

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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TWENTY-SIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

(Harvest Sunday)

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: **Please, wherever possible, arrange to make your weekly offerings electronically.** If you are a taxpayer, you can gift aid the amount without any cost to yourself. This saves the work of our volunteer counters, increases our income, and greatly reduces our bank charges. 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 £471.00 of which £290.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £586.13 of which £100.50 was gift aided.

Home Mission: £131.43 of which £47.60 was gift aided.

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

LUKE: 16:19-31

In today's Gospel, the rich man closed himself into his own world of luxury and wastefulness. The rich man is condemned not because of his wealth but for being incapable of feeling compassion for Lazarus. He is condemned for his total love of self. He is condemned for his failure to love God and others. The rich man did not even see Lazarus sitting at his gate. Jesus Christ is present in the poor, the sick and the lonely. To ignore those less fortunate than ourselves is to ignore God.

This Gospel is a warning to the living. We only come this way once. Our lives on earth are not a rehearsal for heaven. Our lives are the reality of our preparation to enter heaven. We are not able to come back after our death, to put right the wrongs of this life. We can only respond to God's call to conversion in this life. We can only demonstrate our love of God and our neighbour in this life.

In the recent words of Pope Francis: 'God's mercy towards us is linked to our mercy towards our neighbour. When we fail to love and show mercy to our neighbour, we close our hearts to God'.

WORKING PARTY: Saturday 15th October 2022 meeting in Presbytery Garden at 10.30 am immediately after Mass. We need to establish a 'human chain' to clear the rubbish currently in the Presbytery basement. Please help. Fr Patrick.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on **Monday 3rd October at 7.00 pm** in the Presbytery. The classes are for the following: 1. Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. 2. Christians who wish to be received into the Catholic Church. 3. Unbaptised who wish to be Baptised into the Catholic Church. Attendance on the course does not require commitment to completion of the Sacraments. Please contact Fr Patrick if you would like more information or to join the group.

INDIAN DELIGHT: Meal of 'fried rice with buttered chicken' for £10.00 per portion in support of the Parish SVP Group on Saturday 1st October. Collect food from the Parish Hall from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Order slips at the back of the Church. Return with

money in a sealed envelope and give it to a Church Steward. **Your last chance to place an order.**

FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 9th October 2022. Please give up a meal and give the money to CAFOD. There will be a second collection during the weekend 8th/9th October.

FUNERALS: Sr Catherine O'Carroll of St Michael's Convent on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 11.30 am. Reception of body at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 27th September. All welcome.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 24 th September 2022. <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Ron Tibbs RIP Kathleen Tibbs.
Saturday 24 th September 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 24 th September 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 24 th September 2022.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 24 th September 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 24 th September 2022. <i>Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Anthony Cummings RIP (Anniversary) Anne Smith
Sunday 25 th September 2022. <i>The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (Harvest Sunday)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Mary Murray RIP Barbara.
Sunday 25 th September 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Mary Murray RIP Thomas Whelan.

Tuesday 27 th September 2022. <i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Pr.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Martin Gamble RIP D Lane.
Wednesday 28 th September 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Mary Murray RIP Peter McNamoa
Wednesday 28 th September 2022.	11.30 am.	FUNERAL: Sr Catherine O'Carroll RIP.
Friday 30 th September 2022. <i>Memorial of St Jerome, Pr, D.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Estelle Moss RIP Lee Family.
Saturday 1 st October 2022. <i>Memorial of St Theresa of the Child Jesus, V, D.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions Peter McNanmoa.
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Saturday 1 st October 2022. Vigil of the Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).	6.00 pm.	MASS: Estelle Moss RIP Cooper Family.
Sunday 2 nd October 2022. The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). <i>Prisoners' Sunday</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Alex Hefner & Family Intentions Shane Andrews.
Sunday 2 nd October 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Teresa Sturt RIP Lee Family.
Sunday 2 nd October 2022.	2.00 pm.	BAPTISM: Mabel Page.