

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth
National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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THIRTIETH 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.

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bernard Hugh RIP*
- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen Haugh Intentions*

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. 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 £209.00 of which £148.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £500.37 of which £97.00 was gift aided.

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

MATTHEW 22:34-40

In the Gospel from Matthew, we are given a further account of the Pharisees trying once again to catch Jesus out in order that they could publicly condemn Him. For the devout Jew all the commandments were to be kept with equal care. If Jesus gave greater significance to one commandment over another, they would be able to incense the people against Him. Jesus goes beyond the extent of the question put to Him and joins the greatest and the first commandment to a second, that of love of neighbour. Jesus tells the Pharisees that the entire law and the preaching of the prophets are derived and sourced from this double commandment.

What does the message of this Gospel mean to us today? We are to love the Lord Our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all our minds. We are to love others as we love ourselves. Each one of us will be judged at the end of our lives on these two commandments. Have we put God first in our lives? Have we loved and treated others fairly, partly those who are disadvantaged to us: the poor, the sick, the lonely and the homeless? Our eternal destination relies on the responses to these two questions.

God loved us so much that He sent His only son in to the world to die on the cross and be the Sacrifice for our sins. He sent His only Son to reconcile the world to Himself. We are expected to respond to God's love and live a life of love in return. A life based on the Love of God and love of others. We cannot achieve a life of love without the help and grace of God. In the Holy Mass, we receive the Holy Eucharist, the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Eucharist gives us the spiritual graces to love God and others in our lives.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS: 1st November 2023. **This is a Holyday of Obligation.**

Masses at 9.00 am and 7.00 pm.

CALLING ALL RED BOXES: Please will you bring in any Missio Red Boxes ready for counting and banking. You should give your boxes to a Church Steward. Thank you. Manual and Barbara.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: The November Dead List envelopes and sheets are now available at the back of the Church. Please place a list of the names of those deceased family members and friends you wish to be remembered during the month of November.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Will be celebrated on Sunday 29th October. Missio money trees will be at the back of the church from this weekend. Give £1 and collect a hanging pouch with a gift. **There will also be a second collection at all Masses.** Speak to Manual or Barbara.

PARISH YOUNG PERSONS' CHOIR: Next Practices 30th October 2023 – Guitar 4.45pm to 5.30pm. Choir 5.30pm to 6.30 pm. Contact Julie Lee or text 07949087427.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday 4th November 11.00 to 2.00pm. Donations are to be put in the box at the back of the Church.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 28 th October 2023. <i>Feast of SS Simon & Jude, App.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Mary O'Shea Intentions. Pat Cunningham.
Saturday 28 th October 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 28 th October 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 28 th October 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 28 th October 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 28 th October 2023. <i>Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Cardinal Raymond Burke Intentions. Andrews Family.
Sunday 29 th October 2023. <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Michael Doyle RIP Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 29 th October 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Coleman Family Intentions. Mary

Wednesday 1 st November 2023. Solemnity of All Saints. <i>Holyday of Obligation.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Michael Fagbemi Branco RIP. Edith & Ruphina Babalolo.
Wednesday 1 st November 2023.	7.00 pm.	MASS: River Jude Phoenix RIP. Andrews Family.
Thursday 2 nd November 2023. <i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls).</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Mariusz Pawelczuk Intentions.
Friday 3 rd November 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Sarah Shackleton & Mary Ives RIP. Deirdre.
Saturday 4 th November 2023. <i>Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bp</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Rachel Strongetham Intentions. Julia Clarke.
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Saturday 4 th November 2023. <i>Vigil of the Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Fr Dominic McKenna RIP. Theresa McCarron.
Sunday 5 th November 2023. <i>Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Christine & Violet Bidmead Intentions. Joe Bidmead.
Sunday 5 th November 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Victor Haven Russell RIP.