



Bulletin *on* Divine Worship

Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

THIS ISSUE OF THE *Bulletin on Divine Worship* celebrates and records the liturgical events surrounding the episcopal consecration and installation of Bishop David Waller as Bishop Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. ✠

Decree of Appointment from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (24 April 2024)

Since the *Ordinariatus Personalis Dominae Nostrae Valsinghamensis in Anglia et Cambria*, commonly called the ‘Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in England and Wales,’ is now vacant, following the resignation of its last ordinary, the Rev’d Fr Keith Newton, according to canon 401 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, the Supreme Pontiff FRANCIS, by divine providence pope and *pontifex*, names and appoints to the office of ordinary of the aforementioned personal ordinariate, the Rev’d David Arthur Waller, from the clergy of that ordinariate, until now Vicar General, conferring upon the same the episcopal dignity and the faculties which, according to the norm of law and the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus*, are appropriate to this office.

Therefore, under the seal [(*sub plumbo*)] of the apostolic letter making this provision are to be prepared the additional decrees for making the profession of faith and the oath allegiance.

Given at Rome, at the Office of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, 24 April 2024.

Victor Manuel Card. Fernández, *Prefect*
The Rev’d Armando Matteo, *Secretary*

Announcement of the Appointment from the Holy See Press Office (29 April 2024)

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham (Great Britain), presented by Rev’d Mgr Keith Newton.

His Holiness has appointed Rev’d David Arthur Waller, until now Vicar General of the Ordinariate and Pastor of Christ the King Parish in Chingford, as Bishop Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham (Great Britain).

Mgr David Arthur Waller was born on June 10, 1961, in London and graduated with a degree in theology from the University of Leeds. After graduation, he spent six years as a community worker in Bradford, northern England. In 1989, he commenced his training for Anglican orders at Chichester Theological College, at the end of which he received ordination to the diaconate and priesthood in the Church of England in 1991 and 1992, respectively. Subsequently, he held various pastoral roles in the Anglican Diocese of Chichester, in Sussex, where he also served as a hospital chaplain and member of the diocesan synod.

In 2000, he was named Vicar (Parish Priest) of the Parish of St Saviour in Walthamstow, East London, in the Anglican Diocese of Chelmsford. In addition to his pastoral duties, he held other pastoral and administrative roles, including Member of the Anglican Bishop of Richborough’s Council of Priests, Chairman of the Diocesan Religious Education Committee, and Member of the General Synod of the Church of England. After the publication of the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus* in 2009, he decided to embark upon a path that would lead him to enter the Catholic Church.

In Holy Week 2011, Mgr Waller was received into full communion with the Catholic Church. He was ordained to the priesthood in the Catholic Church, following the provisions of *Anglicanorum Coetibus*, and subsequently held the offices of Administrator of St John the Baptist Parish in Ilford (2011-15) and Parish Priest of Christ the King Parish in Chingford (since 2015). Within the Ordinariate, he has also served as President of the Governing Council, Dean for South East of England, and Vicar General. ✠

Statement of Monsignor Keith Newton of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham (29 April 2024)

Dear Father, Brothers and Sisters,

At 11 a.m. today (12 noon Rome time) it was announced that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, had accepted my resignation from the pastoral responsibility for the Ordinariate of Our Lady of

Walsingham and has appointed Fr David Waller, until now our Vicar General, to be the second ordinary of the ordinariate here in Great Britain. As he is a celibate he will be ordained the episcopate in due course and so will be our first Bishop Ordinary.

This is a momentous day in the life of the ordinariate. You will understand that I have mixed feelings about giving up being ordinary after over 13 years but I think it is the right time for me to hand over to someone new. More importantly this is the first time that a new ordinary of the three ordinariates has been selected from one of its serving priests. *Deo Gratias.*

This whole process has taken nearly two years and I am extremely grateful to the members of our Governing Council, whose role it was to send a *terna* of names to the Holy See, to have kept this information confidential for such a long time.

We hope the episcopal ordination will take place towards the end of June and for that reason I think it is sensible to cancel the coordinators and the Plenary meetings on June 19 and 20 as we cannot expect people to travel to London twice in so short a time. Details of the ordination will be sent out as soon as they are known.

