

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

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Remembrance 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:

❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Sr Mary & Sr Martina Coyne RIP*

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:

Electronic Offerings £1471.50 of which £1309.50 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £608.06 of which £98.00 was gift aided.

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

MATTHEW 25:1-13

In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus gives us the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids. The bridegroom is Jesus Christ at the end of time returning in judgement and glory. The bride is His Church. The occasion is the Heavenly Banquet. The sensible bridesmaids are those who have fed and encouraged their faith throughout their lives. Their lamps and flasks are full of the oil of faith. The foolish bridesmaids are those who have neglected their faith and their relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. The oil of faith is low in their lamps and their flasks are empty. The bridegroom is late and comes at an unexpected time. The foolish bridesmaid's lamps are empty of the oil of faith. They ask the sensible bridesmaids to share their oil of faith. The sensible bridesmaids say no. Faith can only be obtained through personal action; you cannot take it from somebody else. The sensible bridesmaids enter the banquet, and the foolish bridesmaids are locked out in the darkness. Jesus does not know them; they have no faith.

The Book of Hebrews tells us that, 'Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen'. Faith is the assurance of a God who loves us and the conviction of eternal life in the happiness of heaven'. We receive the gift of faith at our Baptism. Baptism is the Sacrament of faith. This faith must be nourished and fed otherwise it will die. We become strangers to God.

How do we do this? We feed our faith in prayer; we feed our faith in acts of love and kindness, especially to those most in need; we feed our faith by reading Holy Scripture, in particular the Gospels, where Jesus personally speaks to us; we feed our faith by receiving the sacraments, each one of which is an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ; and most especially in the reception of the Holy Eucharist: the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. If we do this, our lamps will be full of the oil of faith. The bridegroom will recognize us and welcome us as friends into the banquet of heaven.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: The November Dead List envelopes and sheets are now available at the back of the Church. Please place a list of the names of those deceased family members and friends you wish to be remembered during the month of November.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Betty Austin will take place on Wednesday 15th November 2023 in the Church at 11.00 am. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: A big thank you to all who supported our Bazaar, in particular Julie and Danny Fitzgerald. Everybody enjoyed a great social event and we raised £2800.00.

SVP NEW YEAR PARTY LUNCH: SVP would like to invite the housebound and seniors to a New Years Party with Christmas lunch on 7th 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 3rd December 2023 at the latest.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend in support of the SVP New Years Party.

SVP MEETING: The next meeting will take place at 7.00pm in 1 Church Road on Thursday 16th November 2023. New members always welcome.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 11 th November 2023. <i>Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bp.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Bishop Joseph Strickland Intentions Andrews family.
Saturday 11 th November 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 11 th November 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 11 th November 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 11 th November 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 11 th November 2023. <i>Vigil of the Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP Pat Cunningham.
Sunday 12 th November 2023. <i>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Holy Souls Mary.

Sunday 12 th November 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: November Dead List.
Monday 13 th November 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Mary (Maureen) Avery RIP. Barbara Nunn.
Wednesday 15 th November 2023.	11.00 am.	FUNERAL MASS: Betty Austin Dec'd.
Thursday 16 th November 2023. <i>Diocesan Memorial of St Edmund of Abingdon, Bp.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: John Avery RIP Barbara Nunn.
Friday 17 th November 2023. <i>Memorial of St Leo the</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Steven Andrews Intentions. Andrews family.
Saturday 18 th November 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Hannah Shires RIP Lee Family.
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Saturday 18 th November 2023. <i>Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Shane Andrews Intentions. Andrews Family.
Sunday 19 th November 2023. <i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Kay Kieran Intentions Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 19 th November 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: November Dead List.