

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

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

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 STEP 4: The revised guidelines are being implemented in the parish. Please note that face masks remain mandatory in the church.

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 £1449.50 of which £1259.50 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £515.00 of which £191.00 was gift aided.

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

LUKE 1:39-56

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into the glory of heaven. In the Gospel from Luke, we have the picture of the two cousins meeting. One a virgin and one a barren woman both with child. Elizabeth's child is John the Baptist and Mary holds within her the Son of God. There is an explosion of the Holy Spirit. The child Jesus is the source of the Holy Spirit.

Mary's Assumption is not a privilege retained only for her. We are all called to share in her Assumption. As we commemorate her Solemnity, we live in the hope of the anticipation of our bodies rising to eternal life. It is, therefore, a feast of hope for all of us. We live in the hope of the resurrection of our bodies and the eternal happiness of our unity with God. In so many ways, The Blessed Virgin Mary shows us the way to follow and assists us in our journey.

Mary shows us what it is to be perfectly human. Mary achieved this perfection through her total obedience and loyalty to God. Mary shows us that a human being can do God's will. She does it in a perfect way but a completely human way. From the moment of her yes at the Annunciation to the standing at the foot of the Cross, Mary was completely loyal to her Son. She did not say no. She did not run away as the other disciples did during Christ's passion. For this reason, she is acknowledged as the perfect disciple and follower of Christ. Mary's role is central to the salvation of humanity. The incarnation of God into humanity for the salvation and reconciliation of all was achieved through the Virgin Mary. Mary gave Jesus His humanity. Jesus became fully human through Mary. Mary made all this possible through her yes to God.

We give devotion to Mary as the Mother of God. Mary is the teacher of faith through her focus and dedication to her Son. Mary always leads us to Jesus and points to Him. Mary is the Mother of the Church and continues in heaven to exercise her maternal role on our behalf. Mary will always listen to our prayers and constantly intercedes with her Son on our behalf. We should never have any hesitation in asking for her help in our lives.

OUR LADY OF LIGHT SVP CONFERENCE: Hello my name is Linda Swinbourne, I am the President of our St Vincent de Paul Conference. The SVP was started by the Blessed Frederick Ozanam. He was a French literary scholar, lawyer, journalist, and equal rights advocate. He started and founded the Conference of Charity with fellow students, which later became the SVP. He was born on 23rd April 1813 in Milan in Italy. He died on 8th September 1853 in Marseille, France. His feast day is on 9th September. Our Conference is looking for new members, younger than the present volunteers, to help us to carry on with our very valuable work in our community. Our work includes visiting the sick in their homes and in hospitals. We also help people who are in need and cannot afford necessary goods. We help with gardening. The SVP visits people in prison. We also provide support to those suffering domestic violence. There are different funds available through the SVP which has helped those in need during the pandemic. Please use the contact details at the top of the newsletter for further information. Linda.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY: Are requesting your help with fundraising by participating in their 'Relay 100' initiative. See www.bccs.org.uk for details.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 14 th August. Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe, Pr, M.	9.30 am.	MASS: Alice Redmond RIP Joe Murray.
Saturday 14 th August.	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 14 th August.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY
Saturday 14 th August.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 14 th August. Vigil of the Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary.	6.00 pm.	MASS: John Turner RIP Debbie Turner.

Sunday 15 th August. The Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary.	8.30 am.	MASS: Beatriz Lumboa RIP Mrs C King.
Sunday 15 th August.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS This Mass is for families with young children.	MASS: Tomlin Family Intentions Mary.
Monday 16 th August.	9.30 am.	MASS: Jolyon Kinnaine RIP
Friday 20 th August.	9.30 am.	MASS: Holy Souls Maureen Hughes.
Saturday 21 st August.	9.30 am.	MASS: Rosie Foster RIP Cooper Family.
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Sunday 22 nd August.	8.30 am.	MASS: Tony Tighe RIP Hanna.
Sunday 22 nd August.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS This Mass is for families with young children.	MASS: Fr David Middleton OSA Intentions Theresa Poole.