In the meantime please note I should no longer be named in the Eucharistic Prayer nor should Bishop-elect Waller until he has taken possession of the ordinariate after his ordination. However, both of us would value your prayers during this transitional period.

Finally, I want to say how delighted I am with the appointment of Fr David as the next ordinary. He has been unwaveringly loyal to the ordinariate since his ordination and has been a great support to me especially since his appointment as Vicar General.

With the assurance of my prayers for Fr David and for you all as we begin a new chapter in the life of the ordinariate. 🙏

Statement of Bishop Steven J. Lopes of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter in the United States (29 April 2024)

Today we receive with great joy the news that our Holy Father has appointed Fr David Waller as the new Bishop of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. The clergy and faithful of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter join me in welcoming Bishop-Elect Waller as we rejoice together in this important moment for our brothers and sisters in the UK. Of course, the occasion of this new appointment is also a moment to express great gratitude for the ministry and priestly witness of Mgr Keith Newton, who has led the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham since its founding in 2011. In many ways, Mgr Newton has fostered the broad identity and mission of the ordinariate, especially as this still relatively new entity takes its place in Catholic life and contributes to the evangelical dynamism of the whole Church. Bishop-Elect Waller is a great choice for ordinary, as he has served aptly as Vicar General and member of their Governing Council. He is a proven parish priest, leading parishes both in the ordinariate and in the Diocese of Brentwood. As he begins this transition and takes up his new responsibilities as bishop, he can count on the prayers, encouragement, and support of all of us in the Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter. *Ad multos annos*, Bishop-Elect Waller.

Statement of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Apostolic Administrator of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross in Australia (29 April 2024)

It is with great joy that I welcome the news of the appointment by Pope Francis of the Very Rev'd David Waller as the Bishop of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in the United Kingdom. Together with the clergy and Christ's lay faithful of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and pledge our prayers for Bishop-Elect Waller as he prepares to assume his new pastoral responsibilities. This moment of transition is celebrated across continents as we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the United Kingdom.

Joining me in this message of welcome is Bishop Steven Lopes from the Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter in North America. Together we affirm our commitment to fostering close bonds of communion and cooperation within the ordinariate ministry and mission in the Catholic Church.

I would also like to extend my profound gratitude and fellowship in prayer to Mgr Keith Newton, who has faithfully shepherded the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham since its foundation in 2011. His dedication and service have been foundational to the growth and spiritual nourishment of the ordinariate.

As we welcome Bishop-Elect Waller, we pray that his ministry will be blessed with wisdom, joy, and a deepened faith. May his leadership continue to strengthen the ties of our Catholic ordinariate community and may we all be renewed in our mission to witness Christ's love and mercy. ✠

Notice of Election of Monsignor Newton as Administrator of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham (1 May 2024)

Following the announcement that the Holy Father FRANCIS has accepted the resignation of the Right Rev'd Keith Newton, P.A. as Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham ("the Ordinariate"), and appointed the Very Rev'd David Arthur Waller as Bishop Ordinary, the Governing Council of the ordinariate met on Tuesday 30th April 2024 and elected the said Mgr Keith Newton as Administrator of the ordinariate.

Having made the Profession of Faith, Mgr Keith Newton will exercise the rights and duties of this office according to the norms of canon law until the new bishop takes possession of the ordinariate.

As the offices of vicar general and vicars cease *sede vacante*, in the interests of continuity in administration during the vacancy, former vicarious responsibilities will be fulfilled by the appointment of deputies by the Administrator.

The Rev'd Jonathan Redvers Harris, J.C.L.
Chancellor, 1st May 2024 ✠

Liturgical Notes on the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop David Waller

The episcopal ordination of the Very Rev'd David Waller took place at Westminster Cathedral at 11 a.m. on Saturday 22 June 2024, the Feast of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More. The Principal Celebrant and Principal Consecrator was H.E. Victor Manuel Cardinal Fernández, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith and Cardinal-Deacon of Santi Urbano e Lorenzo a Prima Porta. The Principal Co-Consecrators were H.E. Vincent Cardinal Nichols of Westminster and Bishop Steven Lopes of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter (USA). Other co-consecrating bishops were Bishop Anthony Randazzo of Broken Bay and Apostolic Administrator of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross (Australia), Bishop James Curry (Auxiliary of Westminster), Bishop Nicholas Hudson (Auxiliary of Westminster), and Bishop Philip Moger (Auxiliary of Southwark).

