

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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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Michael Conlon RIP - Josephine Conlon

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Michael Conlon RIP - Josephine Conlon

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

giftaid-clacton@brcdt.org

Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £650.00 of which £146.00 was gift aided.
- Collection £761.46 of which £92.20 was gift aided.
- World Mission Sunday: £564.46 of which £141.00 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 22:34-40 In the Gospel from Matthew, we are given a further account of the Pharisees trying once again to catch Jesus out in order that they could publicly condemn Him. For the devout Jew all the commandments were to be kept with equal care. If Jesus gave greatly significance to one commandment over another, they would be able to incense the people against Him. Jesus goes beyond the extent of the question put to Him and joins the greatest and the first commandment to a second, that of love of neighbour. Jesus tells the Pharisees that the entire law and the preaching of the prophets are derived and sourced from this double commandment.

What does the message of this Gospel mean to us today?

We are to love the Lord Our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all our minds. We are to love others as we love ourselves. Each one of us will be judged at the end of our lives on these two commandments. Have we put God first in our lives? Have we loved and treated others fairly, partly those who are disadvantaged to us: the poor, the sick, the lonely and the homeless? Our eternal destination relies on the responses to these two questions.

God loved us so much that He sent His only son into the world to die on the cross and be the Sacrifice for our sins. He sent His only Son to reconcile the world to Himself. We are expected to respond to God's love and live a life of love in return. A life based on the Love of God and love of others. We cannot achieve a life of love without the help and grace of God. In the Holy Mass, we receive the Holy Eucharist, the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Eucharist gives us the spiritual graces to love God and others in our lives.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is no children's liturgy during half term. The liturgy will resume on Sunday 1st November 2026.

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

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday 21st November 2026. 11am to 2.00pm. Come and see Santa, lots to eat and drink, plenty of stalls, £1 admission, children free. All welcome at St Charles Hall. Please put donations in St Georges Hall or at the back of the Church. (No clothes). Thank you.

ST CLARES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: You must apply on the Essex County Council Website between 9th November 2026 and 14th January 2027. In order to apply for a reception place, your child must be born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023.

VACANCIES ST CLARES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Due to families leaving the area, there are currently vacancies in all years at the school. Please contact St Clares in order to enquire about transferring your child from a non-Catholic school.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: The BCYS offers retreats, events and pilgrimages for young people throughout the Diocese of

Brentwood. If you would like to get involved, you can find out more at www.bcys.net or follow @BrentwoodCYS on social media.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The next meeting is on 29th October 2026 at 7.00pm in the Presbytery. The SVP are responsible for the Soup Kitchen each Friday. New members welcome.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: The November Dead List envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. Please place a list of the names of those deceased family members and friends you wish to be remembered during the month of November and give your envelope to Fr Patrick or Fr Peter.

HOMELESS: Appeal for blankets and sleeping bags. Leave at the back of the church.

COFFEE CLUB: There are coffees and teas after the Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. Please join us.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Saturday 24th October 2026.	9.30am.	MASS: Tim Freyne & Family. Caroline Daly.
Saturday 24th October 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 24th October 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 24th October 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 24th October 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 24th October 2026. <i>Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Eddi Philips RIP Pat Stuart.
Sunday 25th October 2026. <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Breda Mitchell & Family Intentions.
Sunday 25th October 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Claire Majewska RIP. Greg Majewska.

Monday 26th October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Fiorella Arbarchi RIP. Lee Family.
Tuesday 27th October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Paula Collins RIP. Denis Collins.
Wednesday 28th October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Rose RIP. Ann & Terry.
Thursday 29th October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Elaine Bartle RIP. Ivan & Valerie Ross.
Friday 30th October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. Tim Freyne.
Saturday 31st October 2026.	9.30am.	MASS: Tara's Intentions. Julie Lee.
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Saturday 31st October 2026. <i>Vigil of the All Saints C</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: John Henley Intentions. John Henley.
Sunday 1st November 2026. <i>Feast of All Saints C</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Baby Penny Lu RIP & her family.
Sunday 1st November 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Anthony Stewart Head RIP.