

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

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

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TWENTY-SIXTH 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.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: Please review the Parish Website for the latest updates:

<https://ourladyoflight.uk/>

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:

Offertory Collection £981.10 of which £299.00 was gift aided

Electronic Offerings £251.00 of which £155.00 was gift aided

SECOND COLLECTION HOME MISSION: Funds received last week:

Second Collection £101.05 of which was gift aided.

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

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASS: Please follow the instructions of the Church Stewards and allow plenty of time before Mass starts to sanitize your hands and complete registration. Attendance at Mass is restricted to 50 people. **I would, therefore, ask that those who are able to attend Mass in the week to refrain from attending Mass at the weekends to allow others the opportunity.** Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. Fr Patrick.

10.30 SUNDAY FAMILY MASS: With effect from Sunday 27th September this Mass will be restricted to Families and young children. This is a temporary restriction whilst we are operating under the COVID 19 Regulations. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding. Fr Patrick.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Due to Covid 19 restrictions the Safeguarding Administrator at Cathedral House, Antoinette Martin, has begun the task of processing the DBS checks for Our Lady of Light & St Osyth electronically. Antoinette will be contacting individuals, via email, and asking for forms to be completed and returned to her via email. She will also make 'virtual' contact to confirm ID. If you receive an email from Antoinette and are unsure what to do please contact me to discuss further. There are a couple of people who have not supplied email addresses so I will call you individually to discuss a way forward. Please do not post any documents, especially ID documents such as passport or driving licence, to Cathedral House as the office is not yet open. I have supplied a list of all parishioners requiring a DBS so do not worry if you do not hear from Antoinette, it's a long list and she's working through it.

Theresa McCarron - Safeguarding OLOL&SO, Tel: 07824 996677,

Email: Shamrock0808@gmail.com.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: There are 28 boxes of Gift-Aid envelopes at the back of the Church. Please collect your box ASAP.

SECOND COLLECTION PETER'S PENCE: This collection has been brought-forward from Holy Week to 3rd/4th October. You can also give via the donation button on the parish website or by a one-off electronic transfer.

CAFORD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 2nd October is Family Fast Day. You are invited to fast this day and to pass on the money you have saved to CAFORD. There will a second collection the weekend 9th/10th October. You can also give via the donation button on the parish website or by a one-off electronic transfer.

VACANCY FOR LAY CHAPLAIN: St Benedict's Catholic College. See website:
www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk

VACANCY CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD: See website:
www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentcoordinator

MATTHEW 21:28-32

In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus was responding to the chief priests and the elders of the people. They were demanding to know Jesus' authority for His actions and words. In His response, Jesus asked their opinion on the behavior of two young men? The first says no but subsequently complies with his father's request to go and work in the vineyard. The second says yes to his father but does nothing. The use of the term vineyard is a metaphor for God's people. The two sons represent, respectively, one: the religious outcasts: the tax collectors and prostitutes and two: the religious leaders. The response of the chief priests and elders condemned them. Their response was that the first son completed the will of the father in obedience and not the second. Jesus pointed-out to them that they were like the son that gave the good words but was disobedient to his father. They held positions of religious authority and were full of good words. They were also called to work in the vineyard of the Lord. They had, however, rejected the call by John the Baptist for repentance and turned their backs on the Kingdom of God by rejecting the authority and message of Jesus. They had committed the worst possible sin that of refusing to do God's will.

In contrast, many outcasts including tax collectors and prostitutes had listened to John the Baptist with sincere repentance. The outcasts had welcomed the coming of the Kingdom of God in Jesus Christ. They had the humility to acknowledge their faults.

What does this message mean to us today? Quite simply we must know the will of God and act upon it in our lives. In today's readings, St Paul tells us: we must have a common purpose and a common mind in Christ. We must know the mind of Christ. The Prophet Ezekiel reminds us that we are responsible and accountable for our actions before God.

How do we know God's will? We know God's will in our lives through reading Holy Scripture, receiving the Sacraments, and spending time listening to God in prayer. Once we know God's will in our lives, we must have the grace and strength of character to act upon it. We receive the grace and strength to do God's will through the reception of God Himself, in the Holy Eucharist: the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

MASSES WILL BE OPEN TO A MAXIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH

Saturday 26 th September.	9.30 am.	MASS: Julie Lee & Family (Justyna)
Saturday 26 th August	11.00 am to 12 noon.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: In the presbytery garden.
Saturday 26 th September	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday 26 th September <i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Thomas Cosgrove Intentions (Veronica Chambers)
Sunday 27 th September <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i> <i>Harvest Sunday</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Terry Lewis Intentions (Marian Lewis)
Sunday 27 th September	10.30 am FAMILY MASS	MASS: Michael Chambers Intentions (Veronica Chambers)
Monday 28 th September	9.30 am.	MASS: David's Intentions (Angela)
Tuesday 29 th September <i>Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Bernice Cheevers RIP (Elizabeth)
Friday 2 nd October <i>Memorial of The Holy Angels.</i> <i>Harvest Fast Day.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Caroline Twyford RIP (Paul Twyford)
Saturday 3 rd October	9.30 am.	MASS: Bill Cross RIP (Angela Cook)
Saturday 3 rd October	11.00 am to 12 noon.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: In the presbytery garden.
Saturday 3 rd October	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 4 th October <i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Angela McDermott RIP (Hanna)
Sunday 4 th October <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i> <i>Harvest Sunday</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Thanksgiving (Eileen Morley)
Sunday 4 th October	10.30 am FAMILY MASS	MASS: Sharon Twyford RIP (Paul Twyford)

Daily Offering

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 forever more. Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, pray for us. Amen