

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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 2nd August 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Lilia Kibanoff RIP - Medrano Family.

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 £517.00 of which £482.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £914.77 of which £117.00 was gift aided.
- Stella Maris Collection £407.26 of which £67.00 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 13:44-52 In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field". What is this treasure? This treasure is a personal relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. It is through our relationship with Jesus Christ that we enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom of Heaven is where Jesus Christ rules our hearts, minds, and souls. It is there that we find true happiness, peace, and joy that the world cannot give us.

Jesus tells us, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it." This describes the person who understands the supreme value of the kingdom of Heaven and gives up whatever they possess to obtain it." We must recognize the barriers to our relationship with Jesus Christ and remove them. If we open the door to Jesus Christ and let Him into our hearts and souls, He will make His home with us.

How do we deepen our relationship with Jesus? We do this through prayer, through a daily conversation with Jesus Christ; we do this through acts of love and kindness, when we recognize the presence of Jesus Christ in others; we do this through reading Holy Scripture in particular the Gospels, where Jesus Christ speaks to us directly; we do this when we receive the Sacraments, each one of which is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, and most especially we do this when we receive Jesus Christ Himself in the Holy Eucharist.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is no children's liturgy during the summer term break.

YOUNG PERSON'S SUMMER PARTY: Will be held in St Charles's Halls and Presbytery Garden on Friday 7th August 2026 from 5pm to 8pm. Games, music, food and lots of fun!

SUMMER FETE 15TH AUGUST: We had a very productive meeting on Sunday 19th July. Thank you to all those who have kindly volunteered to help. We are now appealing for anything we can sell or raffle to make this a great day e. g. toys, ornaments, photo frames, anything! There will be a special rail of children's clothing. Any donations greatly appreciated (No adult clothes). There is a collection box at the back of the church or leave the items in the hall. Let us make this a fun day. Speak to Dr Lizy or Julie Fitzgerald.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 14th September at 7.00 pm in the Presbytery. The classes are for the following:

- Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Christians who wish to be received into the Catholic Church.
- Unbaptised who wish to be Baptised into the Catholic Church.

Please contact Fr Patrick if you would like to join the group.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. Please contact our MP and request that he votes against the bill:

nigel.farage.mp@parliament.uk

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA: On Saturday 12th September 2026, the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco at Brentwood Cathedral. There will be a day of prayers and services commencing at 10.00am. Bishop Alan will preside at Mass at 10.30am.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 25th July 2026. St James, Ap.	9.30am	MASS: Lindsey Abbarchi Intentions.
Saturday 25th July 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 25th July 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 25th July 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 25th July 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 25th July 2026. <i>Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Angela, Gordon, Anthony & Carolina Intentions. Theresa & Brian.
Sunday 26th July 2026. <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Ian Cahill Intentions. Brendan Herlihy.
Sunday 26th July 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: St Martins De Porrest of Lima. Emmanuel Ogbua.

Monday 27th July 2026	9.00am.	MASS: Bess Reid RIP Brian Madge.
Thursday 30th July 2026.	7.00pm	MASS: Dr Lizy & Family Intentions.
Friday 31st July 2026. St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr.	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. Tim.
Saturday 1st August 2026. St Alphonsus Mary de' Loguori, Bp, D.	9.30am	MASS: Mary Christi RIP Nicola.
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Saturday 1st August 2026. <i>Vigil of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Moira & Ronan McCarron Intentions. Theresa, Brian & Family
Sunday 2nd August 2026. <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Bonnie & Phillip Roberts Intentions.
Sunday 2nd August 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Fr Ambrose Ohene (Anniversary PH)