

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

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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.

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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:

Standing Order Offerings £511.00 of which £466.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £425.38 of which £90.00 was gift aided.

Sick Clergy Fund £425.38 of which £89.00 was gift aided.

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

Mark 3:20-35

In the Gospel of Mark, the Scribes accused Jesus of completing His miracles through the power of Satan. They accused Jesus of being possessed by Beelzebul. Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed One of God, the One who is full of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the one who has broken into Satan's house and stolen his possessions. Jesus has over-come the power of Satan over humanity through His perfect sacrifice on the Cross. Jesus has broken into the strong man's house and bound the devil up. He has taken back possession of humanity from the power of Satan.

Jesus warned the scribes: "I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin". Why is this such a fatal sin? To reject the Holy Spirit is to reject your personal faith. By rejecting your personal faith, you are rejecting the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and the only way to the Father. If we reject Jesus Christ, we reject the gift of salvation. God has not condemned us; we would have condemned ourselves to eternal exclusion from the presence of God. This is the state which we call Hell.

The relatives of Jesus had arrived at His home and demanded that He come out to meet them. Jesus refused to move and chose to remain with those at His side. Jesus tells us, 'That those who do the will of God in their lives are His brother, sister and mother'. This is not a personal insult to Our Lady, His mother. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the one, with her Son, who completes the will of God in her life with perfect obedience to God. She is His and our perfect mother. Our Lady is the perfect disciple of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

YOUNGSTERS SUMMER PARTY: You are invited to join the Parish Summer Party on Friday 19th July 2024 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. All young people aged 7 to 18 years old are welcome. Children under 7 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

PARISH SUMMER FETE: Exciting new Summer Fete to be held on Saturday 13th July 2024 from 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm. Items needed for tombola, raffle prizes and for children's games. Do you have a gazebo to lend? Let us make this a successful day. Please speak to Julia Clarke, Julie Lee, or Julie Fitzgerald if you can offer any help or suggestions. Money raised to go to new hall roof.

FR PATRICK: Will be attending the Missio National Conference from Monday 10th June to Wednesday 12th June 2024.

MISSIO: We have just received a letter from Missio HQ thanking the Parish for a total contribution through Missio Red Boxes and direct debits of £2886.90 in 2023. Thank you for your generous support. Well done to Manual and Barbara – our Missio Secretaries. Fr Patrick.

ST TERESA’S REFUGEE AFTERNOON: St Teresa’s Parish in Lexden are hosting an afternoon to raise understanding and awareness of the difficulties and poor conditions faced by asylum seekers and refugees. You are invited to join the social event with some light food and drink on Saturday 15th June 2024 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

BCSYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 20th to 27th July 2024 – there are a handful of last-minute places available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS. Email gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org. The parish will fund 50% of the £710.00 fee for any young person wishing to join the pilgrimage on this occasion.

THE GENERAL ELECTION: This week the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have launched a set of information resources to help us think about our election choices. It covers pro-life issues as well as the criminal justice system, education, poverty, the environment, refugees and migrants. The Bishops remind us: *‘We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead’*. The resources include suggested questions for candidates. Go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

PARISH GARDENING TEAM: I urgently need more support in maintaining the gardens. Would you be able to join the team? Let me know. Fr Patrick.

THIS WEEK’S SERVICES

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| Saturday 8 th June 2024. <i>Memorial of The Immaculate Heart of Mary.</i> | 9.30 am. | MASS: Dison, Mini, George & Ann Intentions. |
| Saturday 8 th June 2024. | 11.00 am to 12.00 pm. | SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION |
| Saturday 8 th June 2024. | 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. |
| Saturday 8 th June 2024. | 11.00 am. | DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET. |
| Saturday 8 th June 2024. | 12.00 pm. | THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY. |

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| Saturday 8 th June 2024. <i>Vigil of the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i> | 6.00 pm. | MASS: Ekeanyanwu's Family Intentions. Chima Ekeanyanwu. |
| Sunday 8 th June 2024. | 8.30 am. | MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Peter McManamon. |
| Sunday 8 th June 2024. | 10.30 am. | MASS: Kate Kavanagh RIP Mary. |
| Thursday 13 th June 2024. <i>Memorial of St Anthony of Padua, Pr, D.</i> | 7.00 pm. | MASS: Dixon Family RIP |
| Friday 14 th June 2024. | 9.00 am. | MASS: Esther Berry Intentions. |
| Saturday 15 th June 2024. | 9.30 am. | MASS: Rev'd Anthony Spooner RIP. Alison Spooner. |
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| Saturday 15 th June 2024. <i>Vigil of the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i> | 6.00 pm. | MASS: Jimmy Lenihan RIP Christina Connolly. |
| Sunday 16 th June 2024. | 8.30 am. | MASS: Breda Mitchell & Family Intentions. |
| Sunday 16 th June 2024. | 10.30 am. | MASS: Rose Twyford RIP Peter McManamon. |