

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

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B).

(Home Mission Day)

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.

COVID 19 REGULATIONS STEP 4: The revised guidelines are being implemented in the parish. Please note that face masks remain mandatory in the church.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets or at the Sunday collection, but I would request wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by standing order or via the donation button on the website. This will reduce the level of risk to our collection counters and those who will need to visit the bank. The 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 £515.00 of which £220.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £492.33 of which £16.00 was gift aided.

Catholic Education £96.40 of which £54.50 was gift aided.

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

MARK: 9:30-37

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus wished to instruct His disciples without the distractions of the crowds. Jesus was coming to the end of His earthly ministry. He wanted to now concentrate on the preparation of His disciples for their ministry following His death and Resurrection.

Jesus explicitly told the disciples that He would be delivered into the hands of men; they would put Him to death and after three days He would rise again. This was the second occasion that Jesus had predicted His passion to the disciples. We are told that they did not understand and were afraid to ask him.

They needed to understand that Jesus had to suffer and die. This was His mission. God sent His only Son into the world to be the sacrifice for the redemption of humanity. It is through His Cross and Resurrection that we are granted forgiveness for our sins and offered the gift of eternal life.

All disciples of Jesus Christ must understand that we follow Him both to His Cross and to His Resurrection. There cannot be any Resurrection without an embrace of the Cross. The disciples at Capernaum were looking forward to glory, power, prestige, and position in society. Jesus was offering them humiliation, suffering and the Cross!

In answering the disciples' arguments about which of them was the greatest, Jesus took a little child in His arms and said, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' In first century Palestine a child had no rights in society. The child was a symbol of powerlessness and vulnerability. Those who are disciples of Jesus must be a servant to all. They must identify themselves with the lowly. The followers of Jesus Christ must rely on God's strength and not on their own resources.

What is the message of the Gospel today? If we are to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we must live as He lived on earth. We will not achieve our redemption through seeking world power and prestige. We can only achieve our redemption by recognizing our total dependence on the love and mercy of God.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022. Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2022 should make a request in writing to Fr Patrick. To qualify for the 2022 programme, the young person must be currently in Year 9 or above.

The family must complete a Parish Registration Form. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2021.

ADULT CATECHESIS: A formal programme of adult catechesis will commence on Monday 11th October 2021 at 7.00 pm in the parish hall. The course is strictly for the following:

1. Adults interested in becoming Catholics.
2. Adults wishing to receive their First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3. Adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The sessions will be held every two weeks during term time. There is no need to register in advance, simply turn-up on the evening. Please speak to Fr Patrick for further information.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The welcome Mass and meeting takes place in the church at 9.30 am on Saturday 18th September.

FR PATRICK: Will be away from the parish for 2 weeks commencing Monday 20th September. Fr Gerald Gosling will be providing cover.

WEEKDAY MASS TIME: The time of Mass will be changing from 9.30 am to 9.00 am with effect from 4th October 2021. The Saturday morning Mass will remain at 9.30 am. Thank you for your support and understanding. Fr Patrick.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY: There will be a second collection this weekend. You can give in the black buckets or on-line quoting 'home mission'.

FUNERALS: The following funerals are taking place:

- Tuesday 5th October: Mary Gilgallon Dec'd
- Wednesday 6th October: Jennie Hughes Dec'd
- Thursday 7th October: Thelma Champion Dec'd.

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their grieving families.

ASSISTED DYING BILL: The bill introduced in the House of Lords by Baroness Meacher will be debated on 22nd October. Please register your objections on: parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/

THE YOUTUBE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE: Commences on 29th September 2021. For more information and to register go to: www.comeandsee.org

STELLA MARIS: I have received a letter thanking the parish for its generous donation of £199.55 on Sea Sunday.

FR DOMINIC HOWARTH: Cycling for charity in support of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. To sponsor go to:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50

ONLINE RETREAT: Living 'Laudato Si': your parish and your planet 15th to 18th October. Retreat opened by Bishop Alan Williams. Register: margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 18 th September.	9.30 am.	MASS: Helen Wheatley Birthday Tara.
Saturday 18 th September.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 18 th September.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 18 th September.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY
Saturday 18 th September. Vigil of Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Sr Moira Intentions.
Sunday 19 th September. Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>(Home Mission Sunday)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Anne Keston RIP Mum & Family (J Keston).
Sunday 19 th September.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Julie Lee Intentions Lauren Lee.
Saturday 25 th September.	9.30 am.	MASS: Rose Twyford RIP Paul Twyford.
Saturday 25 th September.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the

		Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 25 th September.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 25 th September.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY
Saturday 25 th September. Vigil of Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP Syd, Sonya & Shane.
Sunday 26 th September. Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (Harvest Sunday)	8.30 am.	MASS: Sarah Murray & Charles Roberts RIP Sandra & Pat Murray.
Sunday 26 th September.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Brendan & Neillie Herlihy Anniversary Brendan Herlihy.
Saturday 2 nd October 2021. Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels.	9.30 am.	MASS: Terry Lewis RIP Lee Family.
Saturday 2 nd October 2021.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 2 nd October 2021.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 2 nd October 2021.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY
Saturday 2 nd October 2021. Vigil of Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Amanda Tapping & Family Intentions Shane Andrews.
Sunday 3 rd October 2021. Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Christine Simone Intentions Pauline Stolen.
Sunday 3 rd October 2021	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Terry Lewis RIP Lee Family.
Monday 4 th October 2021 Memorial of St Francis of Assisi, Rel.	9.00 am.	MASS: Holy Souls Maureen Hughes.

Tuesday 5 th October	9.00 am.	MASS: Marian & Barbara Intentions Lee Family.
Tuesday 5 th October	11.00 am.	FUNERAL: Mary Gilgallon Dec'd.
Thursday 7 th October Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.	9.00 am.	MASS: Philip & Jan Price Intentions Vera Jones.
Thursday 7 th October	11.00 am.	FUNERAL: Thelma Champion Dec'd.
Saturday 9 th October 2021. National Feast of St John Henry Newman, Pr.	9.30 am.	MASS: Jack Plane & Family RIP.
Saturday 9 th October 2021.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 9 th October 2021.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 9 th October 2021.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY
Saturday 9 th October 2021. Vigil of Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Michael Emmerson & Family Intentions Shane Andrews.
Sunday 10 th October 2021. Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>(Prisoners Sunday)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Matthew & Mary Lee Intentions Thomas Whelan & Family.
Sunday 10 th October 2021.	10.30 FAMILY MASS	MASS: Hannan & Ron Shires Intentions Lee Family.