The concelebrants included large numbers of the presbyterate of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, as well as other priests from across England, Wales, and Scotland. Amongst the concelebrants were the Rev'd Mgr Keith Newton, P.A., Administrator of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, the Rev'd Christopher Thomas, General Secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and the Rev'd Andrew Liaugminas of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. Present in choir was the Apostolic Nuncio to the Court of St James, H.E. the Most Rev'd Miguel Maury Buendía.

Amongst the ecumenical guests were three retired bishops of the Church of England: the former bishops of Barking (the Rt Rev'd David Hawkins), Blackburn (the Rt Rev'd Nicholas Reade), and Chichester (the Rt Rev'd John Hind).

The Mass was the Ritual Mass *For the Conferral of Holy Orders* taken from the current English translation of the third typical edition of the Roman Missal, rather than *Divine Worship: The Missal*. Details of the music are given below.

The Mass began with the procession of the ministers from the sacristy to the High Altar of the cathedral. Bishop-Elect Waller was accompanied by two assistants from amongst the clergy and Governing Council of the ordinariate: the Rev'd David Lashbrooke and the Rev'd Dr Andrew Starkie. The Bishop-Elect wore the concelebration vestments of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham over the pontifical dalmatic, alb, and choir cassock.

After the Introductory Rites, the First Reading was read at the ambo of the cathedral by Mr Christopher Woodman, Financial Secretary. The Gospel was read by the Rev'd James Patrick.

Following the chanting of the *Veni Creator*, the Bishop-Elect was led to the centre of the chancel by his assistants, whilst Cardinal Fernández was flanked by Cardinal Nichols and Bishop Lopes before the High Altar. Fr Starkie then requested Cardinal Fernández ordain the new bishop, and the Apostolic Mandate was presented by the Nuncio and read in English by the Chancellor, the Rev'd Jonathan Redvers Harris, J.C.L.

The Sermon was given by Cardinal Fernández, reflecting on the gospel of Christ the Good Shepherd, the role of the bishop and apostolic succession, the meaning and mission of the ordinariate, collaboration in full communion, and the examples of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More. The text is given below.

Once the Sermon was concluded, the Bishop-Elect made the promises required by the liturgical rites, and the Litany of the Saints was chanted in English as he lay prostrate before the altar. Following this, Cardinal Fernández and the other bishops present laid hands on the Bishop-Elect in silence. The Prayer of Ordination was said by Cardinal Fernández, whilst the Book of the Gospels was held over the head of the Bishop-Elect by two deacons chosen from amongst the clergy of the ordinariate.

After the Prayer of Ordination, Bishop Waller knelt before Cardinal Fernández, who anointed the head of the new bishop with the sacred chrism, and gave to him the Book of the Gospels, the episcopal ring (which had belonged to the Late

Mgr Edwin Barnes, one-time Anglican bishop of Richborough), the mitre, and the crosier (which had belonged to Mgr Andrew Burnham, one-time Anglican bishop of Ebbsfleet).

As the ordination took place in the cathedral of another jurisdiction, the new bishop was next led to be seated amongst the other concelebrating bishops. After this, once more at the centre of the sanctuary, the new bishop was greeted with the fraternal kiss by the other bishops whilst the choir sang Duruflé's *Ubi Caritas*. In a special gesture of affection for his predecessor, Bishop Waller then exchanged a fraternal kiss with his predecessor, Mgr Newton, as the offertory rites began.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist proceeded with the Roman Canon, Cardinal Fernández being joined at the altar by Cardinal Nichols, Bishop Waller, Bishop Lopes, and Mgr Newton. Following the distribution of Holy Communion, the *Te Deum* was chanted in Latin as Bishop Waller was led through the church by Bishops Lopes and Randazzo, thus representing the three personal ordinariates.

