother, who didst stand by Him whilst He hung upon the cross,

Mother, who didst receive Him into thine arms when He was dead,

Mother, who didst see Him buried in the tomb,

O Mary, Queen of Martyrs,

Pray for us.

O Mary, comfort of the sorrowful,

O Mary, help of the weak,

O Mary, strength of the fearful,

O Mary, light of the desponding,

O Mary, nursing-mother of the sick,

O Mary, refuge of sinners,

Through the bitter passion of thy Son, *Save us by thy prayers.*

Through the piercing anguish of thy heart,

Through thy heavy weight of woe,

Through thy sadness and desolation,

Through thy maternal pity,

Through thy perfect resignation,

Through thy meritorious prayers,

From immoderate sadness,

Save us by thy prayers.

From a cowardly spirit,

From an impatient temper,

From fretfulness and discontent,
From sullenness and gloom,
From despair and unbelief,
From final impenitence,

We sinners,

Beseech Thee, hear us.

Preserve us from sudden death,
Teach us how to die,
Succour us in our last agony,
Guard us from the enemy,
Bring us to a happy end,
Gain for us the gift of perseverance,
Aid us before the judgment seat,

We beseech thee, hear us.

Mother of God,
Mother, most sorrowful,
Mother, most desolate,

We beseech Thee, hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, graciously hear us.
Christ, have mercy.

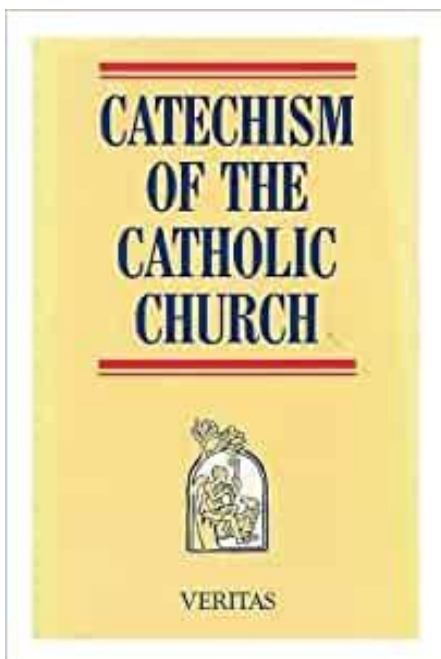
Succour us, O Blessed Virgin Mary,

In every time, and in every place.

Let us Pray

O Lord Jesus Christ, God and man, grant, we beseech Thee, that Thy dear Mother Mary, whose soul the sword pierced in the hour of Thy passion, may intercede for us, now, and in the hour of our death, through Thine own merits, O Saviour of the world, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, God, world without end.

Amen.



TEACHING FROM THE MAGISTERIUM

"The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the 'one mediator between God and men'. But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery is offered to all men. He calls his disciples to 'take up their cross and follow him', for 'Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example so that we should follow in his steps'. In fact, Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is

achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering. Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven". (Catechism of the Catholic Church, para 618)

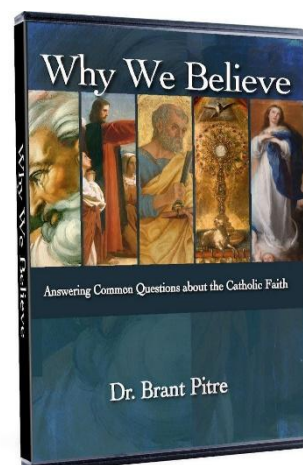
"Why We Believe – A Bible Study with Dr Brant Pitre

Join us this autumn for Why We Believe, a fascinating Bible study exploring the big questions people ask about the Catholic faith – from "Does God exist?" to the Eucharist, Confession, Mary, and Purgatory. Reasonable, biblical and beautiful, this series is for everyone: cradle Catholics, those returning to the Church, or simply the curious. No theology background needed – come as you are, questions welcome!

There are two ways to join:

Mondays, 10.30am, starting 7 September

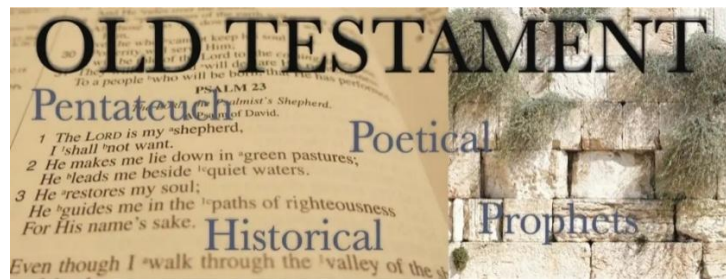
Wednesdays, 7.30pm, starting 16 September



Both sessions run at the Parish Centre – Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea. All are welcome! Further info from Heather Ward telephone 07885 737393

or heatherward55@gmail.com

Looking Backwards - Looking Forward



A six week course on the meaning of the narratives of the Old Testament.

It will be held online, to allow as many people as possible to attend, and to prevent people travelling at night. All the dates below are **Thursday evenings**, and will begin at **7.30pm**. The GMeet links are below, and will be published weekly by email, and on our Facebook page.

The aim is to give laity a broad overview of the Old Testament narratives; how they fit together; what kind of language they contain; and how they look towards what we now call the New Testament. A downloadable handout will be produced for each session, on the day.

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| 1. <i>Sacred Scripture and the Catholic Church</i> | 17 th September |
| https://meet.google.com/bdf-xuud-atn | |
| 2. <i>The 'Books of Moses': Genesis – Deuteronomy</i> | 24 th September |
| https://meet.google.com/rsb-pkaq-ebt | |
| 3. <i>The History of Israel: Joshua, Judges, 1&2 Samuel, 1& Kings</i> | 1 st October |
| https://meet.google.com/spk-qtgi-gvw | |
| 4. <i>The Prophets: Greater and Lesser</i> | 8 th October |
| https://meet.google.com/sah-mbgo-zyj | |
| 5. <i>The Writings: Psalms and Poetry</i> | 22 nd October |
| https://meet.google.com/dzn-gzvs-dgj | |
| 6. <i>The Apocrypha: The Bits the Protestants Got Rid of</i> | 29 th October |
| https://meet.google.com/der-vrmc-yfm | |

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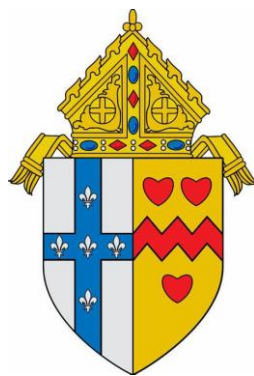
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The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

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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