

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

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*TWENTIETH 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:

- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Kathleen Roberts (Birthday).*
- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Danny & Julie Intentions.*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: **Please make your weekly offerings by standing order.** This greatly helps the parish finances. 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 £576.00 of which £393.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £521.81 of which £146.00 was gift aided.

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

### **Matthew 15:21-28**

In the Gospel from Matthew, we come across a remarkable woman of great faith. We do not know her name. She is a Canaanite. These were a pagan people, who were despised by the Jews. Jesus refers to them as the houndedogs! She was, therefore, a very unlikely candidate to be exalted by Jesus as a woman of great faith.

This woman had a daughter who was tormented by a devil. She desperately needed help, but nobody would listen to her. The disciples sent her away and treated her like some sort of nuisance. Jesus, Himself, brushed her off. She was having none of it! She was convinced that Jesus could help her daughter. She understood fully who Jesus was! She calls Jesus 'Son of David'. She cried a prayer of great humility: 'take pity on me'. She came up and knelt before Jesus saying: 'Lord, help me'. Jesus opens His heart to her and responds: 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted'.

What does this story mean to us? Jesus wants us to understand the importance of faith in our lives. Faith is a belief in the reality that God loves us. Faith is a gift from God. We cannot obtain faith without the Grace of God. Faith gives us hope. Hope in the resurrection and of eternal life. A person without faith ultimately is without hope. They can only live in the despair of an empty existence. Our faith must, however, be nourished and exercised in love. If we fail to nourish our faith, it will diminish and will die. We feed our faith through listening to the Word of God, by spending time in prayer with the Lord, and by receiving the spiritual nourishments of the Sacraments, in particular, the reception of Holy Communion – the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**FUNERAL:** The funeral of John O'Hara Dec'd will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023. Please pray for his soul and for his grieving family.

**PARISH LOTTERY:** I am delighted that we have exceeded 50 members for the Parish Lottery. The first draw will go ahead on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 immediately after the 10.30 am Mass. If anybody would still like to join, please speak to a Church Steward at the back of the church. Thank you all for your support. Fr Patrick.

**MISSIO:** The Pope's charity for world mission. You are invited to spend an afternoon with Missio on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Join Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director, and Fr Patrick, Diocesan Director for Missio. The event will commence with

Mass at 11am, followed by presentations from Missionary Priests in the parish hall. Please bring a packed lunch. Teas, coffees, and cakes provided.

MISSIO EVENT: 16<sup>TH</sup> September 2023 - I need homemade cakes for the event. If you can make a cake for me, please sign up at the back of the church. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 4th 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.

GUIDELINES SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Smart mobile phones should not be brought into a Confession unless they have been switched off.

FR PATRICK: Will be away from the Parish from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. Fr Gerald Gostling will be providing cover in his absence.

### **THIS WEEK'S SERVICES**

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Thanksgiving Manish Monohavan.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Michael Palmer Intentions. Catherine.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Lucy Carter RIP Bob Carter.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Joseph Vincatassin RIP. Saint-Marie Family.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2023. Memorial of St Pius, X.	11.00	FUNERAL MASS: John O'Hara RIP.
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Manish Monohavan Intentions.
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Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Sharon Hunt Intentions. Pat & Stuart.
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Michael Branco & Family Intentions. Edith & Ruphina Bababola.