The *Te Deum* was followed by remarks given by the new bishop and the Nuncio, before the Solemn Blessing. The Mass concluded with the well-loved hymn to Our Lady of Walsingham, *Joy to thee Queen*. Following the Mass, the clergy gathered in the sacristy where the traditional acclamation *Ad Multos Annos* was sung. A reception in Westminster Cathedral Hall followed, attended by the cardinals, bishops, clergy, and lay faithful present at this most joyful occasion. ✠ — *James Bradley*

Homily of Cardinal Fernández for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Waller

I. The Gospel: Christ, the Good Shepherd (Jn 10:11-16)

1. Of the various images the Lord used to represent his relationship with his disciples, the image of the Good Shepherd occupies a unique place in our Tradition because of its many rich nuances. A shepherd leads from within; he lives close to his flock, which knows his voice.

For this reason, in a sermon on today's gospel, St John Henry Newman explained that the image of the Good Shepherd reveals the tremendous love of Christ, who emptied himself, who became man,

and who – from within humanity – guided us to the Father.

2. In addition to what the image of the Good Shepherd shows us about Christ, it also conveys a very powerful message about our role in following him. According to Newman, today’s gospel teaches us that it is not primarily reason that moves us to believe in Christ and follow his voice, but it is love. As Newman explained:

“We believe, because we love. [...] It is the doctrine, then, of [this] text, that those who believe in Christ, believe because they know Him to be the Good Shepherd; and they know Him by His voice.”

As Newman and all of us who live our faith know, listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd and following him touches upon every aspect of our lives and every day of our earthly pilgrimage.

II. The Role of the Bishop and Apostolic Succession

3. To help us hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and to follow him, the Lord appointed his apostles as the first pastors of his flock—starting with St Peter, whom he commissioned to “feed my lambs” and “tend my sheep” (cf. Jn 21:15-17). Here, we see the inseparable connection between Christ the Good Shepherd and the pastoral ministry he entrusted to his apostles.

4. And this sacred mandate, to shepherd the flock in Christ’s name, is passed on from generation to generation through the gift of apostolic succession.

This uninterrupted laying on of hands – from the apostles to today – is one of the treasures our Catholic Church has preserved. It is an essential element of the treasury of Tradition that St Paul described in his First Letter to the Corinthians when he said, “I received from the Lord what I passed on to you” (1 Cor. 11:23).

And the episcopal ordination we celebrate here today becomes the most recent link in that sacred transmission, where we, the ordaining bishops, can say, ‘what I have received from the Lord, I now transmit to you.’

III. The Meaning and Mission of the Ordinariate

5. The path toward full participation in the gift of apostolic succession – with all the other treasures that our Catholic Church has in fullness – has been a central part of the journey of this ordinariate community.

To accommodate requests from groups of Anglicans who wished to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, the Holy See established the ordinariate as similar to a diocese, which the Second Vatican Council defines as “a particular church in which the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Christ is truly present and operative.”

6. At the same time, this “portion of the People of God” is structured to enable Anglicans, who were entering into full communion with the Catholic Church, to preserve elements of what Pope St Paul VI described as “the legitimate prestige and worthy patrimony of piety and usage” proper to the Anglican Communion.

7. These reflections highlight two crucial dimensions of the life of the ordinariate. On the one hand, as an integral part of the Catholic Church, the ordinariate has a mission to collaborate with other particular Churches “in which and from which the one and only Catholic Church exists.”

At the same time – in the words of the apostolic constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus* – the ordinariate is invited to see the positive aspects of the Anglican tradition preserved in it “as a precious gift [...] and as a treasure to be shared.”

8. The existence of the ordinariate, thus, 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, as Pope Francis teaches in *Evangelii Gaudium*:

The history of the Church shows that Christianity does not have simply one cultural expression [...]. In the Christian customs of an

evangelized people, the Holy Spirit adorns the Church, showing her new aspects of revelation and giving her a new face.

In this process, the Church not only gives but is also enriched. For, as St John Paul II taught, “every culture offers positive values and forms which can enrich the way the Gospel is preached, understood and lived.”

9. In the case of the ordinariate, the Catholic faith is inculturated by 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 the 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.

