

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week commencing 4th October 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bill Cross RIP - Angela Cook

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Week commencing 11th October 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Jestin George RIP - Joy

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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 £648.00 of which £612.00 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 21:33-43 The Gospel from Matthew, Jesus was addressing the Chief Priests and Pharisees, in response to their demand that He explained from what source He obtained His authority. In the parable, the landowner is God. The vineyard is 'the house of Israel'. The tenants are the Chief Priests and Pharisees. It was their job to care and look after God's people. The servants are the prophets sent by God as His messengers to His people. The produce of the vineyard is the good works demanded by God – to do the will of God in their lives. The landowner's son is Jesus Christ; sent by the Father to announce the Kingdom of God. The landowner's son is seized by the tenants and killed outside the walls of the vineyard. The Chief Priests and Pharisees would seize Jesus and have Him crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem. Jesus is the stone rejected by the builders that through His death and resurrection would become the keystone of our salvation.

What does this parable mean to us today? We are the new tenants of God's vineyard – the Kingdom of God. He has given us His Only Son who died on a cross for our sins. He has given us freedom from sin and death. In response to God, we must bear fruit in our lives. Fruit that will build up the Kingdom of God on earth. We produce fruit in our lives by seeking the will of God in our lives. Each of us has a unique and crucial task in the completion of the Kingdom of God on earth. We each have a part to play in God's plan of salvation for humanity. How do we understand God's will? How do we obtain the strength to complete the will of God?

We discover the will of God through prayer and reading Holy Scriptures. We obtain the graces to complete His will, through acts of love and kindness; through the reception of the Sacraments, and most especially through the Holy Eucharist: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is children's liturgy at the Sunday 10.30am Mass.

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at 1 Church Road. New members welcome.

HALL TOILETS CLEANING TEAM: We are looking for more volunteers. Please let me know if you can help. What we do for the Church we do for God. Thank you. Fr Patrick.

ST BENEDICTS CATHOLIC COLLEGE: Year 7 admissions for September 2027. If your child is currently in year 6 and you are considering St Benedict's Catholic College as one of your choices on your secondary school application for September 2027, please be aware that you will also need to complete the college's Supplementary Information Form (SIF). The complete form must be returned to the college by 31st October 2026, together with a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate. Please go to www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk for the full details.

BCYS DAY: Join us for Rooted 2026 – an exciting, brand new, one-day event bringing together young people from across the Diocese for a day of faith, fun, and

community at our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House. Designed for young people in Years 7–9, Rooted offers the perfect opportunity to grow in faith, meet new friends, enjoy the outdoors, and experience an unforgettable day filled with inspiring talks, interactive workshops, and exciting activities. Date: 24th October 2026 - 9:00am – 6:00pm. Go to <https://bcys.net/events/rooted7-9/>

KNIGHTS QUIZ NIGHT: The Knights of St Columba annual quiz night takes place in St Charles hall next Saturday 10th October. £5 entrance fee on the night, accompanied children free of charge. Come along and enjoy a fun evening with light hearted quiz questions. Bring your own drinks and snacks and make it an enjoyable evening."

WEEKDAY MASSES: There is no 9.00am Mass on Monday 4th October 2026.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday 21st November 2025. 11am to 2.00pm. Come and see Santa, lots to eat and drink, plenty of stalls, £1 admission, children free. All welcome at St Charles Hall.

FOUNDATION DAY TALK - Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre

The Community invites you to their Foundation Day Talk on Friday 9th October at 2pm. Venue: 74, HOWE CLOSE, COLCHESTER CO4 3XD. Speaker: Dr Cormac Begadon. The talk is entitled: '**Between Faith and Fortune - The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre, Atlantic World and the Paradox of Religious Benefaction in the 18th century**'. For more information and to book your place:

<https://canonesses.co.uk/event/foundation-day-2026/>

ST CLARES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: You must apply on the Essex County Council Website between 9th November 2026 and 14th January 2027. In order to apply for a reception place, your child must be born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Saturday 3rd October 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Jestin George RIP. Ance George.
Saturday 3rd October 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 3rd October 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 3rd October 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 3rd October 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 3rd October 2026. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Margaret & Jim McLeod RIP. Catherine McLeod.

Sunday 4th October 2026. <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Ance & Tom Intentions.
Sunday 4th October 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Damien Hanna RIP Reontia Hanna.
Tuesday 6th October 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: David Hassan RIP. Reontia Hanna.
Wednesday 7th October 2026. <i>Our Lady of the Rosary.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Marty Downes RIP. Eileen Morley.
Thursday 8th October 2026. <i>St Osyth, Rel, M.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Arthur Carruthers RIP. Reontia Hanna.
Friday 9th October 2026. <i>St John Henry Newman, Pr, D.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Fr Patrick & Family. Sydney, Sonya & Shane Andrews.
Saturday 10th October 2026.	9.30am	MASS: William Stanley RIP. M O'Kane
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Saturday 10th October 2026. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Special Intentions. Joju & Tessy.
Sunday 11th October 2026. <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Mr Jack Brown RIP. Margaret, Sean & Tracey Brown.
Sunday 11th October 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Ursula Russell RIP. Steve Wood.