

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

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***TWENTY SECOND 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: Thanksgiving*
- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: David Latto SRN*

Last Week

- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Latto Family*
- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Mary & Paul Fuschillo RIP.*

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 £146.00 of which £128.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £589.92 of which £88.00 was gift aided.

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.

**FUNERALS:** The following funerals will be taking place next week:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Vincent O'Leary Dec'd

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Wilford Juckiewicz Dec'd

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Joan McInerney Dec'd.

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

**PARISH LOTTERY:** The first draw will go ahead on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 immediately after the 10.30 am Mass in the parish hall.

MISSIO EVENT: 16<sup>TH</sup> September 2023 - I need homemade cakes for the event. If you can make a cake for me, please sign up at the back of the church. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 4th September at 7.00 pm in the Presbytery. Please contact Fr Patrick if you would like to join the group.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The programme will commence with a parents' meeting immediately following the 10.30am Sunday Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the church. To join the programme, you must be registered with the Parish. Parish Registration Forms are available at the back of the church or on the website. Please endorse the completed form 'First Holy Communion'.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

#### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Mary & Ferdy Rathe Intentions. Bill Walsh.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: John Lenihan RIP Flanagan.
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023. <i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Anthoni & Matylda Delikatop RIP. Family.
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Brendan & Nellie Herlihy RIP. Brendan Herlihy.

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Frank Lane Intentions Doreen Lane.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	12.00 pm.	FUNERAL MASS: Vincent O'Leary RIP.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Helen & Bill Walsh Intentions. Bill Walsh.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	11.00 am.	FUNERAL MASS: Wilford (Juke) Juckiewicz.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. <i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Philip Argent Dec'd Deirdre.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Thanksgiving Manish Monohavan.
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Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Anne Keston RIP Jenny Keston.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. <i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Holeszowski Dec'd Family Members. Wojtek.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Mathew Kanippilil RIP Mini Mathew.