

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

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse. Amen.</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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></p>
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Bill Cross RIP - Angela Cook

Blessed Sacrament 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. Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £191.00 of which £156.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offerings £550.43 of which £107.50 was gift aided.
- Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

MARK 9:38-48 In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus tells us, 'if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out'.

It is not fashionable to speak of hell today, but I would be failing in my duty as your pastor, if I said to you that hell does not exist. Jesus tells us that hell exists. The Church teaches that hell exists. Jesus Christ died on the Cross and rose from the dead, in order to grant all the opportunity of eternal life. Jesus does not, however, force us to accept eternal life. Those who reject God in this life cannot expect to spend eternity with God in the next life. They would not want to spend eternity with God. I believe that hell is simply the eternal separation from God.

What are these readings trying to tell us? They tell us that we have received the great gift of the Holy Spirit in baptism. They tell us that we are expected to use the gift of the Holy Spirit in this life by putting God first in our lives and the needs of others – especially those less fortunate than ourselves. They tell us of the great dangers of allowing the attractions of this world and the selfish pursuit of personal self-satisfaction to dominate and control our lives. If we place our hearts on the achievement of earthly rewards, we are in danger of losing the achievement of our eternal lives. In the words of Pope Francis: 'whenever material things, money, worldliness, become the centre of our lives, they take hold of us, they possess us; we lose our very identity as human beings. Too much concern for material things and for the self-satisfaction of me can lead us to lose our memory of God and the needs of others'.

We will be judged by just two things at the end of our lives:

1. Have we loved God with our whole hearts, minds and souls?
2. Have we loved our neighbours as ourselves?

Anything that stops us from loving God with our whole hearts should be cut off from us. If we love God with our whole hearts, we will want to love our neighbours and those in need.

SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY: Sr Pennie will be making an appeal at all Sunday Masses this weekend.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA: I am delighted to tell you that the Our Lady of Light Conference was re-established on Tuesday 24th September 2024. The first meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 8th October in No 1 Church Road at 7.00pm. The meeting will commence with the Holy Mass. Any Catholic man is welcome to attend. Fr Patrick.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 should make a request in writing to Fr Patrick. You should be currently in Year 9 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 commences with a day retreat at Walsingham House at Abbotswick on 23rd November 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn about your faith, and to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Alan will be administering the Sacrament in 2025. Closing date for applications is 20th October 2024.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday 2nd November - 11.00am to 2.00pm in the Parish hall. Please donate gifts and items to sell, there is a box at back of Church. Come and support this Parish tradition - an enjoyable social event for everyone. Julie Fitzgerald.

YOUNG PERSON'S CHOIR: Our Lady of Light young persons choir starts back on Monday 30th September and Monday 7th October 2024. 4.45pm to 5.30pm for guitar lessons, 5.30pm to 6.30pm for the choir. The next Mass will be on 13th October. Any queries text Julie Lee on 07949087427.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 28th September 2024.	9.30am.	MASS: Lee Family Intentions. Parish.
Saturday 28th September 2024.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 28th September 2024.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
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Saturday 28th September 2024. <i>Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Sarah Cooper & Family. Lee Family.
Sunday 29th September 2024. <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Annie Monterio RIP. Tara.
Sunday 29th September 2024	10.30am.	MASS: Dominic & Mary Henley. John Henley.
Sunday 29th September 2024.	2.00pm.	BAPTISM: Stevie O'Hare.

Monday 30th September 2024. <i>St Jerome, Pr, D.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Catherine O'Donovan. Lee family.
Tuesday 1st October 2024. <i>St Theresa of the Child Jesus, V,D.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Matt Price Intentions. Philip & Jan.
Friday 4th October 2024. <i>St Francis of Assisi.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Jim & Margaret McLeod RIP. Catherine McLeod-Englet.
Saturday 5th October 2024.	9.30am.	MASS: John Henley Intentions. Lee Family.
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Saturday 5th October 2024. <i>Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Penny Trelove Intentions. Joan.
Sunday 6th October 2024. <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Barbara De La Nougere Intensions. Lee Family.
Sunday 6th October 2024	10.30am.	MASS: Nicola, John, Christy & Colin's Intentions. Lee Family.