

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

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

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TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Prisoners Sunday.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: **Please, wherever possible, arrange to make your weekly offerings electronically.** If you are a taxpayer, you can gift aid the amount without any cost to yourself. This saves the work of our volunteer counters, increases our income, and greatly reduces our bank charges. 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 £1478.00 of which £1215.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £482.03 of which £99.20 was gift aided.

Harvest Fast Day £190.10 of which £56.80 was gift aided.

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

LUKE: 18:1-8

In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus tells his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never to lose heart. He gave the example of the poor widow who was seeking justice against her enemy. The judge did not have any respect for God or justice, but she continued to pester him day and night. Through her persistent petitions for action the Judge finally gives her, her legal rights.

Jesus promises those who are persistent in prayer that their prayers will be heard and acted upon by God. He questions, however, whether there will be any faith remaining when He returns at the end of time.

Prayer is the oxygen of our faith. Prayer allows our faith to grow and deepens our relationship with God. The Catechism tells us that 'Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God'. The Catechism continues, 'God tirelessly calls each person to this mysterious encounter with Himself. It is necessary to pray always without ceasing, and with the patience of faith'.

A life without prayer is a life without God. God is our closest companion. God is the source of our existence and the destiny of our eternal souls. God loves us more than we can ever imagine. Our faith cannot simply exist without the exercise of prayer. We all need to make time in our lives for regular prayer. How we pray does not matter. We should pray in the ways we can pray and not in the ways we cannot pray. Prayer is never wasted in this life. God never ignores our prayer, however feeble our attempts to pray.

CHRISTMAS BAZAR 5th NOVEMBER – 11am to 2.00 pm: We need more donations urgently. There is a large box at the back of the Church for donation of items to the bazar.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a collection next weekend for World Mission Sunday.

DIOCESAN CATECHIST TRAINING DAY: Saturday 5th November 2022, 10 am to 3.00 pm at Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. Visit: www.bcys.net/events/catechistday2022/

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

CAFOD: I have received a letter from Michelle Oakford at CAFOD thanking the parish for a donation of £168.50 received on 22nd September 2022.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: See www.bcys.net/events for latest events.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 15 th October 2022. <i>Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila) V, Reg, D.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Romolo Abarchi Intentions. Parish.
Saturday 15 th October 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 15 th October 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 15 th October 2022.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 15 th October 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 16 th October 2022. Vigil of the Twenty-Nine Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).	6.00 pm.	MASS: Breda Walsh RIP Sheila Fox
Sunday 16 th October 2022. The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).	8.30 am.	MASS: Mary Murray RIP Denis & Christine Browne.
Sunday 16 th October 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Jill Milburn RIP. Julie Lee & Family.
Monday 17 th October 2022. <i>Memorial of St Ignatius, Bp, M</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Dan O'Leary RIP Cait & Barry Gane.
Tuesday 18 th October 2022. <i>Feast of St Luke, Evangelist.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Georgina Stabler, Tristan, Jolyon & Michael Kinnane RIP. H Kinnane.
Friday 21 st October 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Gerry Fitzpatrick RIP The Ross Family.

Saturday 22 nd October 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Ann Kathleen Reilly & Alan Fitzgerald RIP Theresa McCarron.
Saturday 22 nd October 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 22 nd October 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 22 nd October 2022.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 22 nd October 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 22 nd October 2022. Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).	6.00 pm.	MASS: Albert Lynch RIP Mary McIntyre.
Sunday 23 rd October 2022. The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). <i>World Mission Day</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Julie Breen (Dreeling) RIP. Jacqueline & Family
Sunday 23 rd October 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Ron Tibbs RIP Cyril & Dan Yarmitell.