Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

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

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Prayer to the Holy Spirit *Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse.* *Amen.*		***Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.*** *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.*

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:
Week Commencing 13th September 2026
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bernie Byrne RIP - Theresa & Family
Our Lady of Light Chapel: Bernie Byrne RIP - Theresa & Family.
Week Commencing 20th September 2026
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Rose Twyford RIP - Paul
Our Lady of Light Chapel: Rose Twyford RIP - Paul

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 - simply send an email to giftaid-clacton@brcdt.org
Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £1654.00 of which £1466.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £609.95 of which £137.00 was gift aided.

Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and Gift Aid number. The parish bank details are available on request. Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

Matthew 18:21-25 In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus gives the 'Parable of the unforgiving debtor to the disciples.' A servant owed ten thousand talents to the king and had no means of repaying the debt. How much is ten thousand talents? This is a vast amount of gold with a value exceeding 18 billion pounds in today's money. This is a debt beyond our imagination! The servant threw himself down at his master's feet and said, 'Give me time' and 'I will pay the whole sum'. This was clearly an impossible and unrealistic promise. The king felt sorry for the servant and cancelled the debt. The king's mercy was beyond our comprehension. God's mercy is beyond our comprehension.
The servant then refused to forgive his fellow servant's tiny debt of one hundred denarii. The king found out and told the wicked servant, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you'? The servant was handed over to the torturers until he paid all his debt. He could clearly never repay such a debt.
What does this parable mean to us? Jesus tells us that this is how his heavenly Father will deal with us unless we forgive each other from our hearts. God sent His Only Son into the world to die on a cross for the reconciliation of humanity. Jesus Christ paid the enormous debt of our sins. God's mercy has no limits. There is no offence, however serious, that cannot be forgiven through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There is no one, however, wicked, and guilty, who may not confidently hope for forgiveness, provided he or she approaches God with honest repentance. True repentance demands that we forgive others that have hurt us.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is children's liturgy at the Sunday 10.30am Mass.
ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 14th 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026/27: Any parent wishing for their child to receive their First Holy Communion in May 2027, is invited to attend the 9.30am Saturday Mass at Our Lady of Light Church on **19th September 2026.** A meeting with all the parents will commence immediately after the Mass to explain the new programme and to accept applications. The necessary forms will be completed at the meeting. The child should be in year 3 or above at the commencement of the New School Year.
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost in 2027 should make a request in writing to Fr Patrick. You should be currently in Year 9 or above. The family must be registered with the Parish. Parish Registration Forms are available on our website or

at the back of the church. The programme includes a retreat with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn about your faith, and to receive the gift and power of the Holy Spirit. **The final closing date for applications is Sunday 27th September 2026.**

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at 1 Church Road. New members welcome.

HALL TOILETS: The hall toilets must be cleaned every week to maintain the necessary hygiene standards. One parishioner has been cleaning the toilets each week for a number of years. She now needs some help. I have received one volunteer. Please may I have some more volunteers. Thank you. Fr Patrick.

36 HOURS OF EXPOSITION: The Knights of St Columba are organising a period of 36 hours of continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church commencing at 10.00am on Friday 18th September and finishing at 10.00pm on Saturday 19th September 2026. There must be a minimum of 2 people in the Church at all times during the Exposition. There are sign-up lists at the back of the Church. Please select a period of a minimum of one hour and sign-up for an agreed slot. This devotion will bring many blessings to our parish and families. Thank you for your support.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Tesesa Coombes Dec'd will take place on Friday 18th September 2026 at 12.00. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Saturday 12th September 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Maureen Hughes RIP. Harry & Tara.
Saturday 12th September 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 12th September 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 12th September 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 12th September 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 12th September 2026. *Vigil of the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.*	6.00pm.	MASS: Anne Keston RIP. Jenny Keston.
Sunday 13th September 2026. Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.	8.30am.	MASS: Riley Brannon Intentions. Lee Family.

Sunday 13th September 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Jonathan Lazard Intentions. Lynne Austin.
Monday 14th September 2026. *The Exaltation of the Cross.*	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. Tim.
Tuesday 15th September 2026. *Our Lady of Sorrows.*	9.00am.	MASS: Stephen & Jill Morris & Family.
Wednesday 16th September 2026. *Ss Cornellius, P & Cyprian, Bp.M*	9.00am.	MASS: Death Anniversary. Verghese.
Thursday 17th September 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Fiorellia Abbarchi RIP. Mary.
Friday 18th September 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Maureen Hughes RIP.
Friday 18th September 2026.	12.00pm.	FUNERAL: Teresa Coombes RIP.
Saturday 19th September 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Annie Monteiro RIP. Tara.
Saturday 19th September 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 19th September 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 19th September 2026. *Vigil of the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.*	6.00pm.	MASS: Helen Wheatley Intentions. Tara.
Sunday 20th September 2026. *Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.*	8.30am.	MASS: Henry Nowak RIP. Andrews Family
Sunday 20th September 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Baby Quiuga Intentions. Joseph & Faye.