

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

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse. Amen.</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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></p>
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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.*

**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:

Standing Order Offerings £171.00 of which £158.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £505.52 of which £96.00 was gift aided.

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

**MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23** In the Gospel from Mark, the Pharisees were complaining to Jesus that His disciples were eating with unclean hands. The disciples were failing to adhere to the religious regulations concerning the eating of food. Jesus responded to the Pharisees by quoting the Prophet Isaiah to them, and by telling the Pharisees that they had put aside the commandments of God to cling to human traditions.

The problem with the Pharisees was that they could not accept the person of Jesus Christ. They could not accept that Jesus was their Messiah. They could not accept that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. From the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry, there existed certain Pharisees and religious leaders who had agreed together to destroy Jesus. They had witnessed His miracles and seen His acts of great love. They had listened to Him speak but did not allow His words to enter their hearts. Their hearts were bitter and full of anger. Their hearts were filled with the desire to kill Jesus. They had rejected the message of the Kingdom of God.

This Gospel, together with this Sunday's readings, challenge us to listen to the Word of God and to take these words into our hearts. The readings challenge us to allow the Word of God to make a difference to our lives. They challenge us to change our lives to live the Word of God.

In the original Gospels, the Greek word 'Metanoia' was used to describe the response required to the Good News of the Kingdom of God. This word means a complete turning of heart, mind and being towards God. It calls us to put God's Word first and above everything else in our lives. Jesus demands that we give a 'Metanoia' response to His Words. He is the Word of God.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** In order to join the programme, you must attend the 9.30am Mass with your child on Saturday 14th September 2025. A meeting with all the parents will commence immediately after the Mass. The necessary forms will be completed at the meeting.

**ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES:** Will commence on Monday 2nd 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.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER:** The Clacton Churches Together will be holding their annual service at Our Lady of Light on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7.00 pm. The service will be followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a collection at all Masses next Sunday for the Catholic Education Services.

**ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Applications for 2025 intake must be submitted to Essex County Council between 4th November 2024 and 15th January 2025. You no longer require a Certificate of Catholic Practice. You will need to supply the child's baptism certificate to the School. If your child has not been baptised, speak to Fr Patrick as soon as possible.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 31st August 2024.	9.30am.	MASS: Agnes Green RIP
Saturday 31st August 2024.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 31st August 2024.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 31st August 2024.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 31st August 2024.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 31st August 2024. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Alan Steven RIP Kate Copus.
Sunday 1st September 2024 <i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Luke O'Leary RIP Brian Madge.
Sunday 1st September 2024.	10.30am.	MASS: Alan Mowles Intentions. Harry.
Monday 2nd September 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Rev Cedric Stanley RIP. Joy.
Tuesday 3rd September 2024. <i>Feast of St Gregory</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Emily Lambeth Intentions.

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Friday 6th September 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Mary Mangan RIP Anne Leacy.
Saturday 7th September 2024.	9.30am.	MASS: Maurice Clements RIP. Brian Madge.
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Saturday 7th September 2024. <i>Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Esther Berry Intentions. Malcom
Sunday 7th September 2024 <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: John & Carmel Mullin Intentions. Eugene Mullin.
Sunday 7th September 2024	10.30am.	MASS: All Carers Intentions. Romano.
Sunday 7th September 2024.	2.00pm.	BAPTISM: Diego Mandoza