IV. Collaboration in Full Communion

10. For this same reason, when considering the unique nature of the ordinariate, we should also always see it in the broader context of its integral participation in Catholic communion. Because of this, to remain true, its ecclesial life must always work for the unity of the Church.

This happens when the ordinariate prays, lives, and works in communion with other local Churches to favour the common growth of the spiritual life, fraternal life, and the work of evangelisation of the same territory.

This collaboration favours the vital “exchange of gifts” through which – as Pope Francis teaches – “the Spirit can lead us ever more fully into truth and goodness.”

11. In the case of London, the work of dialogue and collaboration implies, in the first place, an affective and effective communion with the Archdiocese of Westminster and with other local dioceses.

In fact, ordinariate priests already collaborate generously with parishes in this archdiocese, and the same happens in other dioceses across Great Britain. Yet, we can always grow in a spirit of

dialogue and sharing, including concerning pastoral goals, in light of what Pope Francis proposes.

Also, in the spirit of communion, the presence of Cardinal Nichols, Bishop Lopes and Bishop Randazzo – as well as my own presence here – is a sign of the three essential relationships that define the ordinariate: the relationship with the Holy See, with the local dioceses, and with the other ordinariates.

V. Intercession and Inspiration from Today's Saints: St Thomas More and St John Fisher

12. As all of us, from near and far, gather to celebrate the ordination of Bishop-Elect Waller, we are very blessed to do so in Westminster Cathedral, which is so central to the life of the Catholic Church here in England.

Seeing the relics and images of the saints commemorated here, we might well exclaim with Newman, “Blessed are they who resolve—come good, come evil, come sunshine, come tempest, come honour, come dishonour—that [Christ] shall be their Lord and Master, their King and God!”

13. Among the great English saints who lived out this resolve ‘until the end’ are the two saints we celebrate today: St Thomas More and St John Fisher.

St Thomas More was born here in London and became the Lord High Chancellor of England, while St John Fisher was the Cardinal Bishop of Rochester. In these two saints, we have a layman and a prelate: both very fervent in their love for Christ and their desire to communicate him to others.

This is, in fact, what Pope Francis insists we must all do: to announce to everyone the love of God, manifested in the open arms of Christ, who today is active in our lives.

14. The intercession of today’s saints will be invoked in a special way by their inclusion in the Litany of Saints, as we ask for their prayers – together with those of all the saints – for the ministry of our new bishop. The example of these saints also provides a helpful encouragement and inspiration for him to follow the love and

dedication of these saints in caring for the flock entrusted to him.

15. As Bishop-Elect Waller assumes the responsibility of Bishop of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, let us pray that he may always remain very close to Christ, the Good Shepherd. May he also remain close to his flock – with simplicity, kindness, and dedication – to guide them in Christ’s name. In all things, may he be a servant of the Gospel, after the heart of Christ.

For this mission, today he receives the fire of the Holy Spirit: the only one capable of transforming our hearts, healing our selfishness, and filling us with his fervour and with true joy in love. 🕯️

Notes on the Music at the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop David Waller

To get it out of the way at the beginning, it is regrettable that *Divine Worship* was not used for the rite. Having said that, the musical choices might not have been so very different if it had been, given both the breadth of practice within the ordinariate, and also the musical provision and tradition of Westminster Cathedral itself.

The singers were the *Special Services Choir* of Westminster Cathedral, a mixed-sex outfit as opposed to the men and boys usually present, but given that Mozart was featured, that may not have been a bad thing. The organ preludes were not given in the order of service, but the liturgy began with *Come down, O Love Divine*, translated from Bianco da Siena’s Italian poem by R.F. Littledale, and (ironically) author of *Plain Reasons for Not Joining the Church of Rome*. The text was originally published in 1867, but reached much greater prominence when Vaughan Williams set it to *Down Ampney* for the *English Hymnal*.

This was followed by the Introit, *Dominus fortitudo plebis suae*. In the missal, in the Ritual Mass for the ordination of a bishop, the Entrance Antiphon to be spoken is “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...”; the *Graduale* does not distinguish, in the section “*in conferendis sacris ordinibus*,” between what grade of order is being conferred, and there *Dominus fortitudo* is the first of five choices.

