

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

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TWENTY FIFTH 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: Rose Twyford RIP*

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 £479.00 of which £313.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £514.69 of which £76.00 was gift aided.

Home Mission Sunday £157.36 of which £37.00 was gift aided.

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

Matthew 20:1-16

The Gospel from Matthew speaks of God's utter generosity to all. God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, the 2nd person of the Holy Trinity into the world, incarnated into humanity. God became man. He came to live among us in poverty. He died the shameful death of the Cross to reconcile us to Himself. He rose from the dead on the third day and offers us the hope of eternal salvation. We cannot earn our own salvation. It took the death of God Himself to free us from sin and grant eternal life in Jesus Christ. God offers the wonderful gift of salvation to all who turn to Him and accept His mercy. This is the wonderful truth of our faith. The Gospel today speaks of the workers who come early and late in the vineyard of the Lord. That same generosity is offered to those who seek God's mercy late in life, and to those who have always faithfully followed God throughout their lives. We are not to be envious of God's generosity.

We have access to God's mercy through the Church, through the Sacraments, including the reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Christ also instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation through His Church for the forgiveness of sin, in particular, serious sin. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we confess our sins to Jesus Christ, and we receive God's mercy and forgiveness. There is no sin that is excluded from God's mercy. He always welcomes us with joy and compassion and grants us the peace and knowledge of His forgiveness.

YOUTH UPDATE: Our youth of Light Choir is back practicing for Masses, starting Monday 25th September 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. There are only 2 practices a month and we sing on 9 second Sundays of the month a year. Please encourage any 7–18-year-olds to join them and to consider guitar lessons. There are also opportunities to read and take part in the offertory procession. 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.

FR PATRICK will be attending the Conference for English speaking Diocesan Directors for Missio next week in Rome.

VACANCY: Diocesan Primary School Link Adviser. Part-time 3 to 4 days a week. Email victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 23 rd September 2023. <i>Memorial of St Pius of Pietreicina, Pr.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Marion Methole Branco RIP. Edith & Balabola.
Saturday 23 rd September 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 23 rd September 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 23 rd September 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 23 rd September 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 23 rd September 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Gerry McIntyre RIP Mary McIntyre.
Sunday 24 th September 2023. <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Aiden Hughes RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Family.
Sunday 24 th September 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Nan Baldwin Intentions. Breda & Jim Spriggs.
Friday 29 th September 2023. <i>Feast of SS Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Archangels</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Michael Bernie RIP Anne Leacy.

Saturday 30 th September 2023. <i>Memorial of St Jerome, Pr, D.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Fr Anthony Spooner Intentions. Martyn Wright.
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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.