

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**

October 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.

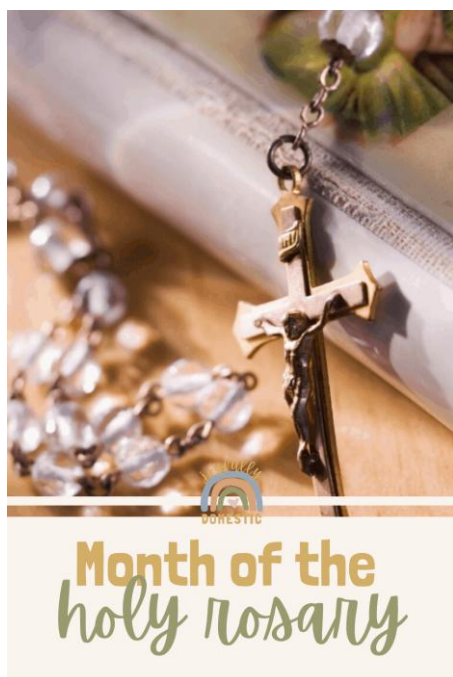
MINISTRY TO THE Please notify Fr Michael those who are sick and
SICK & DYING require visiting. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved for
communion at home or in hospital, and Holy Oil is available for anointing the
sick and dying.

FROM THE GROUP PASTOR

Dear all,

This October is a busy month in the Church, and our Mission. We begin with our Servers' day out to London on the 3rd, to attend the Guild of St Stephen Annual Mass, with the Archbishop of Westminster in our Metropolitan Cathedral. This is closely followed by our Harvest Sunday on the 4th, and followed by drinks and refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

Harvest is an opportunity to give thanks to God – both liturgically and personally – to give thanks for the fruits of many harvests (land, sea, and air), and for those who farm and deliver our food resources. Please bring along some food stuffs for the St Vincent de Paul homeless centre in Southend, as a gift to those less fortunate than ourselves. Harvest Festival was always an important day in the liturgical year when we were Anglicans, and we must never fail to give thanks to God's gracious provision, and for those who co-operate with the natural world.



There are continued opportunities in October for catechesis, with the online Old Testament Course – *Looking Backwards: Looking Forwards* (see below). There is only one online Spiritual Conference in October, as a number of us will be attending the Ordinariate Festival in Eastbourne (see below).

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, the feast being celebrated on the 7th October, and gives us an opportunity to renew our prayer life 'hand in hand' with Our Lady.

Wishing you all a blessed month of the Holy Rosary.

Fr Michael

NEWS FROM THE ORDINARIATE



3rd October - 2.30pm - **GUILD OF ST STEPHEN ANNUAL MASS**, with the Archbishop of Westminster.

4th October - 9.00am - **HARVEST FESTIVAL**, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall

13th-15th October - **ORDINARIATE FESTIVAL** - Christ the King Church, Eastbourne

28th October - **SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE** - Fr Neil Chatfield: Group Pastor, Eastbourne Mission

1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th October - **LOOKING FORWARDS: LOOKING BACKWARDS** - online course on the Old Testament.

