

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

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** This week:

*Our Lady of Light Chapel: Catherine Wilson RIP - Angela Cook*

*Blessed Sacrament Chapel: David Wilson RIP - Angela Cook.*

**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. Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £317.00 of which £300.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offerings £615.93 of which £121.00 was gift aided.
- Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary £715.94
- Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

**MARK 10:2-6** The Sacrament of Marriage is one of the Seven Sacraments of the Church. At the heart of a Christian marriage is the person of Jesus Christ. The presence of Jesus Christ makes the marriage holy. Jesus Christ is present in the Sacrament of Marriage to feed and sustain the couple in their commitment to each other and God. The Sacrament of Marriage is a holy and wonderful vocation. It calls men and women to live lives of love, self-sacrifice and holiness. The married couple quite literally are called to achieve their salvation through each other and their joint-partnership with Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel reading from St Mark, Jesus tells us: 'from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide'. Jesus has set a very high standard for marriage in this Gospel. We are imperfect creatures and cannot always measure up to His standards. Jesus knows this, and it is for this reason, He gives us His Church and Himself in the Sacraments. Jesus is a God of love and mercy and will never reject anybody whatever their circumstances. God's love is unconditional. In the words of Pope Francis: "The plan that is inherent in the Sacrament of Marriage is truly wonderful! It takes place in the simplicity and also the fragility of the human condition. Pope Francis continues: We know the many trials and difficulties that the lives of a married couple encounter... The important thing is to keep alive the link with Jesus Christ, which is the basis of the marital bond."

**KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA:** I am delighted to tell you that the Our Lady of Light Conference was re-established on Tuesday 24th September 2024. The first meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 8th October 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.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 should make a request in writing to Fr Patrick. You should be currently in Year 9 or above. The family must be registered with the Parish. Parish Registration Forms are available on our website or at the back of the church. The programme commences with a day retreat at Walsingham House at Abbotswick on 23rd November 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn about your faith, and to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Alan will be administering the Sacrament in 2025. Closing date for applications is 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Saturday 2nd November - 11.00am to 2.00pm in the Parish hall. Please donate gifts and items to sell, there is a box at back of Church. Come and support this Parish tradition - an enjoyable social event for everyone. Julie Fitzgerald.

**FUNERAL:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of John McKay and for his grieving family. The funeral takes place on Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 12.00pm.

**MISSIO BOXES:** Calling all Missio Reds boxes. Please bring in your full boxes and give them to a steward at the back of the church.

**ANNUAL MAINTENANCE:** There will be a working party on Saturday 19th October 2024 from 10.00am to 12.00pm to clear the surface cold water drains. Please may I have as many volunteers as possible. Cloves and buckets will be provided. This is essential church maintenance.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** The school has received a wonderful OFSTED Inspection Report. Copies of the report are available at the back of the church.

**VOCATION EVENING:** Tuesday 8th October at 7.00pm at Brentwood Cathedral. Contact Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@brcdt.org](mailto:vocprom@brcdt.org)

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 5th October 2024.	9.30am.	MASS: John Henley Intentions. Lee Family.
Saturday 5th October 2024.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 5th October 2024.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
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Saturday 5th October 2024. <i>Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Penny Trelove Intentions. Joan.

Sunday 6th October 2024. <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Barbara De La Nougere Intensions. Lee Family.
Sunday 6th October 2024	10.30am.	MASS: Nicola, John, Christy & Colin's Intensions. Lee Family.
Monday 7th October 2024 <i>Our Lady of the Rosary.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Mary Tomlin Intensions. Lindsey.
Tuesday 8th October 2024. <i>St Osyth, Rel.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Joan Cohen RIP Lee Family.
Wednesday 9th October 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Louis Todd Intensions. Julia Clarke.
Wednesday 9th October 2024.	12.00 pm.	FUNERAL MASS: John McKay RIP.
Saturday 12th October 2024. <i>Ss Ethelburga. Rel.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Harry Killen Intensions. Lee Family.
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Sunday 13th October 2024.	8.30am.	MASS: Kevin & Robin Collis RIP. Lee Family.
Sunday 13th October	10.30am.	MASS: Esther & Malcolm

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