

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

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TWELFTH 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: For the week commencing 18th June 2023:

- ❖ Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Daison & Family (Personal Intentions). Daison & Family.
- ❖ Our Lady of Light Chapel: Julie Lee & Family. Harry.

For the week commencing 25th June 2023:

- ❖ Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Marscena's exams.
- ❖ Our Lady of Light Chapel: Daison & Family (Personal Intentions). Daison & Family.

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 £426.00 of which £248.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £570.50 of which £98.50 was gift aided.

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

Matthew 10:26-33

In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells the Apostles, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell". He continues, "So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven". Jesus was not speaking exclusively to His Apostles, He is also speaking to us here today.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin; we become temples of the Holy Spirit; we become members of the Body of Christ; and we become adopted Sons and Daughters of God the Father. In Baptism, we entered the very life of the Blessed Trinity. The gift of our personal Baptism is the greatest gift from God. With this gift, we must remember that there also come great and grave responsibilities. We have the responsibility to practice and feed our faith, through regular reception of the Holy Sacraments, and most especially the Holy Eucharist at Sunday Mass. We have the responsibility to be active members of our parish community, and to contribute to the well-being of the parish. We also have the solemn responsibility to profess our Baptismal faith before all men and women.

The current culture in society tells us that religion is a private and personal matter. It is not considered acceptable for people to express their religious faith in public. It is something that one should keep to oneself. This Gospel reminds all of us that our faith is not a private matter. We are commissioned by Jesus Christ, through our Baptism to proclaim our faith to the world. There has never been a greater need for the world to hear the message of the Good News: 'Jesus Christ through His death and resurrection has won salvation for all who believe in Him'.

We are disciples of Jesus Christ and follow in His footsteps. Jesus faced abuse and rejection on earth. As the disciple is not greater than the master: we also must be prepared for mistreatment in professing our faith. We should never fear to speak of our faith to others. When we speak of our faith, we do not speak alone. Through the

action of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ is present with us and will always guide us in what we should say. If we are faithful to Christ, He will always be faithful to us.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday 29th June is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday 28th June at 7.00 pm and Mass at 9.00 am on Thursday 29th June 2023.

YOUNG PERSONS' SUMMER PARTY: St Charles Parish Hall - Friday 7th July 2023 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm. For 7 to 18 years old (any younger must be accompanied by an adult). Calling all the youngsters to come and have some fun. You can also find out more about our Young Persons Choir and altar service. There will be lots of games or you can just relax and eat the party food. Parents can stay and have a cup of tea. Please complete the form at the back of the church with the following details: child's name and parent/guardian's name with contact telephone number.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 24 th June 2023. <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Estelle Moss RIP Theresa & Family.
Saturday 24 th June 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 24 th June 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 24 th June 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 24 th June 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 24 th June 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: David Wilson RIP Angela Cook.
Sunday 25 th June 2023. <i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Tom Burgess Intentions. Peter Castle.
Sunday 25 th June 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: S Matthews Intentions. S Matthews.

Monday 26 th June 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Kelly Lombard Intentions. Anne Leacy.
Tuesday 27 th June 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Mary Lombard Intentions. Anne Leacy.
Wednesday 28 th June 2023. <i>Memorial of St Irenaeus, Bp. M.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Frances McMahon Intentions. Julie Stack.
Wednesday 28 th June 2023, Vigil of the Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, App.	7.00 pm.	MASS: Thanksgiving (Holy Spirit). Eileen Morley.
Thursday 29 th June 2023. <i>Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, App.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Vincent O'Toole RIP Joe Murray.
Saturday 1 st July 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Karly-Kay Caskey Intentions. Justyna.
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Saturday 1 st July 2023. <i>Vigil of the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Lizzie Lucas & Grandchild Lucas RIP. Pamela Lucas.
Sunday 2 nd July 2023. <i>Thirteen Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS. Pat & Des McGuire Intentions. Joe.
Sunday 2 nd July 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Anne Shields RIP Harry Killen.