

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

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

*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.*

**COVID 19 REGULATIONS:** Please follow the instructions of the Church Stewards and allow plenty of time before Mass starts to sanitize your hands and complete registration. Face Masks are mandatory. Attendance at Mass is restricted to 50 people. People who can attend Mass during the week should allow others to attend at the weekend.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS:** Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets, but I would request wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by standing order or via the donation button on the website. This will reduce the level of

risk to our collection counters and those who will need to visit the bank. The 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 £175.00 of which £ 140.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £330.37 of which £190.00 was gift aided.

Day for Life Appeal: £172.68 of which £53.50 was gift aided.

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

#### MARK 6:1-6

In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus visited His hometown with His disciples, and He taught in the synagogue. The people were amazed by His teaching but rejected Jesus. They could not accept that a man from His background could speak with such wisdom and authority.

In the words of the Prophet Isaiah, they had ears but could not hear. They had eyes but could not see. They had no faith. They did not know Jesus at all. They were blinded by their familiarity. Jesus is not able to heal without faith.

We can be blinded through our familiarity in our relationship with Jesus and His Church. We fail to appreciate the gift of our faith; we fail to appreciate the gift of our salvation. Following the Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven, the Holy Spirit was sent forth by The Father, and through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit the Church was born and was given the gift of the Sacraments. It is through the Sacraments that Jesus continues His healing ministry on earth. The greatest of the Sacraments is the Holy Eucharist: the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the greatest gift Jesus could give us. It is the gift of Himself to feed and nourish our immortal souls. This is the greatest gift of healing and love. Do we really believe in the true presence? Does our familiarity with Holy Communion blind our faith in the gift of God Himself? Do recognize God Himself in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle when we enter a Church? Does our familiarity blind us from the truth?

**BISHOP ALAN VISITATION:** The Bishop will be visiting the Parish on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July to preside at a Mass for the sick at 11.00 am. There will be a parish reception in the parish hall following the Mass. The event will be by ticket only. Application forms are available at the back of the Church. I am appealing for volunteers to help on the day. Please return the completed Application for Ticket Form to the Presbytery as soon as possible. The closing date for receipt is 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**URGENT ACTION RIGHT TO LIFE:** 'The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to

hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth to England and Wales.’ The vote is expected this Monday. Please register your objection to your MP through the following link:  
<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth>.

END OF YEAR GIFT AID STATEMENTS: Individual statements are available for collection at the back of the church. Thank you for your commitment and support. Fr Patrick.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection for ‘Apostleship of the Sea’ next weekend at all Masses. You can put the money in one of the black buckets, pay on the Donation Button on the website, or pay directly on-line quoting ‘Sea’.

**THE FOLLOWING MASSES WILL BE OPEN TO A MAXIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH.**

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July.	9.30 am.	MASS: Oliver Kennedy RIP Joan McCarthy.
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July. Vigil of the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Dslyler Keryra Intentions Pauline Puca.
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July. The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Larry Drinkwater RIP M Dale.
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Ned O’Hara RIP Mary Foster.
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July.	2.00 pm.	BAPTISM: Leonard Galus.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July.	9.30 am.	MASS: Carol Michael Taran RIP Whelah Family.

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July.	9.30 am.	MASS: Christopher Lee Intentions Ju, Jord, Calilol & Grace.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July.	9.30 am.	MASS: Loyena Madge RIP Anniversary Brian Madge.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July.	11.45 am. Attendance at the Funeral is by invitation only.	FUNERAL: Alice Redmond RIP.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July.	9.30 am.	MASS: Rose Saeed RIP Veronica Chambers.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July. Vigil of the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Scott RIP Mary Lloyd.
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July. The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B) ( <i>Sea Sunday</i> )	8.30 am.	MASS: Antonie & Matylda Delikator RIP Bogusia & Janina.
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Steve McNeil RIP Chrisolita Sousa.