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.*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:
Week commencing 15th November 2026*:*
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley
Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley

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 £1442.50 of which £1244.50 was gift aided.
- Collection £ of which £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 25:14-30 The Gospel from Matthew is referred to as the 'Parable of the talents.' What is Jesus saying to us in this Gospel story? Here is an interpretation:
The Master is Jesus Christ. The servants are Christians. The Master has gone away for a long time but will return. Jesus ascended into Heaven following the resurrection but will return at the end of time. The word talent originally referred to a silver coin which was worth several thousand denarii. A denarius is payment for one day's labour. The talent is, therefore, something of great value. What has been given of great value to a Christian? The most precious thing given to a Christian is the gift of the Holy Spirit at Baptism. We are commissioned to use the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives to build the Kingdom of God on earth. We are stewards of God's grace. We have other gifts of divine providence given to us in this life, including individual abilities, intelligence, good fortune, careers, money, and property. We need to remember that we own nothing in this life. Everything is a gift from God. We come into the world with nothing and leave this world with nothing except God's grace and our acts of love. Some people are given more than others in this life. The more we are given, the more that is expected from us. We are to use all our gifts for the building of the Kingdom of God.
Jesus Christ will return at the end of time and will demand an account of the gifts given to us. The message is clear we must be faithful servants and use our gifts for the building of the Kingdom of Heaven. We must put God and others before ourselves, using our many gifts wisely and fruitfully. We are not to be useless servants, barren trees, or lifeless vineyards.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The children liturgy is available at the Sunday 10.30am Mass during school term time. All children are welcome.
LEGION OF MARY: Meet every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at 1 Church Road. New members welcome.
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday 21st November 2026. 11am to 2.00pm. Come and see Santa, lots to eat and drink, plenty of stalls, £1 admission, children free. All welcome at St Charles Hall. Please put donations in St Georges Hall or at the back of the Church. Home made cakes, (please label) Christmas decorations, bottles of the tombolla, jewellery. (No clothes). Thank you. Julie Fitzgerald.
VACANCIES ST CLARES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Due to families leaving the area, there are currently vacancies in all years at the school. Please contact St Clares in order to enquire about transferring your child from a non-Catholic school.
NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: The November Dead List envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. Please place a list of the names of those deceased family members and friends you wish to be

remembered during the month of November and give your envelope to Fr Patrick or Fr Peter.

HOMELESS: Appeal for blankets and sleeping bags. Leave at the back of the church.

COFFEE CLUB: There are coffees and teas after the Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. Please join us.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Claire Majewski will take place on Friday 20th November at 12.00pm. Please pay for the repose of her soul and her grieving family.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY: There will be a collection at all Masses next weekend for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

I**NVITATION TO MASS OF THANKSGIVING**: All parishioners from across the diocese are warmly invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to be Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes following his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Brentwood. Join us as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving to welcome our new Bishop and seek God's blessing upon his ministry. All are welcome.

Masses will be celebrated in the following locations:

Tuesday 8th Dec: 11:00 a.m – Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT

Wed 9th Dec: 7:00 p.m - St James the Less and St Helen Church, Priory Street, Colchester CO1 2QB

DEANERY MASS: The priests of the Deanery will concelebrate Mass on Tuesday 17th November at 10.30 for the deceased clergy of the Deanery. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Saturday 14th November 2026.	9.30am.	MASS: Peter & Penny McManamon Intentions.
Saturday 14th November 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 14th November 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 14th November 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 14th November 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 14th November *Vigil of 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A*	6.00pm.	MASS: Thanksgiving. Anthony Gippen.

Sunday 15th November 2026. *33rdSunday in Ordinary Time A*	8.30am.	MASS: Fiorella Abbarchi RIP.
Sunday 15th November 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Mark Kaylor RIP. Terry Kaylor.
Monday 16th November 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Sr Ignatius Intentions. (Birthday)
Tuesday 17th November 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Deceased Clergy of the Deanery.
Wednesday 18th November 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: James Murphy RIP. D & M Latte.
Thursday 19th November 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Joyce Ajibola Intentions. (Exams thanks)
Friday 20th November 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Cyril Thomas RIP. Brian Madge.
Friday 20th November 2026.	12.00pm.	FUNERAL: Claire Majewski RIP
Saturday 21st November 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Alison Spooner Intentions. Dr Lizy Damien.
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Saturday 21st November *Vigil of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A*	6.00pm.	MASS: Joel & Abel Intentions.
Sunday 22nd November 2026. *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A*	8.30am.	MASS: November Dead List.
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