

## **Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth**

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

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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

*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 £213.00 of which £172.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £514.32 of which £58.00 was gift aided.

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

LUKE: 14-1, 7-14

In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus has been invited to a meal in the house of a leading Pharisee. The Pharisee had invited Jesus with hostile intent. He wished to observe Jesus and find fault with His behaviour. Jesus 'turns the table' and watches the behaviour of the Pharisee and his guests. Jesus first speaks to the other guests at the meal. He had observed them taking the places of honour at the banquet. Jesus tells them that true honour comes from being asked to move higher by one's host. They were foolish in selecting the best places for themselves because they risked the humiliation of being asked to take a lower and less important position. Jesus was referring to the great banquet of the Kingdom of God. He was referring to heaven. Our place in heaven will not be governed by our wealth, power, or importance in this life. Our place in heaven will be governed by our relationship with God.

Next Jesus speaks directly to the host. He had observed the Host's selection criteria for those invited to his banquet. The host had been careful to only invite those people who had influence and power. He wished to impress his friends and colleagues in order to count upon their support in the future. Jesus tells the host not to invite the rich and famous to his banquet. He tells him to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 'They cannot pay you back, which means you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again'. The poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind were entering into the Kingdom of God ahead the elite of Jewish society. What is Jesus saying to us? Jesus, The Second Person of the Holy Trinity, incarnated by the Blessed Virgin Mary, entered into humanity for one reason. He came to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He came in perfect love. He came to reconcile humanity with God. He came as our means of salvation. We, however, have to accept our salvation. We can only accept our salvation with humility. We can only accept our salvation by accepting that we are sinners and asking for God's mercy and forgiveness. These are the qualifications for the invitation to the Kingdom of God. We should always strive for those things that bring us reward in the next life and not the immediate gratifications in this life. We should strive to build our relationship with God.

WELCOME BACK PARTY: Youth and children's end of summer party on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, 5pm to 7.30 pm in the parish hall. There are still some places available - sign-up at the back of the church.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: The parish SVP are seeking new members to help with the weekly Soup Kitchen on Fridays from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. There is an established Rota. This is a wonderful opportunity to help the homeless. Please ring Linda Swinbourne 07799104874.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022/23: Will commence in September. We are opening the preparation this year to children aged 7 years to 16 years of age. This is an opportunity for any child that may have missed their First Holy Communion. If you wish your child to join the programme, please complete a Parish Registration Form available at the back of the church. Endorse the form 'First Holy Communion'. **The closing date for applications is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Jean Cosby will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 1.15 pm. Jean faithfully washed and ironed the Altar towels for many years. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her family.

THE PARABLES OF LUKE: A Gidea Park Faith Talk on the Parables of Luke will be broadcast by live stream on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 7 pm. Deacon Sean Loone, well-known in the diocese of Birmingham for his work in education and in evangelization will speak about the parables in the Gospel of Luke, which we shall be hearing at Sunday Mass as we continue through Year C of the lectionary. To listen to the presentation live simply go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

JOE MURRAY: Would like to communicate his gratitude for all the prayers, cards, and those who attended his wife's recent funeral.

RETRouvaille PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGE: For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme

commencing with a virtual weekend on 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022 or a face-to-face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023, call or text 07887296983 or 07973380443 or email [retrouvilleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvilleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouville.org.uk](http://www.retrouville.org.uk)

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2022. <i>Memorial of St Monica.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Chris Born Intentions Catherine O'Donovan.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2022.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2022. <i>Vigil of the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Nicola Frost RIP Nicola.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 <i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Joan & Terry Connor's Intentions M Geale.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Kevin Speakman RIP Theresa McCarron.
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2022. <i>Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: The Home Bound Intentions Alan Mowle.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Dural & Kathy Anniversary Deirdre.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Harry Killen Intentions Lee Family.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022.	1.15 pm.	FUNERAL: Jean Cosby RIP.

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2022. <i>Feast of St Gregory the Great, P, D.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Harry Killen Intentions Janet Newton.
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Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2022. <i>Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP Sonya, Shane & Syd.
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2022. <i>The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Frank Gamble RIP D Lane.
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Joe Byrne & Byrne/Clinton Family RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.