Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

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

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Prayer to the Holy Spirit *Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse.* *Amen.*		***Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.*** *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.*

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:
Week commencing 27th September 2026
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Jestin George RIP
Our Lady of Light Chapel: Annie Monteiro RIP
Week commencing 4th October 2026
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bill Cross RIP - Angela Cook
Our Lady of Light Chapel: Bill Cross RIP - Angela Cook

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 £516.25 of which £501.25 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £663.57 of which £102.00 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 21:28-32 In the Gospel from Matthew, the chief priests and the elders of the people were demanding to know Jesus' authority for His actions and words. In His response, Jesus asked their opinion on the behaviour 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 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. 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is children's liturgy at the Sunday 10.30am Mass.
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost in 2027 should make a request in writing to Fr Patrick. You should be currently 12 years old or above. The family must be registered with the Parish. Parish Registration Forms are available on our website or at the back of the church. The programme includes a retreat with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn about your faith, and to receive the gift and power of the Holy Spirit. **The final closing date for applications is Sunday 27th September 2026.**
LEGION OF MARY: Meet every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at 1 Church Road. New members welcome.
HALL TOILETS: The hall toilets must be cleaned every week to maintain the necessary hygiene standards. One parishioner has been cleaning the toilets each week for a number of years. She now needs some help. I have received one volunteer. Please may I have some more volunteers. Thank you. Fr Patrick.
YOUNG PERSON'S CHOIR: Recommencing twice a month 2 weeks before the 2nd Sunday of each month. Choir practice in the church on Monday 29th September

5.30pm to 6.30pm. Guitar lessons 4.45pm to 5.30pm. The first Sunday performance on 11th October at the 10.30am Mass. Any queries contact Julia Clarke or Julie Less 07949087427.

PARISH LOTTERY: August winning numbers 1st prize £100.00 number 22 and 2nd prize £50.00 number 42.

ST BENEDICTS CATHOLIC COLLEGE: Year 7 admissions for September 2027. If your child is currently in year 6 and you are considering St Benedict's Catholic College as one of your choices on your secondary school application for September 2027, please be aware that you will also need to complete the college's Supplementary Information Form (SIF). The complete form must be returned to the college by 31st October 2026, together with a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate. Please go to www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk for the full details.

BCYS DAY: Join us for Rooted 2026 – an exciting, brand new, one-day event bringing together young people from across the Diocese for a day of faith, fun, and community at our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House. Designed for young people in Years 7–9, Rooted offers the perfect opportunity to grow in faith, meet new friends, enjoy the outdoors, and experience an unforgettable day filled with inspiring talks, interactive workshops, and exciting activities. Date: 24th October 2026 - 9:00am – 6:00pm. Go to https://bcys.net/events/rooted7-9/

KNIGHTS QUIZ NIGHT: The Knights of St Columba annual quiz night takes place in St Charles hall next Saturday 10th October. £5 entrance fee on the night, accompanied children free of charge. Come along and enjoy a fun evening with light hearted quiz questions. Bring your own drinks and snacks and make it an enjoyable evening."

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Saturday 26th September 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Russell Williamson RIP. Eileen Morley.
Saturday 26th September 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 26th September 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 26th September 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 26th September 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 26th September 2026. *Vigil of the Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.*	6.00pm.	MASS: Margaret Joyce Intentions. Mr B Lawlor.
Sunday 27th September 2026. *Twenty Sixth*	8.30am.	MASS: Lawrencia Roberts RIP. Dr Lizy

Sunday in Ordinary Time A.		Damien
Sunday 27th September 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Kathy Lynch Intentions.
Monday 28th September 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Stallone Family Intentions. Sonya, Sidney & Shane Andrews.
Tuesday 29th September 2026. *SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels.*	9.00am.	MASS: Annamma Lukose RIP Anniversary. Sijil Lukose.
Wednesday 30th September 2026. *St Jerome, Pr, D.*	9.00am.	MASS: Robert McCavery RIP. Eileen Morley.
Thursday 1st October 2026. *St Theresa of the Child Jesus, V, D.*	9.00am.	MASS: Dr Lizy & Family Intentions. Lynne Austin.
Friday 2nd October 2026. *The Holy Guardian Angels.*	9.00am.	MASS:St Martin De Porrest of Lima. Emmanuel Ogbug.
Saturday 3rd October 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Jestin George RIP. Ance George.
Saturday 3rd October 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 3rd October 2026. *Vigil of the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.*	6.00pm.	MASS: Margaret & Jim McLeod RIP. Catherine Mcleod.
Sunday 4th October 2026.*Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.*	8.30am.	MASS: Ance & Tom Intentions.
Sunday 4th October 2026.	10.30am.	MASS:Damien Hanna RIP Reontia Hanna.