

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

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Prisoners Sunday

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:

- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Dec'd members of the Byrne & McCarron Families,*
- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Sanjay Ramjag & Family.*

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. 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 £410.00 of which £392.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £569.03 of which £100.20 was gift aided.

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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: will take place on Saturday 4th November 2023 from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Donations to be put in the box at the back of the church. If you are kindly donating to the cake stall, please complete the details on the list at the back of the church. There will be a meeting after the 10.30am Mass on 8th October 2023 for anyone wishing to help at the bazaar. Thank you. Julie Fitzgerald.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost on 19th May 2024 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 2nd December 2023. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn about your faith, and to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. **Closing date for applications is 29th October 2023.**

CALLING ALL RED BOXES: Please will you bring in any Missio Red Boxes ready for counting and banking. You should give your boxes to a Church Steward. Thank you Manual and Barbara.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend for prisoners and their families.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 7 th October 2023. <i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Dr Tony Morris RIP Ann, Fiona, Nicky & Family.
Saturday 7 th October 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 7 th October 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 7 th October 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 7 th October 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 7 th October 2023.	1.15 pm.	WEDDING: Benjamin Gibson- French & Emmiline Fern Rio O'Leary.
Saturday 7 th October 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Lance Reddick RIP Andrews Family.
Sunday 8 th October 2023. <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Winona Ryder & Family Intentions.

Sunday 8 th October 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Thomas & Vonney Killen RIP. Harry Killen.
Monday 9 th October 2023. Feast of St John Henry Newman, Pr.	9.00 am.	MASS: Sean McGuin Intentions. Mary McIntyre.
Tuesday 10 th October 2023	9.00 am.	MASS: Sajid Family Intentions.
Friday 13 th October 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Tommy Lallen RIP Lee Family.
Saturday 14 th October 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Terri Barba RIP Nicola & Colin.
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Saturday 14 th October 2023. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Louisa Quinlan & Margaret Andrews RIP Andrews Family.
Sunday 15 th October 2023. <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Thanksgiving. Daison & Family.
Sunday 15 th October 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Ian Skipper RIP Nicola Christy.