

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

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*NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)*

*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: Bernie Haugh.*
- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen Haugh.*

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 £1181 of which £1064.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £499.28 of which £80.00 was gift aided.

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

### **Matthew 14:22-33**

In today's Gospel, we have the scene immediately following the feeding of the five thousand. Jesus sent His disciples ahead of Him by boat in order that He may have the opportunity to spend time in silent prayer with His Father. Jesus always spent time in prayer before making significant decisions and before He faced the great events of His ministry. He is a role model for us. If we pray before we make difficult decisions or face challenging events in our lives, we will always know that God is with us.

The boat crossing the sea was battling heavy weather and a headwind. The disciples were in grave danger of being lost at sea. The boat is a symbol of the Church. The Church is constantly under attack from the values of this world and the evil one. Jesus has promised us that He will protect His Church and that 'the gates of the underworld will never hold out against it.'

Jesus called out to His disciples. "Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid". 'It is I' are the words said by God to Moses. By using the 'I Am', Jesus is proclaiming His identity of God.

Peter called out, "Lord, Save me!" Jesus put out His hand at once and held him. When Jesus called out to Peter, He also calls out to us. He calls us to have courage and not to be afraid. The hand that reached down to hold Peter and hold him safe in that stormy sea, is also the hand that will hold us and keep us safe during the storms and trials of our daily lives.

**FUNERAL:** The funeral of Joan Lenihan Dec'd will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Please pray for her soul and for her grieving family.

**HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holyday of Obligation. There is a vigil Mass at 7.00 pm on Monday evening and morning Mass on the Solemnity at 9.00 am.

**PARISH LOTTERY:** I am delighted that we have exceeded 50 members for the Parish Lottery. The first draw will go ahead on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 immediately after the 10.30 am Mass. If anybody would still like to join, please speak to a Church Steward at the back of the church. Thank you all for your support. Fr Patrick.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 4th September 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.

Please contact Fr Patrick if you would like to join the group.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Tim Freyne Intentions Lee Family.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. <i>Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Sarah Cooper & Family Intentions. Lee Family.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A,</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Terry Lewis RIP Marian Lewis.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Romelo Abbarchi Intentions.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe, Pr, M.	9.00 am.	MASS: Mr & Mrs Judd RIP Tara.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. <i>Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	7.00 pm.	MASS: Donna Pajdowski Intentions.

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. <i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Ellen Altringham RIP Marie-Ann Altringham.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Private Intentions Bob Carter.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Thanksgiving Manish Monohavan.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
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Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Michael Palmer Intentions. Catherine.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Lucy Carter RIP Bob Carter.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Joseph Vincatassin RIP. Saint-Marie Family.