

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

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

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

(Education Day)

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 £1452.96 of which £1052.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £483.43 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: 15:1-32

In the Gospel, the young man goes to his father and requests a share of his inheritance. He was full of arrogance and wished to live a life independent of his father. He had other plans for his own life. As the son rejected the life with his father, we can at times reject our lives with God. We fail to seek God's will in our lives. We lack the humility to render our will to God.

The young man lives his independent life separated from his father and it is a complete disaster. Anybody who lives simply for the temporal pleasures of this life can never be truly happy – their lives will lack the joy and love of God. The young man ends up starving in a pigsty. He finally comes to his senses and experiences a conversion of heart. Only at this lowest point, is he able to find the humility to acknowledge his sinfulness and seek forgiveness from his father.

The father sees him in the distance horizon. He does not wait for words but runs to the boy, clasps him in his arms and kisses him tenderly. God always takes the first initiative in our lives. God is always calling us back to Him through His son: Jesus Christ. The father orders his servants to put the best robe on his son; he puts a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. The boy has been reborn into a new life. There is to be a banquet to celebrate the return of his son.

When Jesus mentions a banquet in the Gospels, we need to pay attention. Jesus is referring to the Messianic banquet. Jesus is referring to eternal life in heaven. The older son returns from working in the fields and demands to know what is going on? The servants tell him that his brother has come home safely. The older son refuses to celebrate and will not enter the banquet. He rejects the invitation to enter the banquet. He has work hard for his father and done the right things but lacked the most important quality in his life – the humility to see his own sinfulness.

When we go to Jesus Christ to say sorry for our sins, particularly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, before we even open our mouths, Jesus has already said I love you and I forgive you. That is the wonder of our Christian faith. There is no sin however great that cannot be forgiven by God. We simply must have the humility to say we are sorry and ask for the gift of His merciful love.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on **Monday 3rd October 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.

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TOUR: The relics of St Bernadette will be in place in Brentwood Cathedral from 10.00 am on Sunday 16th October until 12.00 pm on Monday 17th October 2022. Those wishing to attend should register through the tour website in order to manage numbers safely: (<https://stbernadette.org.uk>) [Registration - St Bernadette](#)

A BIG THANK YOU: For everybody who helped support 'The Welcome Back Party' which was a great success. The first practice of the Young Persons Choir took place on Friday 2nd September and 19 children attended the meeting. The next practice takes place on Monday 12th September at 5.30 to 6.30 pm in the church. All welcome. Julie, Nicola, and Julia.

COURSE OF EVANGELISATION: 10 hours of teaching by the Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism. You can access the module by attending the 2-day course in person in Brentwood on Saturdays 10th September and 12th November or through 5 zoom sessions. For further information see www.sioncommunity.org.uk/ccrs/

DEANERY RENEWEL DAY FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Reflection Day on the Eucharist and the real presence of Christ. At St Sabina Church, Richard Avenue, Brightlingsea from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on Saturday 24th September 2022. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided on the day.

VACANCY PARISH & CHAPLAINCY ASSISTANT: 10 hour per week. Email Brightlingsea@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information. Closing date for applications 12th September 2022.

CAFOD APPEAL: CAFOD are requesting funds for the DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal. Go to <https://cafod.org.uk/?form=decpakistanfloodsappeal>

STUDY DAY – ST CHARLES DE FOUCAULD: On 8th October 2022 11.00 to 13.00. Go to www.whatgoodnews.org

SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT ‘MY LORD AND MY GOD’: Led by Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. Our theme focuses on how closeness to Christ enables us to develop a deeper level of intimacy with Him. It enables us to recognise Jesus more readily in our lives and acknowledge Him both in private and in public. This silent weekend retreat offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, guidance & ministry included. For more information or to book, visit <https://sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/> or email allegra.mutanda@gmail.com

BISHOP ALAN PARISH VISITATION: Bishop Alan will be visiting the Parish on Sunday 18th September 2022 and will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30 am Mass. He will join the Parish for coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall.

SECOND COLLECTION: This Sunday for the Catholic Education Service.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend for Home Mission Sunday.

THIS WEEK’S SERVICES.

Saturday 10 th September 2022. <i>Feast of St Gregory the Great, P, D.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Anne Keston RIP J Keston.
Saturday 10 th September 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 10 th September 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 10 th September 2022.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
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.
Monday 12 th September 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Mary Murray RIP Breda & Pat Cunningham.
Tuesday 13 th September 2022. <i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bp, D.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Helen Wheatley Intentions Tara.
Tuesday 13 th September 2022.	11.30 am.	FUNERAL: Sr Jean Parkes Dec'd.
Friday 16 th September 2022. <i>Memorial of Ss Cornelius, P, & Cyprian, Bp, Mm.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Alan Mowles Intentions Harry Killen
Friday 16 th September 2022.	12.30 pm.	FUNERAL: Jill Milburn Dec'd.
Saturday 17 th September 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Jean Copus RIP Mrs C Copus.
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Saturday 17 th September 2022. <i>Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP Sidney, Sonya & Shane.
Sunday 18 th September 2022. <i>The Twenty-Sunday Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i> <i>(Home Mission Day)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Tommy & Kitty O'Brien RIP Theresa Orton.
Sunday 18 th September 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: People of the Parish.