

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

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<i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i> <i>Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse. Amen.</i>		<i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i> <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>
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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week commencing 11th October 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Jestin George RIP - Joy

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Jestin George RIP - Joy

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 - simply send an email to giftaid-clacton@brcdt.org

Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £2025.00 of which £1924.00 was gift aided.
- Collection £635.57 of which £130.00 was gift aided.

Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and Gift Aid number. The parish bank details are available on request. Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

Matthew 22:1:14 The Gospel from Matthew comes from the Parable of the Wedding Feast. What was Jesus saying to the Chief Priests and Pharisees? I will offer an interpretation. The kingdom of heaven is compared to a wedding feast that a king gives for his son. The king is God. The son is Jesus Christ. The occasion is the wedding of Christ to his Church. The Church is the mystical bride of Christ. God sent His servants the prophets to invite His people to the wedding banquet. The Chief Priests and the Pharisees reject the Prophets and the call to repentance from John the Baptist. Finally, they reject the message of the Kingdom of God from Jesus. They seize Jesus and have him crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem. The death of Jesus on the Cross was to complete the preparations for the wedding feast. His death and resurrection brought about the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the Church. The troops dispatched are the Romans, who burn down the temple of Jerusalem in AD 70. God sends out the Apostles and the disciples of Jesus, to invite the gentiles to attend the wedding banquet. God will come in judgment on those wishing to attend the wedding banquet. How does the parable relate to us here today? The parable is not only a statement of God's judgment on the Jewish authorities and those who reject the message of the Gospel; it is also a warning to us. The guest thrown out for not wearing a wedding garment refers to those who are unprepared to enter the kingdom of heaven. We must approach the kingdom of heaven with humility both in the greatness of God and the undeserved gift of salvation. We are to wear the wedding garment of repentance. We are to hold the change of heart and mind that is the condition for entrance into the kingdom. We must live a life of good deeds. We must seek the will of God in our lives. If we are not properly clothed, not living good Christian lives, God in His great mercy has given us the means of washing our clothes in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we take off our old clothes and put the new clothes of the grace of Christ.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is children's liturgy at the Sunday 10.30am Mass.

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at 1 Church Road. New members welcome.

HALL TOILETS CLEANING TEAM: We are looking for more volunteers. Please let me know if you can help. What we do for the Church we do for God. Thank you. Fr Patrick.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: Meet on Monday 12th October 2026 in the Presbytery at 7.00pm. New members welcome.

ST BENEDICTS CATHOLIC COLLEGE: Year 7 admissions for September 2027. If your child is currently in year 6 and you are considering St Benedict's Catholic College as one of your choices on your secondary school application for September 2027, please be aware that you will also need to complete the college's Supplementary Information Form (SIF). The complete form must be returned to the college by 31st October 2026, together with a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate. Please go to www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk for the full details.

BCYS DAY: Join us for Rooted 2026 – an exciting, brand new, one-day event bringing together young people from across the Diocese for a day of faith, fun, and

community at our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House. Designed for young people in Years 7–9, Rooted offers the perfect opportunity to grow in faith, meet new friends, enjoy the outdoors, and experience an unforgettable day filled with inspiring talks, interactive workshops, and exciting activities. Date: 24th October 2026 - 9:00am – 6:00pm. Go to <https://bcys.net/events/rooted7-9/>

WEEKDAY MASSES: There is no 9.00am Mass on Monday 12th October 2026.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday 21st November 2026. 11am to 2.00pm. Come and see Santa, lots to eat and drink, plenty of stalls, £1 admission, children free. All welcome at St Charles Hall.

ST CLARES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: You must apply on the Essex County Council Website between 9th November 2026 and 14th January 2027. In order to apply for a reception place, your child must be born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend in support of the Missio. Missio is the Church's official charity for evangelization in the developing world.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Saturday 10th October 2026.	9.30am	MASS: William Stanley RIP. M O'Kane
Saturday 10th October 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 10th October 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 10th October 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 10th October 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 10th October 2026. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Special Intentions. Joju & Tessy.
Sunday 11th October 2026. <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Mr Jack Brown RIP. Margaret, Sean & Tracey Brown.
Sunday 11th October 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Ursula Russell RIP. Steve Wood.

Tuesday 13th October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Family Intentions. Pat & Sandra Murray.
Wednesday 14th October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Joseph Lacey Intentions. Lee Family.
Thursday 15th October 2026. <i>St Teresa of Jesus, V & D.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Tim Freyne & Family Intentions. Tim
Friday 16th October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Fiorella Abbarchi RIP.
Saturday 17th October 2026. <i>St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, M.</i>	9.30am	MASS: Alan Mowles Intentions. Harry Killen.
Saturday 17th October 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 17th October 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 17th October 2026. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Mary Polley & Family Intentions.
Sunday 18th October 2026. <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Tom Fitzsimmonds RIP. Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 11th October 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP. Sydney, Sonya & Shane Andrews.