Please see below for further details



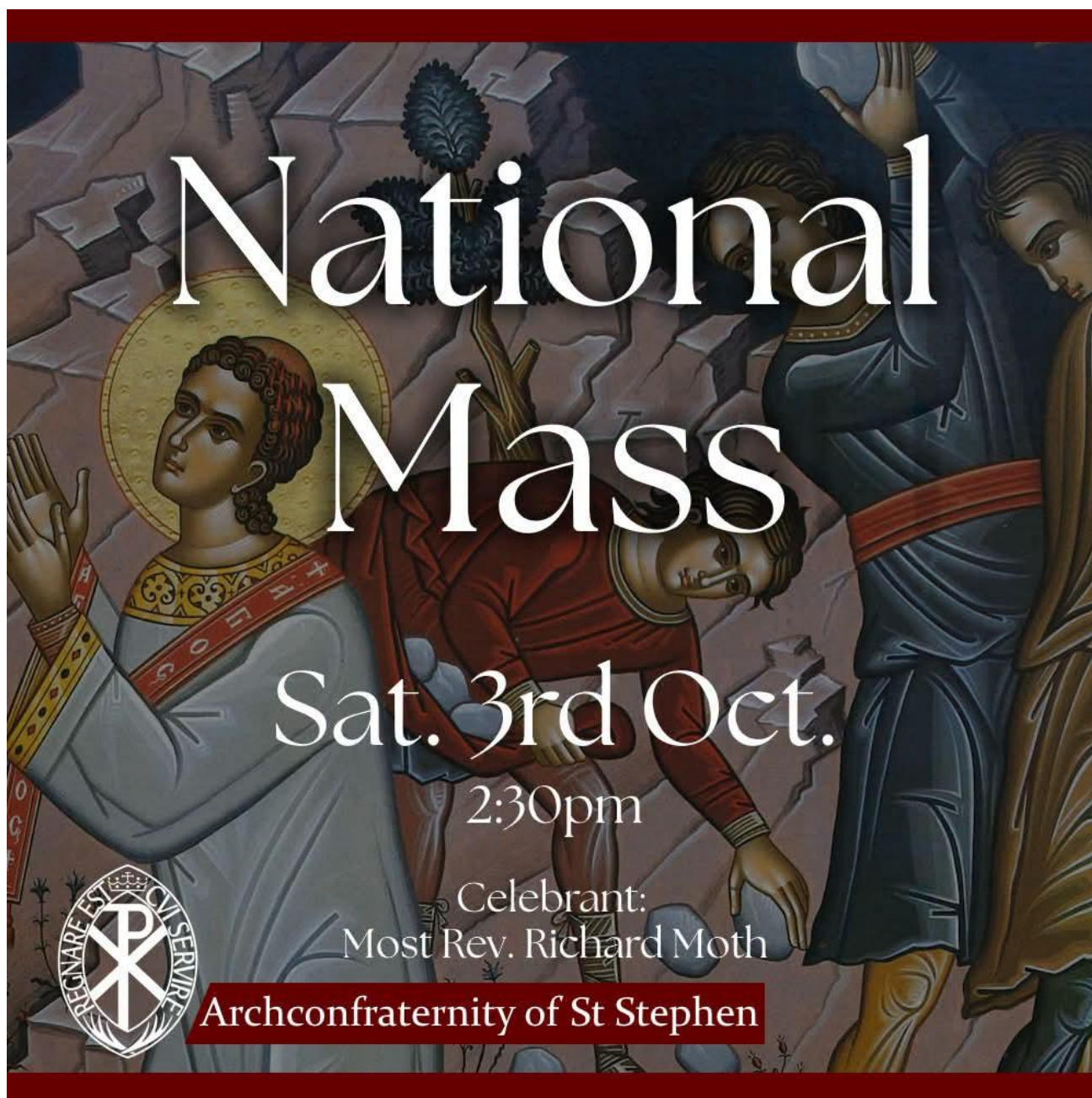
OUTREACH & PUBLICITY

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

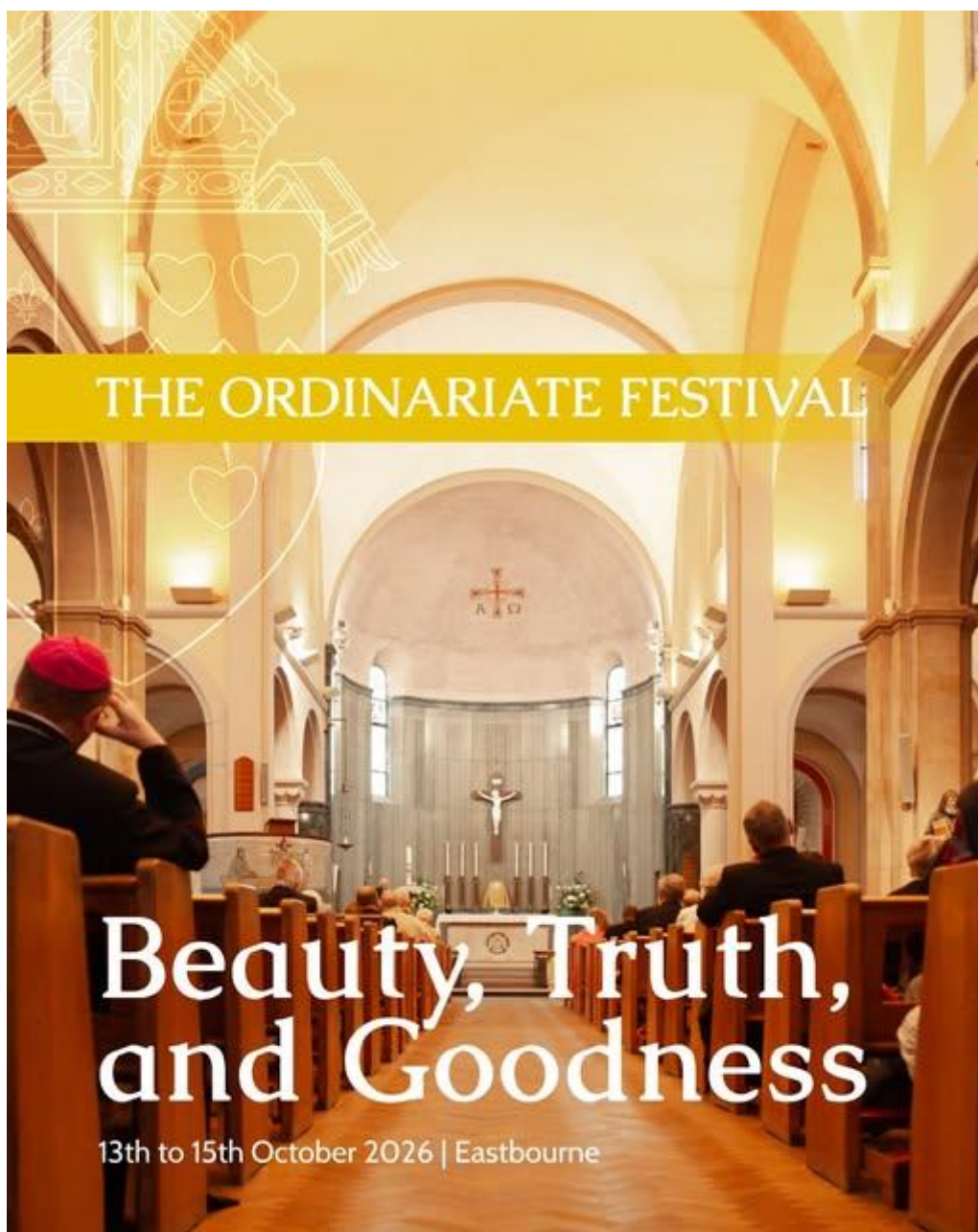
Ordinariate, published by the *Catholic Truth Society*. Feel free to take one and pass it on to a friend or neighbour. We are privileged to offer mass weekly in this beautiful Church: let us never fail to give thanks for the life of faith in the Catholic church.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 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 **MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY**.

