

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

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse. Amen.</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>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.</i></p>
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Education Sunday

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Bernie Bryne RIP - Theresa

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bernie Bryne RIP - Theresa.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Please make your weekly offerings by standing order. 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:

- Standing Order Offerings £470.00 of which £447.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offerings £458.88 of which £122.50 was gift aided.

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

MARK 8:27-35 In the Gospel from Mark, a deaf and dumb man was brought to Jesus. Jesus took him aside to a place of privacy. There in that private space there was just the man and Jesus Christ. The man was given a grace filled moment to be with the Son of God. Jesus places His fingers into the man's ears and touches the man's tongue with His spittle. The man encounters the bodily presence of Jesus Christ. He is touched by the physical presence and body of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus then looked up to heaven and said to the man "Ephphatha" that is "Be Opened". The man was able to hear and was given the gift of speech.

Jesus Christ's mission on earth was a mission of healing. The greatest act of healing took place through His death and bodily sacrifice on the cross.

Through His physical death on the cross, Jesus healed and reconciled the relationship between God and humanity.

Following His resurrection and ascension into heaven, Jesus Christ is no longer visible on earth in His bodily form. As Jesus expired His earthly spirit, the Father sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost into His Church to continue Christ's bodily contact through the Sacraments with mankind. During Jesus' presence on earth, His acts were divine acts in human form. They had saving and divine power. They bestowed grace realised in human form. Christ is now no longer visible in His bodily form. The Sacraments are the earthly extension of the body of Our Lord. The Sacraments bridge the gap between the Christ of heaven and humanity on earth. The Sacraments are not things but encounters of men and women with Jesus Christ in visible form. The sacraments are the earthly extension of the Body of Our Lord. This is the Church. This is true of all the Sacraments but most especially the Holy Eucharist - the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: In order to join the programme, you must attend the 9.30am Mass with your child on Saturday 14th September 2025. A meeting with all the parents will commence immediately after the Mass. The necessary forms will be completed at the meeting.

CHURCHES TOGETHER: The Clacton Churches Together will be holding their annual service at Our Lady of Light on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7.00 pm. The service will be followed by refreshments in the hall. Please may I make an appeal for home made cakes for the reception. All are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a collection at all Masses this weekend for the Catholic Education Services.

UPDATE ON NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST: The major works have been completed on the refurbishment of 3 Church Road. The property now requires redecoration. I am appealing for anybody that can help. Would you be able to decorate a room? Fr Grzegorz is visiting the parish next week. If you feel you can help, please speak to Fr Patrick.

PARISH BAZAAR: The bazaar will take place on Saturday 2nd November 2024. There will be a meeting for anybody able to help with the organisation of the bazaar on Sunday 15th September immediately after the 10.30am Mass in the parish hall. I would request your support with this important social event.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY: There will be a second collection at all Masses during the weekend 14th/15th September to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Applications for 2025 intake must be submitted to Essex County Council between 4th November 2024 and 15th January 2025. You no longer require a Certificate of Catholic Practice. You will need to supply the child's baptism certificate to the School. If your child has not been baptised, speak to Fr Patrick as soon as possible.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: The Knights of Saint Columba will be hosting a quiz night in the Parish Hall on Saturday 21st September 2024 at 7.00pm. There will be a buffet and soft drinks provided at the event. Please bring additional snacks and any alcoholic drinks you wish to consume. Teams of 6-8 but we can help you form one on the night. £8 a person. Proceeds in support of the parish hall roof fund. If you would like to attend, please put your name down on the list at the back of the Church.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA MEETING: A meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall for anybody interested in joining the Knights. Our Parish has historically always had an active group of Knights until recent years. The Knights exist to support the mission of the Catholic Church and at the same time work for the spiritual, intellectual and material welfare of its members and their families.

YOUNG PERSON'S CHOIR: Our Lady of Light young persons choir starts back on Monday 30th September and Monday 7th October 2024. 4.45pm to 5.30pm for guitar lessons, 5.30pm to 6.30pm for the choir. The next Mass will be on 13th October. Guitar lessons are free and use of some guitars for those willing to play monthly at our Mass. The Mass is on the 2nd Sunday of each month. There are 2 practices a month. It only works out at about 9 Masses a year and 18 practices. Involvement and participation grows our community and helps the children increase in faith and talents. All are welcome from age 7 to 18 years. There is a Christmas party and a Carol Service for all participants. We meet in the Church. Any queries text Julie Lee on 07949087427.

YOUTH GATHER AT MERSEA ISLAND: Weekend 26th to 27th October. Open to year 10 and above. There is a £75.00 fee. If you need funding text Julie Lee on 07949087427 and we will come to an arrangement. Zip wires, high ropes and fun for all youth. Opportunity to make friends with other young Catholics. Great for those interested in going to Lourdes (fundraising available) and for the Flame Concert in Wembley. Look at BCYS Brentwood Website and apply ASAP. Please encourage your youth to keep their faith.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 7th September 2024.	9.30am.	MASS: Maurice Clements RIP. Brian Madge.
Saturday 7th September 2024.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
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Sunday 8th September 2024 <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: John, Carmel & Martin Mullin Intentions. Eugene Mullin.
Sunday 8th September 2024	10.30am.	MASS: All Carers Intentions. Romano.
Sunday 8th September 2024.	2.00pm.	BAPTISM: Diego Mandoza
Wednesday 11th September 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Francis Paddy McDermott RIP. Kevin McArdle.
Thursday 12th September 2024. <i>Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Peter McDermott RIP. Kevin McArdle.
Friday 13th September 2024. <i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bp,D.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Alikutty Joseph Intentions. Mini.
Saturday 14th September 2024. <i>Feast of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Joseph Mathew Intentions. Mini.
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Sunday 15th September 2024 <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i> <i>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Stephen & Jill Morris & Family Intentions.
Sunday 15th September 2024	10.30am.	MASS: Maureen Clove & Family Intentions.