

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Day for life.

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.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: Please review the Parish Website for the latest updates: <https://ourladyoflight.uk/>

LETTER TO OUR MP: Please write or email Giles Watling MP giles.watling.mp@parliament.uk and request his support for 'The Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and clubfoot protection) Bill,

which received its First Reading in the House of Commons on 3 June 2020 and seeks to clarify in law that cleft palate, cleft lip, cleft palate and lip, and clubfoot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

CHURCH OPENING FOR PERSONAL PRAYER: Thank you for those who have generously volunteered to help with stewarding and cleaning. I am now in the process of completing the formalities for opening the church on Saturdays, but I still need more volunteers. Anybody volunteering needs to be 18 to 65 years old with no underlying health conditions. If you can help, please email your details to me. Thank you.
Fr Patrick

FUNERALS: The following funerals are taking place next week:

Monday 22nd June: James Cotter Dec'd

Friday 26th June: Dara Griffin Dec'd

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for the support of their grieving families.

MATTHEW 10:26-33

In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells the Apostles, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell". He continues, "So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven". Jesus was not speaking exclusively to His Apostles; He is also speaking to us here today.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin; we become temples of the Holy Spirit; we become members of the Body of Christ; and we become adopted Sons and Daughters of God the Father. In Baptism, we entered into the very life of the Blessed Trinity. In Baptism, we are given rights within the Church: the right to make our First Holy Communion, the right to be Confirmed, the right to be Married in the Church, the right

to have our children baptised into the Church, and finally the right to be buried by the Church.

The gift of our personal Baptism is the greatest gift from God. With this gift, we must remember that there also come great and grave responsibilities. We have the responsibility to practice and feed our faith, through regular reception of the Holy Sacraments, and most especially the Holy Eucharist at Sunday Mass. We have the responsibility to be active members of our parish community, and to contribute to the well-being of the parish. We also have the solemn responsibility to profess our Baptismal faith before all men and women. The current culture in society tells us that religion is a private and personal matter. It is not considered acceptable for people to express their religious faith in public. It is something that one should keep to oneself. This Gospel reminds all of us here that our faith is not a private matter. We are commissioned by Jesus Christ, through our Baptism to proclaim our faith to the world. There has never been a greater need for the world to hear the message of the Good News: 'Jesus Christ through His death and resurrection has won salvation for all who believe in Him'.

It has been said that Christianity is not just counter-cultural, but it is dangerous! We are disciples of Jesus Christ and follow in His footsteps. Jesus faced abuse and rejection on earth. As the disciple is not greater than the master: we also must be prepared for mistreatment in professing our faith. We should never fear to speak of our faith to others. When we speak of our faith, we do not speak alone. Through the action of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ is present with us and will always guide us in what we should say. We should always be aware that we are in the care of God. We do not walk alone in this life. As a child places their hand into the hand of a loving parent, we place our trust into the hand of Jesus Christ. To place our lives into the power of this world is to risk our eternal salvation. To place our lives into the power of Jesus Christ is to guarantee our eternal salvation. If we are faithful to Christ, He will always be faithful to us.

THE FOLLOWING MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED BY THE PRIEST ONLY:

Saturday 20 th June. <i>Memorial of The Immaculate Heart of Mary.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: The intentions of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit. (Mary)
Sunday 21 st June. Twelve Sunday in Ordinary Time A. <i>Day for Life.</i>	10.30 am.	MASS: Deceased members of the Byrne & Reilly Families. (Theresa McCarron)
Monday 22 nd June National Feast of SS John Fisher, Bp, & Thomas More, Mm	9.30 am.	MASS: Tony Healy RIP (Angela Pallett)
Tuesday 23 rd June	9.30 am.	MASS: Catherine Pearce Intentions (Mary)
Friday 26 th June.	9.30 am.	MASS: William & John White RIP (Mary)
Saturday 27 th June.	9.30 am.	MASS: Brian & Joan Locker Intentions (The Parish)
Sunday 28 th June. Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul	10.30 am.	MASS: William Cox RIP (D. Lane)

Daily Offering

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 forever more. Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, pray for us. Amen