

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

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*SEVENTHEENTH 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: For the intentions of all families in this Parish.*
- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: For the intentions of the Martin family.*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: **Please make your weekly offerings by standing order.** This greatly helps the parish finances. 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 £244.00 of which £188.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £521.08 of which £138.00 was gift aided.

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

### **Matthew 13:44-52**

In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field". What is this treasure? This treasure is a personal relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. It is through our relationship with Jesus Christ that we enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom of Heaven is where Jesus Christ rules our hearts, minds, and souls. It is there that we find true happiness, peace, and joy that the world cannot give.

Jesus tells us, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it."

This describes the person who understands the supreme value of the kingdom of Heaven and gives up what every they possess to obtain it." We must recognize the barriers to our relationship with Jesus Christ and remove them. If we open the door to Jesus Christ and let Him into our hearts and souls, He will make His home with us.

How do we deepen our relationship with Jesus? We do this through prayer, through a daily conversation with Jesus Christ; we do this through acts of love and kindness, when we recognize the presence of Jesus Christ in others; we do this through reading Holy Scripture in particular the Gospels, where Jesus Christ speaks to us directly; we do this when we receive the Sacraments, each one of which is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, and most especially we do this when we receive Jesus Christ Himself in the Holy Eucharist.

THE COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM: Invitation to spend a formation week with the community. For further information phone 01362 421442 or 07467 644270 or go to [www.walsinghamcommunity.org](http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org)

NEW PARISH LOTTERY: A new lottery is being set up in the Parish. It will work as follows:

- All payments by standing order.
- The cost to join will be £5.50 per month.
- Payments should be received on 6th of each month.
- Members can choose their own lottery number. You will need to quote your lottery number with your standing order payment.
- There will be no limit on the number of lottery numbers held by one individual.

- The draw will take place on the second Sunday of each month at the coffee club following the 10.30 am Mass, commencing in September.
- The minimum number of members to initiate a draw will be 50.
- There will be a £50 draw and a £100 draw each month.

**We just need a further 16 sign-ups to reach 50 members.** Please sign up for the lottery with a Church Stewart at the back of the church. For further information, contact Paul Twyford on 01255 688213.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** If we really love somebody, we try to do things to please them. You cannot do more to please Our Lord Jesus Christ than to choose to spend 10 minutes in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On behalf of Jesus, I invite you to call into the church between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm on Saturday to spend some time with Our Lord. Bring your children to experience this ancient devotion. Jesus will shower you with many blessings.

**MISSIO:** You are invited to spend an afternoon with Missio on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Join Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director, and Fr Patrick, Diocesan Director for Missio. The event will commence with Mass at 11am, followed by presentations from Missionary Priests in the hall. Please bring a packed lunch. Teas, coffees, and cakes provided.

#### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2023. <i>Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Elijah Killen & Benjamin Buchanan Thanksgiving. Harry Killen.
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2023. <i>Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Betty Sewell RIP Peter McManamon.

Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2023. <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS. Vincent O'Toole RIP Veronica Chambers.
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Gavin Harris RIP.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Sydney Andrews Intentions. Andrews Family.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2023. <i>Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, D.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Mary & Dominic Henley RIP. John Henley.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. <i>Memorial of St John Vianney, Pr.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Marion Reed Jones RIP. Margaret Geale.
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: S Matthew S Matthew.
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Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. <i>Vigil of the Transfiguration of The Lord.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: B Coleman Intentions Mary.
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. <i>Transfiguration of The Lord.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Tom McManamon RIP Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Jesus Baloso RIP J Baloso.