

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

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<i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i> <i>Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse. Amen.</i>		<i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i> <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>
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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 30th August 2026

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Brendan & Nellie Herlihy Intentions - Brendan Herlihy

Week Commencing 6th September 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Aidan Hughes RIP - Theresa & Family.

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Aidan Hughes RIP - Theresa & Family

Week Commencing 13th September 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bernie Byrne RIP - Theresa & Family

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Bernie Byrne RIP - Theresa & Family.

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 £351.00 of which £346.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £753.87 of which £166.00 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 16:21-27 In today's Gospel from Matthew, we have the first prophecy of the Passion. Jesus told His disciples that 'He was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day.' Peter challenged Jesus and said that 'this must not happen to you'. He understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but his expectations were of kingship, glory, and triumph in worldly terms. He did not understand that the Messiah had to suffer and die for others. He did not understand that Jesus would be glorified on a Cross. Jesus is the suffering Messiah. Jesus responded to Peter: 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's'. Jesus tells us and His disciples: 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me'. We are Christians and disciples of Jesus Christ. We follow Jesus to the Cross, and to the Resurrection. There can be no Resurrection without the Cross. We all experience disappointments, hurt, pain and suffering at some time in our lives. If our lives were perfectly happy and without any difficulties, we would be frauds and could not be called followers of Christ. As Christians, when we face suffering, we should always try to offer up and unite our suffering with the Passion of Christ. In this way, our suffering has meaning for our salvation and for the redemption of the world.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The children's liturgy at the Sunday 10.30am Mass will resume on 6th September 2026.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 14th 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026/27: Any parent wishing for their child to receive their First Holy Communion in May 2027, is invited to attend the 9.30am Saturday Mass at Our Lady of Light Church on 19th September 2025. A meeting with all the parents will commence immediately after the Mass to explain the new programme and to accept applications. The necessary forms will be completed at the meeting. The child should be in year 3 or above at the commencement of the New School Year.

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 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 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.

MONDAY 31ST AUGUST: There is no 9.00am Mass.

FR PATRICK: Will be on leave from Monday 31st August until Saturday 12th September 2026. Fr Peter will be looking after the Parish in his absence.

CATECHIST TRAINING & RESOURCE DAY: Saturday 7th November: An opportunity for First Holy Communion and Confirmation catechists, youth leaders, children's liturgy teams and anyone working with young people to come together for a day of training, inspiration, new resources and sharing ideas. The FREE event takes place at Brentwood Ursuline Convent School from 10am–3pm. For more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Saturday 29th August 2026. <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist.</i>	9.30am	MASS: Julia Clarke & Family Intentions.
Saturday 29th August 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Saturday 29th August 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 29th August 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 29th August 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 29th August 2026. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Patrick McMahon Intentions. Helen Kinnane.
Sunday 30th August 2026. <i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Sharon Hunt Intentions. Pat.
Sunday 30th August 2027.	10.30am.	MASS: Alison Calver Intentions. Mr B Lawor.
Tuesday 1st September 2026. <i>St Sebbi, K.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Mrs Siham Bashra George RIP. Anne Leacy.
Wednesday 2nd September 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Julie Lee & Family Intentions. Tara.
Thursday 3rd September 2026. <i>St Gregory the Great.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Valerie Hayter & Raymond Conway-Harris RIP. Deirdre.
Friday 4th September 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. Tim.
Saturday 5th September 2026.	9.30am	MASS: St Martin de Porrest of Lima. Emmanuel Ogbua.
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Saturday 5th September 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 5th September 2026. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Julie Lee Intentions. Janet Newton.
Sunday 6th September 2026. <i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Michael Drake RIP. Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 6th September 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Harry Killen Intentions. Tara.
Monday 7th September 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Harold Bonus RIP Mary.
Tuesday 8th September 2026. <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Deirdre's Intentions. Deirdre.
Wednesday 9th September 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Saji Family Intentions.
Thursday 10th September 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Ollie Faherty Intentions. Christina & Seamus Connolly.
Friday 11th September 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: John & Deirdre (Thanksgiving). Deirdre.
Saturday 12th September 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Maureen Hughes RIP. Harry & Tara.
Saturday 12th September 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 12th September 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 12th September 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 12th September 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.

Saturday 12th September 2026. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Anne Keston RIP. Jenny Keston.
Sunday 13th September 2026.	8.30am.	MASS: Riley Brannon Intentions. Lee Family.
Sunday 13th September 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Jonathan Lazard Intentions. Lynne Austin.