

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

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SIXTEENTH 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: Anne & Joe Intentions.*
- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Tara & Terence 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 £561.00 of which £393.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £484.42 of which £117.00 was gift aided.

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

Matthew 13:24-43

This week's Gospel follows on from 'The parable of the Sower last weekend. God is the Sower, and the seed is the Word of God. Jesus

Christ is the Word of God incarnate. Jesus brings the message of love, mercy, and eternal life. This is the message of the Kingdom of God.

The message of the Kingdom of Man competes with the message of the Kingdom of God. The message of the Kingdom of Man is selfishness, pleasure in this life and acquisition of power and material wealth. We must choose which Kingdom we wish to belong to in this life and for eternity. Our God is a being of total love. He has paid a great price for our redemption. He wishes all humanity to be saved through the sacrifice of His Son. The price has been paid for our sins. God does not, however, impose the gift of His Son on us. He respects our freewill. God never judges us. We judge ourselves. God never excludes anybody from the gift of eternal life. We exclude ourselves.

The Gospel tells us that the separation of the darnel and the wheat will not take place until the harvest. God gives us every opportunity to turn to Him in repentance and to accept the gift of His love. This life is not a rehearsal. The decisions and choices of this life have eternal consequences. We can only repent and accept the Gift of God's love in this life. At the end of our lives, we each face our own judgement which is final. The most perfect place to seek repentance is in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

NEW PARISH LOTTERY: A new lottery is being set up in the Parish. It will work as follows:

- All payments by standing order.
- The cost to join will be £5.50 per month.
- Payments should be received on 6th of each month.
- Members can choose their own lottery number. You will need to quote your lottery number with your standing order payment.
- There will be no limit on the number of lottery numbers held by one individual.
- The draw will take place on the second Sunday of each month at the coffee club following the 10.30 am Mass, commencing in September.
- The minimum number of members to initiate a draw will be 50.
- There will be a £50 draw and a £100 draw each month.

Please sign up for the lottery with a Church Stewart at the back of the church. For further information, contact Paul Twyford on 01255 688213.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA NATIONAL RELIC TOUR: The relics of St Columba, St Andrew the Apostle and St Margaret of Scotland will be touring the Diocese from 30th July to August 12th, 2023. The relics will be in St James the Less and St Helen in Colchester on Friday 11th August. See link for full details: <http://ibb.co/VWMPSVv>

MISSIO: You are invited to spend an afternoon with Missio on Saturday 16th 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 hall. Please bring a packed lunch. Teas, coffees, and cakes provided.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: See www.bcys.net/events for latest events.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 22 nd July 2023. <i>Feast of St Mary Magdalene.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Tony & Jeannine Cartwright Intentions.
Saturday 22 nd July 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 22 nd July 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 22 nd July 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 22 nd July 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 22 nd July 2023. <i>Vigil of the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mary & Al Powell RIP Joe.
Sunday 23 rd July 2023. <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS. Tom McManamon RIP Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 23 rd July 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Xavier, Solly, Reona, Marleena & Rosemary Intentions.

Monday 24 th July 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: John Gamble Intentions. Doreen Lane.
Tuesday 25 th July 2023. <i>Feast of St James, Ap.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Aiden Hughes RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Friday 28 th July 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Joe Byrne RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Saturday 29 th July 2023. <i>Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Elijah Killen & Benjamin Buchanan Thanksgiving. Harry Killen.
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Saturday 29 th July 2023. <i>Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Betty Sewell RIP Peter McManamon.
Sunday 30 th July 2023. <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS. Vincent O'Toole RIP Veronica Chambers.
Sunday 30 th July 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Gavin Harris RIP.