

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

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<i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i> <i>Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse. Amen.</i>		<i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i> <i>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.</i>
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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
World Mission Sunday

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Caroline Daly Intentions

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Caroline Daly Intentions.

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 £713.50 of which £60.00 was gift aided.
- Collection £676.54 of which £87.00 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 22:15-21 In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus is once again up against the Chief Priests and Pharisees. They were once again trying to entrap Jesus, on this occasion by enlisting the co-operation of the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of the Roman occupation. The Chief Priest and Pharisees despised the Roman authorities. They first applied false praise on Jesus saying that He was an honest man and taught the way of God in an honest way without concern for any person's rank in society. They then ask the loaded question: Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus said yes, he would be denounced by the Chief Priests and Pharisees. If Jesus said no, he would be denounced by the Herodians. Jesus demands to see the money they used to pay tax to Caesar and asks whose head is stamped on the coin. They replied it was Caesar's head. Jesus then tells them to give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. Both parties leave disappointed, unable to entrap Jesus with their hypocritical comments and questions.

Jesus' response avoids taking sides in the question of the lawfulness of the tax but he raises the debate to a new level. The coin bore the image of Caesar and belonged to Caesar. Those who have been baptised bear God's image and belong to God. We are to give our all to God. When we come to Mass and share the Holy Eucharist, we unite ourselves to the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ which is made present in the Mass. We offer our very selves, all our work, our joys, our sufferings and our aspirations. Our humble offering is united with the perfect offering of Jesus Christ and is made acceptable to the Father. In the Holy Mass, we obey God's command to give to God what belongs to God.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is no children's liturgy during half term. The liturgy will resume on Sunday 1st November 2026.

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. There will be a meeting for all volunteers this Sunday immediately after the 10.30am Mass in the hall.

ST CLARES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: You must apply on the Essex County Council Website between 9th November 2026 and 14th January 2027. In order to apply for a reception place, your child must be born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023.

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: There will be a second collection at all Masses

this weekend in support of the Missio. Missio is the Church's official charity for evangelization in the developing world.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: The BCYS offers retreats, events and pilgrimages for young people throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. If you would like to get involved, you can find out more at www.bcys.net or follow @BrentwoodCYS on social media.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The next meeting is on 29th October 2026 at 7.00pm in the Presbytery. The SVP are responsible for the Soup Kitchen each Friday. New members welcome.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Saturday 17th October 2026. <i>St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, M.</i>	9.30am	MASS: Alan Mowles Intentions. Harry Killen.
Saturday 17th October 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 17th October 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 17th October 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 17th October 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 17th October 2026. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>	6.00pm.	
Sunday 18th October 2026. <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Tom Fitzsimmonds RIP. Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 18th October 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP. Sydney, Sonya & Shane Andrews.
Monday 19th October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. Tim
Tuesday 20th October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: G Kurkesu RIP. Lizzy Damien.

Wednesday 21st October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Fiorella Abbarchi RIP. Kate & Lesley.
Thursday 22nd October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Mary McGrath RIP. Pat Cunningham.
Friday 23rd October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Eva Hadley RIP. Mary Carter.
Saturday 24th October 2026.	9.30am.	MASS: Tim Freyne & Family. Caroline Daly.
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Saturday 24th October 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 24th October 2026. <i>Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>	6.00pm.	
Sunday 25th October 2026. <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Breda Mitchell & Family Intentions.
Sunday 25th October 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Claire Majewska Intentions. Greg Majewska.