

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

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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

*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.*

**COVID 19 REGULATIONS:** Please follow the instructions of the Church Stewards and allow plenty of time before Mass starts to sanitize your hands and complete registration. Face Masks are mandatory. Attendance at Mass is restricted to 50 people. People who can attend Mass during the week should allow others to attend at the weekend.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS:** Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets, but I would request wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by standing order or via the donation button on the website. This will reduce the level of

risk to our collection counters and those who will need to visit the bank. The 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 £1357.00 of which £997.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £247.50 of which £120.00 was gift aided.

Second Collection for Sick Clergy: £258.30.

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

#### MARK 4:26-34

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus speaks to us in a parable. What is a parable? A parable is a story which conveys a truth in a concrete, vivid and pictorial way. What is the truth that Our Lord is trying to convey to us in this parable?

The Kingdom of God arrived with the birth of Jesus Christ: God incarnate through the Holy Spirit, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus Christ is the Word incarnate. He is the man who throws the Word of God onto the earth. The Word of God does not return to Jesus but quietly yet powerfully grows in His Church until it is fully established by Him at the final judgement. The seed seeks good soil in the hearts, minds, and souls of humanity. How can we be good soil for the seed? If we are to be good soil, we must serve the Word. We must listen to the Word of God and be fruitful soil. We must not keep the sprouting seed to ourselves, we must be fruitful and share it with others. Each of us who carries the Word in their souls grows the Word into the Kingdom of God upon earth.

We tend to get despondent about the growth of the Church in today's world. As you are aware, I am the Diocesan Director for Missio. Missio is the official Catholic charity for Mission in the developing world. Missio has been helping the Church in Vietnam to recover from four decades of Communist suppression. The priests were imprisoned, all church property confiscated, and worship outlawed by the state. Today there are 2600 seminarians in just the Diocese of Saigon and the Church is growing everywhere. The people of Vietnam have received the Word of God and treasured it in their hearts and souls. The Church has grown from the smallest of seeds into the largest of trees.

We are fed at Mass at two tables. These tables are the table of the Word and the table of the Holy Eucharist. The Word of God tells us how we should live. The Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, gives us the graces and strength to live a life of the Word. As we share the Word of God with others, we may not see the immediate effect of our efforts, but we can be assured that through the action of the Holy Spirit, the Word will never come back to us but will grow in the hearts and souls of others.

**BISHOP ALAN VISITATION:** Will be visiting the Parish on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July to preside at a Mass for the sick at 11.00 am. There will be a parish reception in the parish hall following the Mass. At this stage, we need volunteers to prepare homemade cakes for the reception. If you can help, please contact Julie Fitzgerald on 431885. Further details to follow.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection for 'The Day for Life' next weekend at all Masses. You can put the money in one of the black buckets, pay on the Donation Button on the website, or pay directly on-line quoting 'Life'.

**THE DIOCESAN VICARIATE FOR ADULT FORMATION:** New website called 'Threshold of Hope'. See Fr Paschal Uche's video <http://youtu.be/gMBHsuQRbTE>.

**FR PATRICK:** Will be on annual leave from 21<sup>st</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Fr John Downey of the Verona Fathers will be covering the Masses over the weekend 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June and will be making an appeal for the community.

**THE FOLLOWING MASSES WILL BE OPEN TO A MAXIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH.**

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June. The memorial of The Immaculate Heart of Mary.	9.30 am.	MASS: Kristina, Jason & Baby Joseph Intentions. Kristina & Jason.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June. Vigil of the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Alice Redmond RIP Mary & John Murray.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June. The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Catherine & David Hammond, Thomas, Daniel & David Bewers. Parish.

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Julia Clark & Family Parish.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 am.	MASS: Jean Todd Intentions Julia Clark.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 am.	MASS: Christine Wraight RIP John Henley
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 am.	MASS: Monica & Tony Tighe Intentions Hanna
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June.	9.30 am.	MASS: Gordon Cook Intentions (Birthday) Anthony & Angela Cook
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June. Vigil of the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Raymond Conway-Harris & Val Hayter RIP Deirdre
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June. The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B) <i>(Day for life)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Charlie Christy Intentions Nicola
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Matthew Kannipilli RIP Mini Matthew.