

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

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<p><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></p> <p><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><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></p> <p><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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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: David Oughton RIP - Julia Clarke

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:

- Standing Order Offerings £149.00 of which £103.00 was gift aided.

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

Mark 12:28-34 In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus gives us the summary of the Law, 'Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength, and you must love your neighbour as yourself.'

Why is love so important? Love is important because God is love. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit live in a perfect relationship of love. Three persons in one being. The Blessed Trinity is the source of all the love we will experience in this life and the next. God's nature is pure love. If we are to be in relationship with God, we must be people of love. If we are not people of love, we cannot be in relationship with God. The love that this Gospel refers to is not sentimental love. Jesus refers to sacrificial love or agape. This love is not easy. This love always has a price to pay. This love involves putting other people before our own needs. It is the love that a parent has for their child. It is the love that Jesus gave when He endured the sufferings of the cross for our sake. Jesus was without sin, but He took the sins of the world unto himself in order to reconcile humanity with God.

How do we love this way? We love this way through prayer; through the practice of sacrificial love by helping others in need, especially those we find difficult to love; through reading and listening to the Gospels, where the person of Jesus Christ speaks to us and tells us how to love; by receiving the sacraments, and finally we love this way through the reception of the Blessed Sacrament – the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He gives us himself in the Holy Eucharist in order that we may love as He loves us.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: The November Dead List envelopes 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 and give your envelope to Fr Patrick.

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Applications for 2025 intake must be submitted to Essex County Council between 4th November 2024 and 15th January 2025. You no longer require a Certificate of Catholic Practice. You will need to supply the child's baptism certificate to the School. If your child has not been baptised, speak to Fr Patrick as soon as possible.

FUNERAL: The following funerals are taking place this week:

Joyce Greenwood Dec'd

Vera Sweeney Dec'd.

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their grieving families.

ASSISTED DYING BILL: Please email our MP urgently and request that he votes against this Bill. Those facing the end of their lives deserve our love and support, and not to be put in the position of taking their own lives. We have assisted dying in this country, it is called Palliative Care or the Hospice Movement. This Bill wishes to

legalise Assisted Suicide. You can email Nigel Farage at the following email: nigel.farage.mp@parliament.uk You must include your full name and address.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA: The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 12th November 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.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 2nd November 2024. <i>Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Roy Mathew RIP Jose.
Saturday 2nd November 2024.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 2nd November 2024.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
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Saturday 2nd November 2024. <i>Vigil of Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Mary & Al Powell RIP. Joe.
Sunday 3rd November 2024. <i>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Friends & Family RIP. Deirdre.
Sunday 3rd November 2024	10.30am.	MASS: Edward & Rossie Headley Intentions. John Henley.
Monday 4th November 2024. <i>St Martin of Tours, Bp.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Mary Lance Intentions. John Henley.
Monday 4th November	11.00am.	FUNERAL MASS: Joyce

2024.		Greenwood RIP.
Tuesday 5th November 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: John Anthony Tombs RIP. Margaret Geale
Friday 8th November 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Mary Benedict RIP. Tara.
Friday 8th November 2024.	11.00am.	FUNERAL MASS: Vera Sweeney RIP.
Saturday 9th November 2024. <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Frank Glynn RIP Ann Aytach.
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Saturday 9th November 2024. <i>Vigil of Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Pat & Des McQuires Intentions. Joe
Sunday 10th November 2024. <i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Wojciech Holeszowska & Family Intentions.
Sunday 10th November 2024	10.30am.	MASS: Daphne Bumstead RIP. Michael Parascandolo.