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



The theme of this year's Festival - Beauty, Truth, and Goodness - helps to emphasise aspects of the Ordinariate's unique gifts which the Bishops identified in our Patrimony. One of the document's themes, *"Evangelisation through Beauty...not as an end in itself, but insofar as it has the power to lead us to God"*, will be explored at the Festival this year.

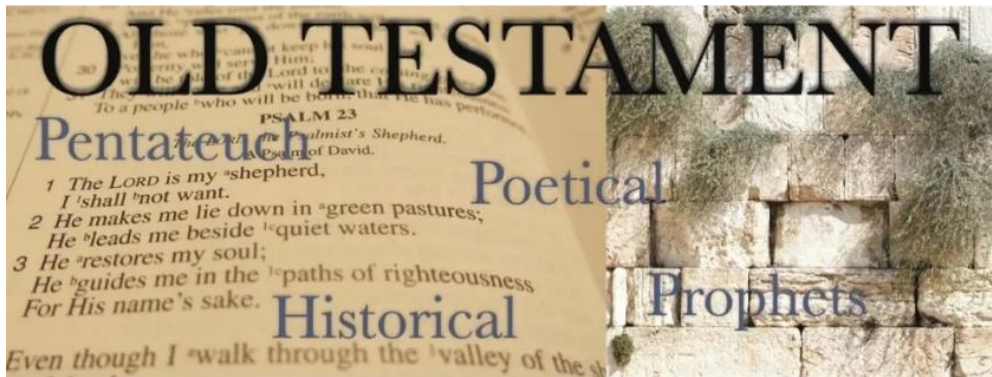
13th - 15th October 2026

Christ the King Church, 3 Princes Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT

