

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

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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: Bill Cross RIP*
- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Patricia Degan Intentions (Birthday)*

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 £617.00 of which £540.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £573.66 of which £159.75 was gift aided.

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

MATTHEW 21:28-32

In the Gospel from Matthew, the chief priests and the elders of the people were demanding to know Jesus' authority for His actions and words. In His response, Jesus asked their opinion on the behaviour of two young men? The first says no but subsequently complies with his father's request to go and work in the vineyard. The second says yes to his father but does nothing. The two sons represent, respectively, one: the religious outcasts: the tax collectors and prostitutes and two: the religious leaders. The response of the chief priests and elders condemned them. Their response was that the first son completed the will of the father in obedience and not the second. Jesus pointed-out to them that they were like the son that gave the good words but was disobedient to his father. They held positions of religious authority and were full of good words. They were also called to work in the vineyard of the Lord. They had, however, rejected the call by John the Baptist for repentance and turned their backs on the Kingdom of God by rejecting the authority and message of Jesus. They had committed the worst possible sin that of refusing to do God's will. In contrast, many outcasts including tax collectors and prostitutes had listened to John the Baptist with sincere repentance. The outcasts had welcomed the coming of the Kingdom of God in Jesus Christ. They had the humility to acknowledge their faults. What does this message mean to us today? Quite simply we must know the will of God and act upon it in our lives. How do we know God's will? We know God's will in our lives through reading Holy Scripture, receiving the Sacraments, and spending time listening to God in prayer. Once we know God's will in our lives, we must have the grace and strength of character to act upon it. We receive the grace and strength to do God's will through the reception of God Himself, in the Holy Eucharist: the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

YOUTH UPDATE: Our youth of Light Choir is back practicing for Masses. The next session is on Monday 2nd October 5.30 to 6.30 pm in the church. Guitar lessons will start just before at 4.45pm. Full details of all practices are available at the back of the church. For further information ring or text 07949087427. Julie Lee Parish Youth Co-Ordinator.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: will take place on Saturday 4th November 2023 from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Donations to be put in the box at the back of the church. If you are

kindly donating to the cake stall, please complete the details on the list at the back of the church. There will be a meeting after the 10.30am Mass on 8th October 2023 for anyone wishing to help at the bazaar. Thank you. Julie Fitzgerald.

SEPTEMBER LOTTERY WINNERS: The first prize of £100.00 goes to number 14 in the name of Clarel Saint Marie. The second prize of £50.00 goes to number 16 in the name of Pat Cunningham. Well done and thank you for supporting the Parish Lottery.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost on 19th May 2024 should make a request in writing to Fr Patrick. You should be currently in Year 9 or above. The family must be registered with the Parish. Parish Registration Forms are available on our website or at the back of the church. The programme commences with a day retreat at Walsingham House at Abbotswick on 2nd December 2023. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn about your faith, and to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. **Closing date for applications is 29th October 2023.**

THANK YOU: A big thank you for all the home-made cakes in support of the Missio Day. The day was a great success, and all the cakes were eaten! Fr Patrick.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 30 th September 2023. <i>Memorial of St Jerome, Pr, D.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Fr Anthony Spooner Intentions. Martyn Wright.
Saturday 30 th September 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 30 th September 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 30 th September 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 30 th September 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 30 th September 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Thanksgiving Wedding Anthony & Carolina. Angela Cook.

Sunday 1 st October 2023. <i>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Bryan Randall RIP Andrews Family.
Sunday 1 st October 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Anna McMenemy RIP Steve Bann.
Wednesday 4 th October 2023. <i>Memorial of St Francis of Assisi, Rel.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Mary McLeod RIP Catherine McLeod-Englet.
Thursday 5 th October 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Patricia Deighan Intentions. Alison Rands.
Friday 6 th October 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Kitty Casey Intentions Catherine.
Saturday 7 th October 2023. <i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Dr Tony Morris RIP Ann, Fiona, Nicky & Family.
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Saturday 7 th October 2023.	1.15 pm.	WEDDING: Benjamin Gibson- French & Emmiline Fern Rio O'Leary.
Saturday 7 th October 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Lance Reddick RIP Andrews Family.
Sunday 8 th October 2023. <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Vinona Ryder & Family Intentions.
Sunday 8 th October 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Thomas & Vonney Killen RIP. Harry Killen.