The *Kyrie* and *Gloria* were from Mozart’s *Missa Brevis* in B Flat (K275), probably written for Salzburg Cathedral, at some point between 1772 and 1777. The first few moments are indeed relatively brief, although the *Agnus Dei* was to come in for considerable criticism: the final *dona nobis pacem* section not only takes up more than half the piece, but is also based on a Parisian gavotte. Pious musicians of the 1860s in the region declined to perform the Mass, on the grounds that this was “an open mockery of the holy text.”

Between the reading and the Gospel, the Alleluia *Tu es sacerdos* was chanted, taking advantage of paragraph 9 of the *Graduale’s* praenotanda, which states that where there is one reading before the Gospel, outside Paschal time either the Gradual or the Alleluia may be sung. While the introduction and conclusion to the Gospel were sung, the text itself was not. The *Veni Creator* was chanted in Latin, the Litany in English, but aside from the doxology there was no chant from the clergy.

Duruffé’s *Ubi caritas* accompanied the Sign of Peace, followed slightly unexpectedly by Tallis’s Whitsun Responsory *Loquebantur*. This formed a pleasing link with the Cardinal’s sermon, in which he had spoken of the ordinariate as “one of the faces of the Church.” (The text of *Loquebantur* runs: “The Apostles spoke in many languages of the great works of God.” *Ed.*).

For the *Sanctus*, *Benedictus*, and *Agnus Dei*, we turned to that old stager, the *Missa de Angelis*, sung with due gusto. More English music followed with Elgar’s *Ave Verum*, before the Latin communion antiphon, *Ego vos elegi*. The communion hymn was *O thou who camest from above*, words and music by the grandfather-grandson combination of Charles and Samuel Sebastian Wesley respectively. The *Te Deum* was then sung in Latin to the familiar chant as the new bishop blessed the faithful, while the final hymn was that anonymous Walsingham favourite, *Joy to thee, Queen*. Here it would have been good to have an image of Our Lady of Walsingham in the sanctuary.

Duruffé was not the sole Frenchman represented, since the voluntary was Widor’s *Marche Pontificale*, the fifth movement of his first organ symphony.

Although St John Henry Newman was mentioned in the sermon, none of his hymns was sung: it is not as though he is left out in other contexts, though. Musically-speaking, we had a model of a formal but relatively relaxed solemn Mass, well enhanced by the various choices made. ✠

— Daniel Lloyd

Liturgical Notes on the Solemn Pontifical Mass and Canonical Possession at Our Lady of the Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street

On Sunday 23 June 2024, Bishop David Waller took canonical possession of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham during a Solemn Mass offered according to *Divine Worship: The Missal* in the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street. The Mass was celebrated in the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio to the Court of St James, H.E. the Most Rev'd Miguel Maury Buendía, and concelebrated by Bishop Steven Lopes, Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Mgr Keith Newton, the Rev'd Andrew Liaugminas (Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith), the Rev'd Christopher Thomas (General Secretary, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales), and priests of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. The Mass was also attended by other clergy and seminarians of the ordinariate, and clergy of other jurisdictions, as well as a number of the laity.

Before the Mass, the clergy processed into the church during the singing of St John Henry Newman's hymn, *Firmly I believe and truly*, sung to the traditional English melody, *Shipston*, made popular by Vaughan Williams and its inclusion in the 1906 English Hymnal.

At the door of the church, the Rector, the Rev'd Mark Elliott Smith, received Bishop Waller, offering him a crucifix to venerate, and holy water with which to sprinkle himself and the faithful. After a moment of prayer, the Bishop was led to the sanctuary accompanied by the Vice-Chancellor and member of the Governing Council, the Rev'd James Bradley, J.C.D., whilst the antiphon *Ecce sacerdos magnus* was sung to the setting by Sir Edward Elgar.

Once the bishop was seated at a faldstool before the altar, the Apostolic Nuncio presented the apostolic mandate. This was read in an English translation by the Vice-Chancellor, after which the Nuncio let the Bishop to his throne set up for this purpose on the gospel-side of the sanctuary.

