

**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 (A)***  
***(Education 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.*

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Terence & Tara Intentions.*
- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Charles Roberts Intentions.*

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 £1280.00 of which £1102.91 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £479.98 of which £88.00 was gift aided.

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

### **Matthew 18:15-20**

In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus gives us clear guidelines for resolving disputes within a Christian community or family. The first step is a private meeting with the person to explain why we are upset with their behaviour. We are not to speak to others or gossip. This excludes the use of social media. We must try to resolve the dispute between just the two of us. We must above all act in love. If and only if, our attempt at reconciliation has been rejected and the person continues in the behaviour, we are to seek the support of two or three witnesses. If this fails to address the issue, it can be brought to the attention of the community. Jesus gave the instructions to help the Christian communities to live in peace and love. Jesus is gently reminding us that by being a member of a Christian community, we are responsible for one another, and one of our tasks of love may be that of correcting each other in love. We should also remember that Jesus said we must remove the plank in our own eyes before attempting to remove the splinter from our brother's or sister's eye.

If we have sinned against God and our neighbour, we can seek reconciliation through a private meeting with a priest. We call this meeting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this meeting, the priest acts in *persona Christi*. When we confess our sins, we confess them to Jesus Christ. The priest acts in the person of Christ and through the action of the Holy Spirit grants absolution for our sins. This Sacrament is the ultimate reconciliation in love between us, our neighbours and God.

**PARISH LOTTERY:** The first draw will go ahead on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 immediately after the 10.30 am Mass in the parish hall.

**MISSIO DAY:** The Pope's charity for world mission. You are invited to spend an afternoon with Missio on Saturday 16th September 2023. Join Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director, and Fr Patrick, Diocesan Director for Missio. The event will commence with Mass at 11am, followed by presentations from Missionary Priests in the parish hall. Please bring a packed lunch. Teas, coffees, and cakes provided.

MISSIO EVENT CAKES: Please bring the cakes on Saturday morning 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The hall will be open from 9.00 am. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The programme will commence with a parents' meeting immediately following the 10.30am Sunday Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the church. To join the programme, you must be registered with the Parish. Parish Registration Forms are available at the back of the church or on the website. Please endorse the completed form 'First Holy Communion'.

SYRO MALABAR COMMUNITY: Please pray for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion at 2.00pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: Year 13 retreats, midweek, 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September or weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. See [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) for latest events.

SVP NEW YEAR PARTY LUNCH: SVP would like to invite the housebound and seniors to a New Years Party with Christmas lunch on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 1.00 pm. If you would like to attend, please write down your name, contact telephone number and whether you need transport and give the details to a Steward at the back of the church. We need the details by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 at the latest.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: There are no Confessions on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 due to the Missio event.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

#### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Thanksgiving Manish Monohavan.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Anne Keston RIP Jenny Keston.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. <i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Holeszowski Dec'd Family Members. Wojtek.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Mathew Kanippilil RIP Mini Mathew.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Nan Baldwin Intentions. Mary Cole.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Bernie Byrne RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. <i>Memorial of SS Cornelius, P and Cyprian, Bp. Mm.</i>	11.00 am	MISSIO MASS – followed by presentations in St Charles Hall.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP Sidney, Sonya & Shane Andrews.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Holy Souls.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Joan Lenihan RIP Harry Killen.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	2 pm.	BAPTISM: Florence Fairey.