

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Please, wherever possible, arrange to make **your weekly offerings electronically.** If you are a taxpayer, you can gift aid the amount without any cost to yourself. This saves the work of our volunteer counters, increases our income, and greatly reduces our bank charges. 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 £253.00 of which £195.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £638.00 of which £133.00 was gift aided.

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

LUKE: 14:25-33

In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus challenges us with His demands of discipleship. He tells us, "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple". He continues, "None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions". Our commitment to Jesus must come before all other relationships and attachments in this life. Jesus warns us to consider carefully before making our commitment to Him. Acceptance to the call to be a disciple demands readiness to accept persecution and suffering, and a realistic assessment of the hardships and costs.

We are inclined to picture a warm, gentle, and loving relationship with Jesus Christ leading to a full and comfortable life. We fail to recognize that we are caught up in nothing less than the life and death struggle of the whole world. God sent His Only Son into the world that through the Paschal Mystery, we may be led out of the world of selfishness, violence and sin into a new heaven and earth.

What is the challenge that Jesus is demanding of us?

We are called to share in His mission to bring salvation to the world. We are called to shine the light of Christ on the world. We are to be salt to the world. We are to place all that is most dear to us into His hands and for His purpose. Are we able to give up our own lives for Christ? To accept the gift of my life is to embrace the person that God wishes me to be in this life and the next. To accept Jesus is to embrace and take upon oneself your destiny. In giving up my life, I gain the life of Christ. Our destiny is the invitation of Jesus Christ, that we should respond to Him in love and total consent. Our destiny is to be free of worldly restrictions to love and be loved by God. It is to serve Jesus Christ in this life and spend eternity in perfect happiness with Him in heaven.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022/23: Will commence in September. We are opening the preparation this year to children aged 7 years to 16 years of age. This is an opportunity for any child that may have missed their First Holy Communion. If you wish your child to join the programme, please complete a Parish Registration Form available at the back of the church. Endorse the form 'First Holy Communion'. **The closing date for applications is Monday 5th September 2022.**

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 19th 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.

Attendance on the course does not require commitment to completion of the Sacraments. Please contact Fr Patrick if you would like more information or to join the group.

INDIAN DELIGHT: The Syria Malabar Community are kindly providing a meal of 'fried rice with buttered chicken' for £10.00 per portion in support of the Parish SVP Group on Saturday 1st October. The food can be collected from the Parish Hall from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. There are order slips at the back of the Church. Please return your completed order slip in a sealed envelope with the money inside and give it to a Church Steward. There is a maximum of 200 orders.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next Sunday for the Catholic Education Service.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 3 rd September 2022. <i>Feast of St Gregory the Great, P, D.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Harry Killen Intentions Janet Newton.
Saturday 3 rd September 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 3 rd September 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 3 rd September 2022.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 3 rd September 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 3 rd September 2022. <i>Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP Sonya, Shane & Syd.
Sunday 4 th September 2022. <i>The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Frank Gamble RIP D Lane.

Sunday 4 th September 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Joe Byrne & Byrne/Clinton Family RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Monday 5 th September 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Valerie Hayter & Raymond RIP Deirdre.
Tuesday 6 th September 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: John Horner RIP & Family Intentions M Gearle.
Friday 9 th September 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Mary & Dominic Henley RIP Nicola.
Saturday 10 th September 2022. <i>Feast of St Gregory the Great, P, D.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Anne Keston RIP J Keston.
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Saturday 10 th September 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 10 th September 2022. <i>Vigil of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: The Catenian Association Sean Hayes & Catenian Association.
Sunday 11 th September 2022. <i>The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Education Sunday.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Antoni & Matylda Delikator RIP Family.
Sunday 11 th September 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Stephen & Jill Morris & Family.