

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

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*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.*

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Day for Life.

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:

Standing Order Offerings £1295.50 of which £211.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £547.20 of which £61.00 was gift aided.

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

Mark 3:20-35

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus gives us the parable of the mustard seed. The mustard seed represents the Word of God. The Kingdom of God arrived with the birth of Jesus Christ: God incarnate through the Holy Spirit, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus Christ is the Word incarnate. He is the man who throws the Word of God onto the earth. The Word of God does not return to Jesus but quietly yet powerfully grows in His Church until it is fully established by Him at the final judgement. The seed seeks good soil in the hearts, minds, and souls of humanity. How can we be good soil for the seed? If we are to be good soil, we must serve the Word. We must listen to the Word of God and be fruitful soil. We must not keep the sprouting seed to ourselves, we must be fruitful and share it with others. Each of us who carries the Word in their souls grows the Word into the Kingdom of God upon earth.

In the Holy Mass, we are fed at two tables. These tables are the table of the Word and the Holy Eucharist. The Word of God tells us how we should live, and the Holy Eucharist the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ gives the graces and strength to live a life of the Word.

As we share the Word of God with others, we may not see the immediate effect of our efforts, but we can be assured that through the action of the Holy Spirit, the Word will never come back to us but will grow in the hearts and souls of others.

YOUNGSTERS SUMMER PARTY: You are invited to join the Parish Summer Party on Friday 19th July 2024 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. All young people aged 7 to 18 years old are welcome. Children under 7 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

PARISH SUMMER FETE: Exciting new Summer Fete to be held on Saturday 13th July 2024 from 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm. Items needed for tombola, raffle prizes and for children's games. Do you have a gazebo to lend? Let us make this a successful day. **There will be a meeting on Sunday 23rd June 2024 immediately after the 10.30 am Mass for anyone interested in helping at the fete.** Please speak to Julia Clarke, Julie Lee, or Julie Fitzgerald if you can offer any help or suggestions. Money raised to go to the new hall roof.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBUS: The knights are an order of Catholic Men bound together in charity, unity and fraternity to enrich their faith by words and actions. The Knights from the Colchester Conference will be speaking at all Masses this weekend.

YOUNG PERSONS' CHOIR: The next rehearsal will take place on Monday 24th June 2024 in the Church. Practices continue: guitar 4.45pm to 5.30pm, Choir 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a collection at all Masses this weekend for 'The Day for Life'. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The theme this year is 'The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.'

RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS: 22nd to 23rd June 2024 at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. An opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection, to revive, discover and empower you in your faith. The retreat is aimed at young people aged 18 to 30 years of age. All details can be found at www.bcys.net/events.

PERMANENT DIACONATE COME AND SEE EVENT: For anybody considering a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate. With Bishop Alan on Saturday 6th July 2024 at St Peter's Catholic Church, 59 Eastwood Road North, Leigh on Sea, SS9 4BX. Day commences with Mass at 10.00am and finishes with lunch at 2.30pm. For further information email: diaconate@brcdt.org

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 15 th June 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Rev'd Anthony Spooner RIP. Alison Spooner.
Saturday 15 th June 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
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Saturday 15 th June 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 15 th June 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 15 th June 2024. <i>Vigil of the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Jimmy Lenihan RIP Christina Connolly.
Sunday 16 th June 2024.	8.30 am.	MASS: Breda Mitchell & Family Intentions.
Sunday 16 th June 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Rose Twyford RIP Peter McManamon.

Monday 17th June 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Joseph Thundathil RIP Muni Siby Joseph.
Tuesday 18th June 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Kate Kavangh RIP Lee Family.
Friday 21st June 2024. <i>Memorial of St Aloysius, Gonzaga, Rel.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Mary Tomlin Intentions.
Saturday 22nd June 2024. <i>Feast of SS John Fisher, Bp and Thomas Moore, Mm.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Ronnie Chambers & Family Intentions. Peter McManamon.
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Saturday 22nd June 2024. <i>Vigil of the Twelve Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Gordon Cook Intentions. Angela Cook.
Sunday 23rd June 2024.	8.30 am.	MASS: Michael Madge & Family Intentions.
Sunday 23rd June 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Emmanuel & Michael Babalola Intentions. Ruphina Babalola.