With the start of the Mass, the Introit *Dominus illuminatio mea* was sung to the psalm tone given in *The English Gradual*. The Ordinary of the Mass was Mozart's *Coronation Mass* (K 317) accompanied by the organ and timpani. After the Collect, the Liturgy of the Word followed. The Sermon was given by Bishop Waller, and the Creed sung to Merbecke. Form III of the Prayers of the People was then read and the Offertory chant sung, followed by the hymn *All hail the power of Jesus' Name* sung to the tune *Diadem*.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist proceeded as usual, with the motet *Panis Angelicus* by César Franck during Holy Communion, followed by the hymn *O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray*. After the Prayer of Thanksgiving and Postcommunion collect, notices were given during which the Vice-Chancellor read aloud a decree announcing that Mgr Keith Newton as Ordinary Emeritus.

The Mass concluded with the Solemn *Tē Deum* sung to the familiar setting in B flat by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, the Pontifical Blessing, and the sung *Angelus*. As the ministers departed, George Duffield's hymn *Stand up for Jesus* – the hymn of the Society of the Holy Cross – was sung, followed by the *Sortie* in *E Flat* by Lefébure-Wély. ✠

— James Bradley

Appointment of Ordinary Emeritus The following rescript was issued by Bishop Waller on 23 June 2024, establishing that Mgr Newton is henceforth Ordinary Emeritus of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham:

DAVID

**BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND
FAVOUR OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE
BISHOP ORDINARY OF THE PERSONAL
ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
TO OUR BELOVED BROTHER IN CHRIST
THE RIGHT REVEREND KEITH NEWTON**

Since a personal ordinariate is juridically comparable to a diocese (*Anglicanorum Coetibus* I §3), regardless of episcopal consecration, the ordinary of the same is equivalent in law to a diocesan bishop, and thereby enjoys all the rights and dignities of the same office, unless it is otherwise apparent from the nature of the matter, or from a prescript of law (cf. c. 381 §3).

Mindful of the many years of faithful service given by you to this Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, not least in the time of its preparation, establishment, and initial growth, We acknowledge with gratitude on behalf of Our clergy and lay faithful the tireless efforts you have made in this endeavour, for the good of the Holy Church of God and for the salvation of souls.

Owing to the fact that the law itself attributes to a bishop whose resignation has been accepted the title *emeritus* (c. 402 §1) and that, at the same time, the title of *emeritus* may be conferred upon one who has ceased to hold ecclesiastical office by reason of age, or of resignation which has been accepted (c. 185), by these presents we decree that

THE RIGHT REVEREND KEITH NEWTON SHALL HENCEFORTH HOLD THE TITLE ORDINARY EMERITUS OF THE PERSONAL ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and Saint Gregory, Warwick Street, in the City of Westminster, on this Twenty-Third day of June, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

The Right Reverend David Waller
Bishop Ordinary

The Reverend James Bradley, J.C.D.
Vice-Chancellor



Ordinary or Bishop? Accommodating the provisions of *Anglicanorum Coetibus*, the liturgical books of *Divine Worship* foresee the possibility that the ordinary of personal ordinariate will be either a presbyter or a bishop. As such, at various points in the texts the option is given to say “Ordinary” or “Bishop.” With the appointment of a Bishop Ordinary to the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, the terminology now to be

used is “Bishop,” and not “Ordinary.” The title of the office itself is “Bishop Ordinary,” but this is not properly used in a liturgical setting. ✠

Notice of Ordinations The diaconal ordination of Richard Edward Pain, former Bishop of Monmouth in the Church in Wales, took place on Tuesday 2 July 2024 at 6 p.m. at the church of Ss Basil and Gladys in North Wales, at the hands of Bishop David Waller.

The priestly ordination of the Rev’d Timothy Ezat, the Rev’d Alex Garner, the Rev’d Richard Pain, and the Rev’d Martyr Rogers, took place on Saturday 20 July 2024 at noon at the church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, at the hands of Bishop Waller. ✠



Collect for the Bishop
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O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful: mercifully look upon thy servant DAVID, whom thou hast chosen to be shepherd and Bishop of thy Church; grant unto him to be in word and conduct a wholesome example to the people committed to his charge; that he with them may attain at last to the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ✠