You can find a booking form on our website:

<https://eastbourneordinariate.org.uk/ordinariate-festival-2026>

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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| 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 | |

Fr Michael Halsall

Group Pastor & Lecturer in Philosophy at Allen Hall Seminary, London



FOCUS ON VOCATIONS

Please pray for our three Ordinariate seminarians at Allen Hall, who are being formed for the service of a priest in the Ordinariate. This year has seen another healthy growth in numbers in our seminary

in London, and most are young, keen, and energetic.

Please pray for the staff and lecturers, whose work is to help form these men into the next generation of priests. Details of our English speaking seminaries can be found below:

Allen Hall, London - <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/allenhall/>

St Mary's Oscott, Birmingham - <https://www.oscott.org/>

Venerable English College, Rome - <https://www.vecrome.org/>

Pontifical Beda College, Rome - <https://bedacollege.org/>

FORTNIGHTLY SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES

The series of Spiritual Conferences held on GMeet, will continue this month, on the fourth Wednesday, at 8.00pm. It will last 20-25 minutes, and we shall pray the Office of Compline afterwards. The link is as follows:

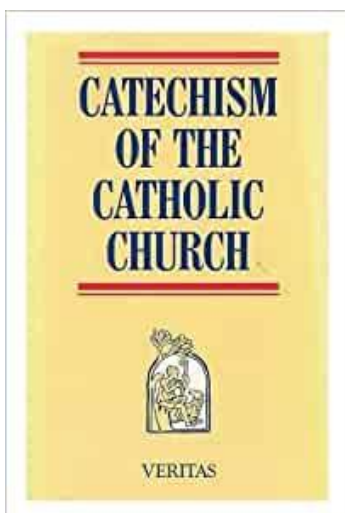
28th October - Fr Neil Chatfield: Group Pastor, Eastbourne Mission

<https://meet.google.com/sxu-catp-ait>

There will be no Conference on the 2nd Wednesday, as a number of us will be attending the Ordinariate Festival in Eastbourne.

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.





TEACHING FROM THE MAGISTERIUM

The Dignity of Human Work

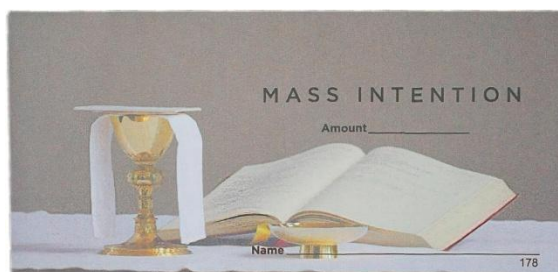
"Human work proceeds directly from persons created in the image of God and called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both with and for one another. Hence work is a duty: "If any one will not work, let him not eat". Work honours the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him. It can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardship of work, in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and

the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ. In work, the person exercises and fulfils in part the potential inscribed in his nature. The primordial value of labour stems from man himself, its author and its beneficiary. Work is for man, not man for work. Everyone should be able to draw from work the means of providing for his life and that of his family, and of serving the human community. Everyone has the right of economic initiative; everyone should make legitimate use of his talents to contribute to the abundance that will benefit all and to harvest the just fruits of his labour. He should seek to observe regulations issued by legitimate authority for the sake of the common good". (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paras 4427-4429)

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a mass intention on Sundays (or weekdays), for yourselves, a departed relative, or a private intention, then there are some new envelopes in the magazine rack at the back of church. Please fill in the details and an appropriate offering, and we shall fix a date for the mass to be offered.

