

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

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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (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 £444.00 of which £421.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £481.97 of which £153.50 was gift aided.

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

Matthew 17:1-9

In the Gospel from Matthew, we are given a description of the Transfiguration. Jesus had taken Peter, John, and James up into the mountain to pray. In the Old Testament, the mountain is the place where all the prophets had met God. Jesus had taken the apostles on this journey to prepare them for the trauma of His passion and crucifixion. They still did not fully appreciate at this stage that Jesus is God. As Jesus prayed, He was transfigured: 'the aspect of His face was changed, and His clothing became as brilliant as lighting.' The apostles were given a vision of the Resurrected Christ. Moses and Elijah spoke of Jesus passing, which He was to accomplish in Jerusalem. This was in direct reference to Jesus' death on a cross. A cloud came and covered them with a shadow. This was the same cloud that appeared at the Covenant between Yahweh and Abraham. This was the presence of God the Father. The voice came from the cloud saying "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to Him".

We are commanded to listen to Him. If we open our hearts, minds, and souls to the Word of Jesus Christ, we will share in His resurrection. His resurrection becomes our resurrection. This is the gift with have been given in our Baptism. In the Holy Mass, we are fed by the Word of God, and we are fed by the Holy Eucharist. The Mass is a taste of eternity. The eternity we will share with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

ST MICHAEL'S CONVENT FETE: You are invited to attend the fete on Friday 11th August 2023 at 2.30pm.

MISSIO: You are invited to spend an afternoon with Missio on Saturday 16th 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.

PARISH LOTTERY: I am delighted that we have reached 50 members for the Parish Lottery. The first draw will go ahead on Sunday 10th September 2023 immediately after the 10.30 am Mass. If anybody would still like to join, please speak to a Church Steward at the back of the church. Thank you all for your support. Fr Patrick.

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.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 5 th August 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: S Matthew S Matthew.
Saturday 5 th August 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 5 th August 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 5 th August 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 5 th August 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 5 th August 2023. <i>Vigil of the Transfiguration of The Lord.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: B Coleman Intentions Mary.
Sunday 6 th August 2023. <i>Transfiguration of The Lord.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Tom McManamon RIP Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 6 th August 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Jesus Baloso RIP J Baloso.
Monday 7 th August 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: M Matthews & Family.
Tuesday 8 th August 2023. <i>Memorial of St Dominic, Pr.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Pam & Brendon Scanlon Intentions. Lee Family.

Wednesday 9 th August 2023. <i>Feast of St Theresa Benedicta of The Cross, V, M.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Leslie Roker RIP Sisters of Mercy, Eltham.
Saturday 12 th August 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Tim Freyne Intentions Lee Family.
Saturday 12 th August 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
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Saturday 12 th August 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 12 th August 2023. <i>Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Sarah Cooper & Family Intentions. Lee Family.
Sunday 13 th August 2023. <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A,</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Terry Lewis RIP Marian Lewis.
Sunday 13 th August 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Romelo Abbarchi Intentions.