

## **Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth**

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

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### **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (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.*

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

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** The 2020 boxes are available at the entrance to the church. Please take your box home. On your return to Mass, you do not need to use every envelope but simply put any 'catch up' donations in just one envelope. You do not have to use the envelopes if you are giving through standing order and quoting your gift aid number.

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS**

Following the resumption of public Mass, it is possible to place your offering in a bucket but I would request that, wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by standing order or via the donation button on the website. This will reduce the level of risk to our collection counters and those who will need to visit the bank. The 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. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

**RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASS:** Please note the following:

- You must wear a face mask or covering
- You must follow the instructions of the Parish Stewards
- You must follow 'social distancing'
- You must sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church
- We are required to collect details in the event of the need for contact tracing. The completed forms will be held for 21 days and will then be destroyed
- Please allow plenty of time before the commencement of the service to prevent queuing
- At Holy Communion, you must remain in your pew until asked by a Parish Steward to come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament
- You must follow the one-way system in the church

- It is not possible to allow access to the Parish Hall Toilets at the present time
- I would ask that those who are able to attend Mass in the week, to refrain from attending Mass at the weekends to allow others the opportunity.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Fr Patrick.

DEEP CLEAN OF PARISH HALL: I am still seeking volunteers for the deep clean of the Parish Hall. PPE will be provided to helpers. We need the kitchen, the sitting area, the main hall, toilets, and entrance area all cleaned. Can you help? Each area can be cleaned separately at a time and date convenient to the volunteers. Fr Patrick.

#### MATTHEW 13:44-52

In St Paul's letter to the Romans, we are told that God intended us to become true images of His Son. This process commences with our baptism. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we become adopted sons and daughters of God. We become temples of the Holy Spirit and members of the Body of Christ – His Church. We are called Christians because we are disciples of Jesus Christ. He is the master and we are the students. As Christians, we are called to reflect the love of Jesus Christ to the world.

In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field". What is this treasure? This treasure is a personal relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. It is through our relationship with Jesus Christ that we enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom of Heaven is where Jesus Christ rules our hearts, minds, and souls. It is there that we find true happiness, peace, and joy that the world cannot give.

In the Gospel, we are told, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he

goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.” This describes the person who understands the supreme value of the kingdom of Heaven and gives up what every they have to obtain it.” We must recognize the barriers to our relationship with Jesus Christ and remove them. If we open the door to Jesus Christ and let Him into our hearts and souls, He will make His home with us.

The Gospel tells us that there are eternal consequences for our choices and decisions in this life. Those who reject the Kingdom of Heaven in this life are not able to enter it for eternity. They bring judgement on themselves.

How do we become reflections of the person of Jesus Christ? How do we enter an ever-deeper relationship with Him? How do we enter the Kingdom of Heaven in this life? We do this through prayer, through a daily conversation with Jesus Christ; we do this through acts of love and kindness, when we recognize the presence of Jesus Christ in others; we do this through reading Holy Scripture in particular the Gospels, where Jesus Christ speaks to us directly; we do this when we receive the Sacraments, each one of which is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, and most especially we do this when we receive Jesus Christ Himself in the Holy Eucharist: the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**MASSES WILL BE OPEN TO A MAXIMUM OF 60 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH**

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Feast of St James, Ap</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Rob Armstead Intentions (Ann Killen)
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00 am to 12.00 noon.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: In the presbytery garden.

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Vigil Mass</i> <i>Seventeenth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time A.</i>	5.00 pm.	MASS: Kathleen Kellegher Intentions (Sarah Cooper)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Seventeenth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Nicola Christy Intentions (Lee Family)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30 am.	MASS: Michael Treacy RIP (Sarah Cooper)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Memorial of St Martha</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Dave Nundall RIP (Lee family)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am.	MASS: Cathleen Byrne RIP (Margaret Geale)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> July <i>Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola Pr.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Catherine & Tim's Intentions (Barbara De La Nougerede)
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> August <i>Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, D.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Halina & Bogdan Holeszowski RIP
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	11.00 am to 12 noon.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: In the presbytery garden.

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> August <i>Vigil Mass Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	5.00 pm.	MASS: Tim O'Donovan Intentions (Catherine)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Matylda & Antoni Delikator RIP
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	10.30 am	MASS: Brian O'Donovan Intentions (Tim)

***Daily Offering***

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