

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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 19th July 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Joe Byrne RIP - Theresa & Family

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Joe Byrne RIP - Theresa & Family

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 £720.50 of which £575.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £699.58 of which £96.00 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 13:24-43 This week's Gospel follows on from 'The parable of the Sower last weekend. God is the Sower, and the seed is the Word of God. Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate. Jesus brings the message of love, mercy, and eternal life. This is the message of the Kingdom of God. The message of the Kingdom of Man competes with the message of the Kingdom of God. The message of the Kingdom of Man is selfishness, pleasure in this life and acquisition of power and material wealth. We must choose which Kingdom we wish to belong to in this life and for eternity. Our God is a being of total love. He has paid a great price for our redemption. He wishes all humanity to be saved through the sacrifice of His Son. The price has been paid for our sins. God does not, however, impose the gift of His Son on us. He respects our freewill. God never judges us. We judge ourselves. God never excludes anybody from the gift of eternal life. We exclude ourselves.

The Gospel tells us that the separation of the darnel and the wheat will not take place until the harvest. God gives us every opportunity to turn to Him in repentance and to accept the gift of His love. This life is not a rehearsal. The decisions and choices of this life have eternal consequences. We can only repent and accept the Gift of God's love in this life. At the end of our lives, we face our own judgement which is final.

The Gospel tells us that 'The Kingdom of Heaven is like a yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through'. The Church is the symbol of the Kingdom of God, which has never ceased to grow on earth. It is through the Church that we receive the most perfect means of repentance and access to the redemptive sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is through the Church that we receive the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is no children's liturgy during the summer term break.

YOUNG PERSON'S SUMMER PARTY: Will be held in St Charles's Halls and Presbytery Garden on Friday 7th August 2026 from 5pm to 8pm. Games, music, food and lots of fun!

SUMMER FETE: There will be a parish fete on Saturday 15th August 2026. There will be a meeting immediately after the 10.30 Sunday Mass this weekend in St Charles Hall for anybody happy to help with this event.

LEGION OF MARY: A big thank you to all the parishioners who have supported the Parish Mission including providing a room, providing transport, providing food and general support. Fr Patrick

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for Stellis Maris - the Catholic Charity for the welfare of seaman.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 14th September at 7.00 pm in the Presbytery. The classes are for the following:

- Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Christians who wish to be received into the Catholic Church.
- Unbaptised who wish to be Baptised into the Catholic Church.

Please contact Fr Patrick if you would like to join the group.

FR PETER: Will be returning to Nigeria on Monday for his annual leave from 20th July to 31st August 2026. We wish him a safe journey and a good rest.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. Please contact our MP and request that he votes against the bill:

nigel.farage.mp@parliament.uk

LOTTERY WINNERS: July winning numbers are No 18 and No 40. Please contact Paul Twyford for prize details.

THANK YOU: The SVP would like to thank the parishioners who helped raise £2,813.82 in the sponsored walk. Your generous donations mean that the SVP can continue with the Soup Run for the homeless and other charitable work.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 18th July 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Alison Spooner Intentions. Martyn.
Saturday 18th July 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 18th July 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 18th July 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 18th July 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 18th July 2026. <i>Vigil of Sixteenth</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Glyn Firman RIP. Colin.

<i>Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>		
Sunday 19th July 2026. <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Betty Swell RIP (Anniversary). Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 19th July 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Gerry McKenna RIP. Mrs B Lawlor
Monday 20th July 2026	9.00am.	MASS: Julie Fitzgerald Intentions.
Thursday 23rd July 2026. St Bridget of Sweden, Rel.	7.00pm	MASS: Ian Skipper RIP. Nicola.
Friday 24th July 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Fiorella Abbarchi RIP. Lizzy Damien.
Saturday 25th July 2026. St James, Ap.	9.30am	MASS: Lindsey Abbarchi Intentions.
Saturday 25th July 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 25th July 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 25th July 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 25th July 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 25th July 2026. <i>Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Angela, Gordon, Anthony & Carolina Intentions. Theresa & Brian.
Sunday 26th July 2026. <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Ian Cahill Intentions. Brendan Herlihy.
Sunday 26th July 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: St Martins De Porrest of Lima. Emmanuel Ogbua.