

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

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

World Day of the Poor

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:

- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Louis Todd RIP*
- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Angela & Gordon Cook 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.

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 £595.50 of which £362.50 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £531.87 of which £57.00 was gift aided.

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

MATTHEW 25:14-30

The Gospel from Matthew is referred to as the 'Parable of the talents.' What is Jesus saying to us in this Gospel story? Here is an interpretation:

The Master is Jesus Christ. The servants are Christians. The Master has gone away for a long time but will return. Jesus ascended into Heaven following the resurrection but will return at the end of time. The word talent originally referred to a silver coin which was worth several thousand denarii. A denarius is payment for one day's labour. The talent is therefore something of great value. What has been given of great value to a Christian? The most precious thing given to a Christian is the gift of the Holy Spirit at Baptism. We are commissioned to use the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives to build the Kingdom of God on earth. We are stewards of God's grace. We have other gifts of divine providence given to us in this life, including individual abilities, intelligence, good fortune, careers, money, and property. We need to remember that we own nothing in this life. Everything is a gift from God. We come into the world with nothing and leave this world with nothing except God's grace and our acts of love. Some people are given more than others in this life. The more we are given, the more that is expected from us. We are to use all our gifts for the building of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus Christ will return at the end of time and will demand an account of the gifts given to us. The message is clear we must be faithful servants and use our gifts for the building of the Kingdom of Heaven. We must put God and others before ourselves, using our many gifts wisely and fruitfully. We are not to be useless servants, barren trees, or lifeless vineyards.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE WITH MINCE PIES: The Choir and the Young Persons Choir will lead a Carol Service in the Parish Hall on Sunday 10th December 2023 at 11.45am immediately following the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome.

ST MICHAELS CHRISTMAS FETE: Friday 24th November 2023 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Stalls, raffles, and tea/cakes. All welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection this weekend in support of the SVP New Year's Party.

SVP NEW YEAR PARTY LUNCH: SVP would like to invite the housebound and seniors to a New Years Party with Christmas lunch on 7th January 2024 at 1.00 pm. If you would like to attend, please write down your name, contact telephone number and whether you need transport and give the details to a Steward at the back of the church. We need the details by Sunday 3rd December 2023 at the latest.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend in support of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

5 FIRST SATURDAYS: In 1917, Our Lady of Fatima asked for the devotion of the 5 First Saturdays to avoid further World Wars. Hardly anyone took this seriously and the result was WW2. In our difficult world, we need to respond Our Mother's request. You need to attend Mass, receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion on the first Saturdays of 5 consecutive months. Complete 5 decades of the Rosary and spend 15 minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Veronica Law will take place on Friday 24th November 2023. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 18 th November 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Hannah Shires RIP Lee Family.
Saturday 18 th November 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 18 th November 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 18 th November 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 18 th November 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 18 th November 2023. <i>Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Shane Andrews Intentions. Andrews Family.
Sunday 19 th November 2023. <i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Kay Kieran Intentions Joan McCarthy.

Sunday 19 th November 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: November Dead List.
Monday 20 th November 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Charlie Jackson Intentions. Anthony Butler.
Tuesday 21 st November 2023. <i>Memorial of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Glenis (Beryl) Timlin RIP. Barbara Nunn.
Friday 24 th November 2023. <i>Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr. & Comps. Mm.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: McGlouglin Family Intentions. Eugene Mullin.
Friday 24 th November 2023.	1.00 pm.	FUNERAL: Veronica Law Dec'd.
Saturday 25 th November 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Alexander Andrews RIP. Andrews Family.
Saturday 25 th November 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
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Saturday 25 th November 2023. <i>Vigil of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Catherine Reynolds RIP. Angela Cook.
Sunday 26 th November 2023. <i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: John & Mary Coyne RIP. Theresa Coyne
Sunday 26 th November 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Rose Twyford RIP Paul Twyford.