

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

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***TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)***

*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.*

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** This week:

❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Gordon Cook Intentions*

Next week:

❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Christina Kirkup (Birthday).*

**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. The parish 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 £1130.00 of which £1029.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £582.72 of which £88.00 was gift aided.

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

### **MATTHEW 22:1-14**

The Gospel from Matthew comes from the Parable of the Wedding Feast. What was Jesus saying to the Chief Priests and Pharisees? I will offer an interpretation. The Kingdom of Heaven is compared to a wedding feast that a king gives for his son. The king is God. The son is Jesus Christ. The occasion is the wedding of Christ to His Church. The Church is the mystical bride of Christ. God sent His servants the prophets to invite His people to the wedding banquet. The Chief Priests and the Pharisees reject the Prophets and the call to repentance from John the Baptist. Finally, they reject the message of the Kingdom of God from Jesus. They seize Jesus and have Him crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem. The death of Jesus on the Cross was to complete the preparations for the wedding feast. His death and resurrection brought about the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the Church. The troops dispatched are the Romans, who burnt down the temple of Jerusalem in AD 70. God sent out the Apostles and the disciples of Jesus, to invite the gentiles to attend the wedding banquet. God will come in judgment on those wishing to attend the wedding banquet.

How does the parable relate to us here today? The parable is not only a statement of God's judgment on the Jewish authorities and those who reject the message of the Gospel; it is also a warning to us. The guest thrown out for not wearing a wedding garment refers to those who are unprepared to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We must approach the Kingdom of Heaven with humility both in the greatness of God and the undeserved gift of salvation. We are to wear the wedding garment of repentance. We are to hold the change of heart and mind that is the condition for entrance into the Kingdom. We must live a life of good deeds. We must seek the will of God in our lives. If we are not properly clothed, not living good Christian lives, God in His great mercy has given us the means of washing our clothes in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we take off our old clothes and put the new clothes of the grace of Christ.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 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 commences with a day retreat at Walsingham House at

Abbotswick on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn about your faith, and to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. **Closing date for applications is 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

**CALLING ALL RED BOXES:** Please will you bring in any Missio Red Boxes ready for counting and banking. You should give your boxes to a Church Steward. Thank you Manual and Barbara.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection this weekend for prisoners and their families.

**WORKING PARTY:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 meeting at 10.00 am to clear cold water drains on site. Gloves provided. This is essential maintenance. Fr Patrick.

**COFFEE AFTERNOON AT ST MICHAELS:** In support of Breast Cancer. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45 pm.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Will be celebrated on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Missio money trees will be at the back of the church from this weekend. Give £1 and collect a hanging pouch with a gift. Speak to Manual or Barbara.

**FR PATRICK:** Will be away from the Parish from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 until Friday Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Fr Gerald Gostling will be providing cover in his absence.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 11.00 to 2.00pm. Donations to be put in box at back of the Church.

#### **THIS WEEK'S SERVICES**

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Terri Barba RIP Nicola & Colin.
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Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Louisa Quinlan & Margaret Andrews RIP Andrews Family.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2023. <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Thanksgiving. Daison & Family.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Ian Skipper RIP Nicola Christy.
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Ian Skipper RIP Lee Family.
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Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023. <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Georgina Hedden Stabler RIP Helen Kinnane.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Edward Greda Intentions. Valdeck Greda.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023. <i>Memorial of St Cedd, Bp.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Christine Kirkup Intentions. Alison Rands.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Sheila Barrick Intentions. Doreen Lane.