

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

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

(Sea Sunday)

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 £1316.52 of which £1072.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £464.86 of which £92.00 was gift aided.

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

LUKE 10:25-37

In today's Gospel from Luke, we are given one of the greatest parables in the New Testament. We are given the parable of The Good Samaritan. What is this Gospel about? It is about love!

Jesus has a discussion with a Jewish Lawyer. The lawyer represents the authority of Jewish law. The lawyer asks a legal question and gets the legal response from the Book of Deuteronomy. He is told that to inherit eternal life, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself'.

There was a problem with this response. We are dealing with a lawyer. He asks further clarification by asking 'who is my neighbour'. The Jewish religious authorities defined 'your neighbour' as a fellow Jew. Is this what Jesus was saying?

Jesus sets the record straight by giving the parable of The Good Samaritan.

A man was on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho. He was a faithful Jew returning from prayer in the Temple. He was attacked by brigands. He was left naked, injured, and dying at the side of the road. The priest and the Levite were walking in the opposite direction. They were going to worship God in the Temple. Under Jewish law to touch blood would have made them ritually unclean and unable to enter the Temple. They put the Law before compassion and walk passed the dying man. The Samaritan people were hated by the Jewish people. They were a people imported following the conquest of Israel by the Assyrians in the 8th century BC. It was a Samaritan who showed compassion and love to his enemy. He cleaned and bandaged the man's wounds. He placed him on his own mount and carried to the Inn. He gave his money to the innkeeper to care for the man and promised to make good any deficit on his return.

This is the true meaning of love.

I would like to give a further interpretation of the Parable. Jesus is the Samaritan who is travelling to Jerusalem to offer His life for the redemption of humanity. The injured traveler is humanity. The injured person is me and you. We are injured by sin and death. It is Jesus who bandages our wounds. It is Jesus who pours oil and wine on our broken souls. The healing oil and wine of mercy and love. It is Jesus who puts us in the care of His Church on earth. It is Jesus that gives the Church the means of our healing: The Holy Sacraments. It is Jesus who makes good the deficit of our love for God and our

neighbour through His perfect sacrifice on Calvary. It is Jesus who will return at the end of time in judgement and glory. It is Jesus who gives us a new commandment: 'To love one another as I have loved you'.

WELCOME BACK PARTY: Youth and children's end of summer party on Friday 2nd September 2022, 5pm to 7.30 pm in the parish hall. Sign-up at the back of the church.

SECOND COLLECTION: For 'Sea Sunday' at all Sunday Masses this weekend. The collection is used by Stella Maria (Apostleship of the Sea) and provides spiritual and welfare support for seafarers.

END OF TAX YEAR GIFT AID STATEMENTS: If you require a written statement of gift-aid payments during the Tax Year ended 5th April 2022, please email: giftaid-clacton@dioceseofbrentwood.org

NOTICE OF DEATH: Joe Murray has advised me of the death of his wife Mary Theresa Murray. Please remember the family in your prayers.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: Please see www.bcys.net/events for current events.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 9 th July 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Lovena Madge RIP Brian Madge & Family.
Saturday 9 th July 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 9 th July 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 9 th July 2022.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 9 th July 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 9 th July 2022. <i>Vigil of The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Bartley & Julia Mullin Intentions Eugene Mullin.
Sunday 10 th July 2022. <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). Sea Sunday.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Maureen Hughes Intentions Catherine O'Donovan.

Sunday 10 th July 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Sam McQuade RIP Steven Bann.
Sunday 10 th July 2022.	2.00 pm	BAPTISMS:
Monday 11 th July 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Estelle Moss RIP Angela Cook.
Tuesday 12 th July 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: David Belinda & Family Intentions Thomas Whelan.
Friday 15 th July 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Kathleen Roberts Intentions Sandra & Pat.
Saturday 16 th July 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Janet Newton Intentions Harry.
Saturday 16 th July 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
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Saturday 16 th July 2022.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 16 th July 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 16 th July 2022. <i>Vigil of The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Hilda O'Brien & Family Fr Gostling.
Sunday 17 th July 2022. <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Margaret Killen RIP Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 17 th July 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Maggie Van Sertima & Family Intentions Kathleen & Rob Tibbs.