

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

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**SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

*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.*

COVID 19 REGULATIONS UPDATE: Following the move to Step 4 of the Government COVID 19 Response Roadmap on 19<sup>th</sup> July, I have received the updated guidelines from the Bishops of England and Wales. The revised guidelines will be implemented over the next few weeks. Please note that face masks remain mandatory in the church.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets, but I would request wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by standing order or via the donation button on the website. This will reduce the level of risk to our collection counters and those who will need to visit the bank. The 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 £435.00 of which £272.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £383.52 of which £115.00 was gift aided.

Bishop's Visitation £274.37 of which £20.00 was gift aided.

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

#### JOHN 6:1-5

In the Gospel from John, we once again have the feeding of many through a miracle. There is a large crowd of 5000 men and their families, who needed nourishment and refreshment. There is a small boy with just 5 barley loaves and 2 fish. The disciples question what is the good of such a small amount of food for so many? Jesus told the disciples to 'make the people sit down'. Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving them as much as they wanted to eat. 12 hampers were filled with the scraps left over from the meal of 5 barley loaves and 2 fish. The people referred to the prophet who had come into the world. They failed to appreciate that someone far greater than a prophet stood before them.

Jesus would shortly share another meal with His disciples on the Thursday evening before His crucifixion. At this meal, He would take bread and giving thanks, would break it and give it to His disciples. At this meal, He would take a chalice of wine, and once more He would give thanks and give it to His disciples. This meal we call the Eucharist, which means 'giving thanks.' This meal represents a far greater miracle than the simple multiplication of food. During the Eucharistic Prayer, the bread and wine are transformed, through the action of the Holy Spirit and the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ spoken by the Priest, into the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. At this meal, we call the Mass; Jesus comes to us not to feed our bodies but to feed our souls. Every time we receive Holy Communion, we are changed by the presence of God. We are incrementally changed into the people that God wishes us to become in this life in order that we may spend eternity in God's presence in the next. In the words of Saint Pope Pius X, there is no surer way of getting to heaven than the regular reception of Holy Communion.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection this weekend for 'Peter's Pence'. Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in

need. You can put the money in one of the black buckets, pay on the Donation Button on the website, or pay directly on-line quoting 'Peter'.

**BISHOP'S VISITATION 27<sup>TH</sup> July:** A big thank you for all who have helped prepare for the day including: servers, sacristans, church cleaners, catering, cakes, flower arrangers, hall management team, gardeners, choir, and church stewards. Fr Patrick.

**ST HELENA HOSPICE WILLS MONTH IN SEPTEMBER**

Free will service for a donation to the hospice with local participating solicitors.

Appointments can be booked via [www.sthena.org.uk/willsmoonth2021](http://www.sthena.org.uk/willsmoonth2021).

**REVIEWING YOUR WILL:** Do not forget Our Lady of Light. You can give to the parish using the following wording in your will: 'I give, free of all taxes, the sum of £..... to the trustee of the Brentwood Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (charity no 234092), for the general charitable purposes of the Diocese of Brentwood with the request, but without imposing any trust, that the same should be used for gift to Our Lady of Light and St Osyth Parish, Clacton on Sea, and I declare that the receipt of a proper officer of the Brentwood Diocese shall be a good and sufficient discharge of my executors'. Any sum given in this way is exempt from Inheritance Taxes.

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.**

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July.	9.30 am.	MASS: Joe Byrne RIP. May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July. Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Cathleen Byrne Intentions. McCann Family.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July. The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: David Bewers Intention. Parish.

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July. <i>World Day for Grandparents &amp; the Elderly.</i>	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Marie Shirley Meunier RIP. Gaelle Sainte Marie.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July. Memorial of Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM.	9.30 am.	MASS: Jimmy John RIP. Teresa Orton.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July. Mass of the Sick.	11.00 am. Please note that this is a ticket event.	MASS: Our Lady of Lourdes with Bishop Alan.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> July.	9.30 am.	MASS: Maureen Napper RIP. Michael Napper.
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> July. Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr.	9.30 am.	MASS: Amelia (Tod) Jones RIP. Mary Lance.
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Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> August. The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Maureen Hollow RIP. Catherine.
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