

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

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

Prisoner's Sunday

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Antonio Medrano RIP - Josephine Medrano

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Antonio Medrano RIP - Alexander Medrano

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. Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £1593.00 of which £1432.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offerings £650.85 of which £170.00 was gift aided.
- Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

MARK 10:17-30 In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus meets a good man who wants to hear the will of God, and complete the will of God in his life. He asks Jesus what must I do to inherit eternal life? He had complied with the Ten Commandments. He had come to Jesus to understand the will of God for his life. 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, "There is one thing you lack. Go sell everything you own and give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me"'. This was not what he wanted to hear. 'He went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth'.

It is good to have a good job, to have a nice home and to be comfortably well off. Jesus warns us, however, that the acquisition of wealth can be a barrier to our salvation. The acquisition of wealth can prevent us from understanding and completing the will of God in our lives. If we devote our lives totally to our careers and to earning money – these become our gods. There is no room for God or for others in our lives. Excess wealth makes us feel safe and insulated from the worries of the world. We are in danger of feeling that we do not need God – we can do very nicely on our own. We forget that we came into this world naked and we will leave this world naked! We are following the wisdom of the world and rejecting the wisdom of God. We will only find true happiness and fulfilment when we are able to understand the will of God for our lives, and have the strength and graces to live the will of God. We cannot have the world and God – we have to choose one or the other! This is the cost of true discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Jesus told His disciples, "I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over".

PARISH FINANCES: Paul Twyford, Chair of the Parish Finance Committee will be speaking at all Masses this weekend.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Any teenager wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 should make a request in writing to Fr Patrick. The programme commences with a day retreat at Walsingham House at Abbotswick on 23rd November 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn about your faith, and to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Alan will be administering the Sacrament in 2025. Closing date for applications is 20th October 2024.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday 2nd November - 11.00am to 2.00pm in the Parish hall. Please donate gifts and items to sell, there is a box at the back of the Church. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses. If anybody can make a donation of fruit or veg, please leave them in St Charles hall on Friday 1st November for the fruit and veg stall. Thank you. Julie Fitzgerald.

MISSIO BOXES: Calling all Missio Reds boxes. Please bring in your full boxes and give them to a steward at the back of the church.

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE: There will be a working party on Saturday 19th October 2024 from 10.00am to 12.00pm to clear the surface cold water drains. Please may I have as many volunteers as possible. Gloves and buckets will be provided. This is essential church maintenance.

YOUNG GATHER, EAST MERSEA 26TH -27TH OCTOBER: For anyone year 9 or above, join the BCYS for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer, the chance of archery or climbing, socialise with friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. Travel, meals, accommodation and activities are all included in the price. Go to www.bcys.net/events/yg24/ Parish funds are available for the costs. Just let Fr Patrick know that you want to go on the weekend.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend for Missio. The Church's official charity for overseas missions.

MASS INTENTIONS: Intentions are currently available at one week's notice.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 12th October 2024. <i>Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthburga, Rel.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Harry Killen Intentions. Lee Family.
Saturday 12th October 2024.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Sunday 13th October 2024. <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Kevin & Robin Collis RIP. Lee Family.
Sunday 13th October 2024	10.30am.	MASS: Esther & Malcolm Berry Intentions. Parish.

Wednesday 16th October 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Nicolas Pinney Intentions. Lindsey
Thursday 17th October 2024. <i>St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, M.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Moira & Ryan McCarron. Theresa & Bryan McCarron.
Friday 18th October 2024. <i>Feast of St Luke, Ev.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: The Abbarchi/Pinney Family Intentions. Lindsey.
Saturday 19th October 2024..	9.30am.	MASS: For all our Priests. Lindsey.
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Saturday 19th October 2024. <i>Vigil of Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Bill Godden RIP Grey & May Rawlings.
Sunday 20th October 2024. <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. Lee family.
Sunday 20th October 2024	10.30am.	MASS: Raymond Conway Harris & Valerie Hayter RIP. Deirdre.