Fr Michael

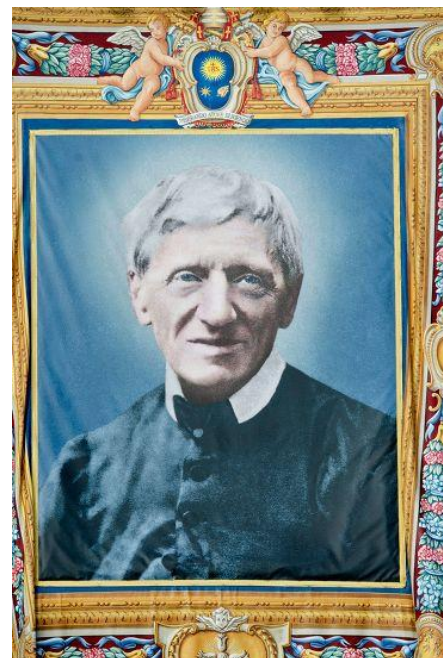


FROM THE WRITINGS OF OUR PATRON:

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

"He shall be like a tree which is planted near the running waters, which shall bring forth its fruit in due season. And his leaf shall not fall off; and all whatever he shall do shall prosper". (Psalm 1:3)

"Among the many images under which the good man is described in Holy Scripture, perhaps there is none more vivid, more beautiful, and more touching than that which represents him as some favoured and thriving tree in the garden of God's planting. Our original birth-place and home was a garden; and the trees which Adam had to dress and



keep, both in themselves and by the sort of attention they demanded, reminded him of the peaceful happy duties and the innocent enjoyments which were the business of his life. A garden, in its perennial freshness and its soothing calm, is the best type of heaven, and its separate plants and flowers are the exactest types of the inhabitants of heaven. Accordingly it is introduced into the last page of Scripture as well as into the first; it makes its appearance at the conclusion of man's eventful history as in the record of its opening. As in the beginning we read of the Paradise of pleasure, with the great river and its four separate streams, with all manner of trees, fair to behold and pleasant to eat of, and, above all, the Tree of Life, – so, in the last chapter of the Apocalypse, we are told of the river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb, which he that thirsteth may drink freely; and of the Tree of Life, bearing twelve fruits, the leaves of which were for the healing of the nations ...

This spiritual plant of God is placed by the running waters; it is nourished and recruited by the never-failing, the perpetual, the daily and hourly supply of their wholesome influences. It grows up gradually, silently, without observation; and in proportion as it rises aloft, so do its roots, with still less observation, strike deep into the earth. Thus it determinately takes up its habitation in one place, from which death alone shall part it".

Sermons Preached on Various Occasions: Sermon 13 – The Tree Beside the Waters

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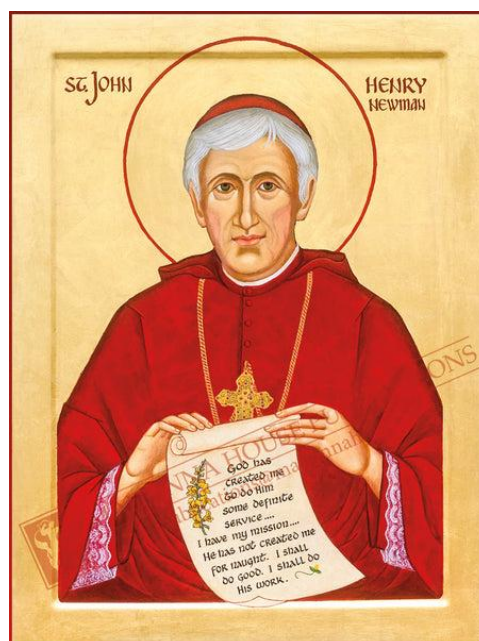
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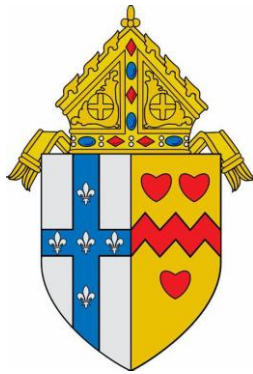
SOCIAL FUNCTIONS Celia Fagence (01702 202956)

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.

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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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