

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

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<i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i> <i>Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse. Amen.</i>		<i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i> <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>
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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 23rd August 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Lilia Kibanoff Intentions - Alex & Jo Medrano

Our Lady of Light Chapel: John Coyne RIP - Teresa Coyne

Week Commencing 30th August 2026

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Brendan & Nellie Herlihy Intentions - Brendan Herlihy

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 - simply send an email to

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Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £696.00 of which £110.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £677.41 of which £103.00 was gift aided.

Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and Gift Aid number. The parish bank details are available on request. Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

MATTHEW 16:13-20 In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus put the following question to His disciples: "Who do you say I am?". It is Peter, who replied on the behalf of the disciples. He said: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". Peter could not possibly have fully understood the response that he had given to Jesus. His response was inspired by God the Father and through God the Holy Spirit. Peter's response was an act of faith. By acknowledging Jesus as God, Peter was surrendering his whole life to Jesus. Jesus puts the same question to each one of us here at this Mass today. It is the most important question that we face in our whole life. Our response to this question determines our eternal future and relationship with God. If we acknowledge Jesus as the Son of the living God, our response has profound consequences for our lives. We also are being asked to surrender our lives to God.

Jesus praised Peter and told him that it was His Father in heaven who had revealed the identity of Jesus to him. Jesus then told Peter: "You are Peter and on this rock, I will build my Church". Christ the 'living stone' told Peter, a name meaning 'rock' that he was to be entrusted with His Church. The faith that Peter had confessed is the unshakeable rock of the Church. Peter's mission was to lead Christ's Church in faith. Peter was appointed the first Pope of the Church. Jesus reassured Peter that the gates of Hades will not prevail against the Church. The Church is assured victory over the powers of death.

What is your response to Jesus? Like Peter we must respond in faith, committing our lives to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is no children's liturgy during the summer term break.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 14th 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025/26: Any parent wishing for their child to receive their First Holy Communion in May 2027, is invited to attend the 9.30am Saturday Mass at Our Lady of Light Church on 19th September 2025. A meeting with all the parents will commence immediately after the Mass to explain the new programme and to accept applications. The

necessary forms will be completed at the meeting. The child should be in year 3 or above at the commencement of the New School Year.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost in 2027 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 includes a retreat with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn about your faith, and to receive the gift and power of the Holy Spirit.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The next conference meeting will take place on Thursday 27th August at 7.00pm in the Presbytery. New members are always welcome.

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at 1 Church Road. New members welcome.

HALL TOILETS: The hall toilets must be cleaned every week to maintain the necessary hygiene standards. One parishioner has been cleaning the toilets each week for a number of years. She now needs some help. I have received one volunteer. Please may I have some more volunteers. Thank you. Fr Patrick.

SATURDAY 22ND: Fr Patrick will be joining the Knights of Columba at their retreat at St Clares Priory in Suffolk. The 9.30am Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation will not take place on Saturday 22nd August.

PARISH FETE: Thank you for the wonderful support of the Parish fete, especially the organisers Dr Lizzy and Julie Fitzgerald. We raised £2300.00 for the Parish.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Saturday 22nd August 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 22nd August 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 22nd August 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 22nd August 2026. <i>Vigil of the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Bridie & Brian Southworth Intentions. Kevin McArdle.
Sunday 23rd August	8.30am.	MASS: Alikutty Joseph

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Sunday 23rd August 206.	10.30am	St Martin De Porrest of Lima. Emmanuel Ogbua.
Monday 24th August 2026. <i>Sr Bartholomew, Ap.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Thankamma Kurikesu Intentions. Lizy Damien.
Thursday 27th August 2026. <i>St Monica.</i>	7.00pm.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. Tim.
Friday 28th August 2026. <i>St Augustine, Bp, D.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Josephine Conlom Intentions.
Saturday 29th August 2026. <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist.</i>	9.30am	MASS: Julia Clarke & Family Intentions.
Saturday 29th August 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 29th August 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 29th August 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 29th August 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 29th August 2026. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Patrick McMahon Intentions. Helen Kinnane.
Sunday 30th August 2026. <i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Sharon Hunt Intentions. Pat.
Sunday 30th August 2027.	10.30am.	MASS: Alison Calver Intentions. Mr B Lawor.