

**Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth**  
***National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit***

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*THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)*

*Come Holy Spirit, by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your well-beloved spouse. Amen.*



*Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, I give thee my whole self, soul and body, all that I have or may have, to keep for Jesus, that I may be His for evermore. Amen.*

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: For the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023:

- ❖ Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Family intentions of Surnod & Family.
- ❖ Our Lady of Light Chapel: Marsцена's exams.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: **Please make your weekly offerings by standing order.** This greatly helps the parish finances. If you are a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid the amount without any cost to yourself. The parish bank details are:

**Bank Title: Catholic Church Clacton-on-Sea**

**Sort Code 401322 Account Number: 41020463.**

Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and Gift Aid number in the Reference.

Funds received last week:

Electronic Offerings £174.00 of which £143.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £519.35 of which £103.00 was gift aided.

Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend for Peter's Pence in support of the Holy Father's emergency relief efforts to aid victims of war and natural disasters.

**Matthew 10:37-42**

In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells us 'Anyone who does not take up his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. Jesus reminds us that to receive one of His disciples is to receive Him.

Jesus' disciples had been with Him for three years. To be a disciple is to be a student. A student studies and learns from the teacher. Jesus was their teacher. He is our teacher. He was now commissioning them to be His apostles. To be an apostle is to be an ambassador. To be an ambassador is to represent another with their personal authority. Jesus' ministry was to be continued on earth by His representatives.

We are disciples of Jesus Christ through our baptism. We have been anointed Priest, Prophet, and King. We have been commissioned to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Jesus tells us that we are not to put all our effort and resources into this world.

If we devote our lives completely to success in this world at the expense of our relationship with Jesus Christ, we are the saddest of people. At the end of our lives, we are just left with the loss of everything. If we devote our lives firstly to Jesus Christ, we are assured of eternal happiness in heaven.

At the end of Mass, a word that mean's Mission, we are sent out to proclaim our faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ to the world. We are called to be other Christs to those we meet. In the Holy Mass, we are fed by the Word of God and the Holy Eucharist to continue Christ's ministry on earth. Are you ready to be an ambassador for Christ?

**THANK YOU:** I have received an email from Bernadette Fisher, Director of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society thanking the Parish for the Crib Donation of £209.45.

**YOUNG PERSONS' SUMMER PARTY:** St Charles Parish Hall - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm. For 7 to 18 years old (any younger must be accompanied by an adult). Calling all the youngsters to come and have some fun. Please complete the form at the back of the church.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 4th September at 7.00 pm in the Presbytery. The classes are for the following:

- Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Christians who wish to be received into the Catholic Church.
- Unbaptised who wish to be Baptised into the Catholic Church.

Please contact Fr Patrick if you would like to join the group.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MP: The abortion lobby is running a campaign to fully 'decriminalise' abortion, which would introduce abortion up to birth! Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth) to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

SOUP KITCHEN: Volunteers required to help make sandwiches. Contact Linda Swinbourne on 07799104874.

FRANCISCAN SECULAR ORDER FRATERNITY: Will meet for Exposition and prayer in the Presbytery at 6.00 pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. All welcome.

#### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Karly-Kay Caskey Intentions. Justyna.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2023. <i>Vigil of the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Lizzie Lucas & Grandchild Lucas RIP. Pamela Lucas.

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2023. <i>Thirteen Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS. Pat & Des McGuire Intentions. Joe.
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Anne Shields RIP Harry Killen.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: William Cox RIP Doreen Lane.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Mary Walsh Intentions. Joanne Campbell.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Dominic & Mary Henley RIP. John Henley.
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Tim Freyne Intentions.
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Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2023. <i>Vigil of the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mary Murray RIP Joe & Family.
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2023. <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS. Lovena Madge RIP Brian Madge.
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Anna Shield RIP Harry Killen.