

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

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

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TWENTY-FIRST 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/>

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS

Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets, but I would request 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. Funds received last week:

Offertory Collection £504.20 of which £295.00 was gift aided

Electronic Offerings £202.00 of which £192.00 was gift aided

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

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASS: Please follow the instructions of the Church Stewards and allow plenty of time before Mass starts to sanitize your hands and complete registration. Attendance at Mass is restricted to 50 people. I would, therefore, 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 co-operation. Fr Patrick.

BAPTISM COURSE: I will be shortly running a Baptism Course by Zoom. Please introduce yourself at Mass if you wish to attend. It will not be possible to book a Baptism until you have completed the course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2020/21: We will be commencing the new programme by Zoom in September. Please introduce yourself and your child to me at Mass if you wish to join the programme.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: The Saturday night vigil Mass will be restored to 6.00 pm with effect from Saturday 5th September 2020. The change is being made to allow parishioners working at the weekend the opportunity to attend Sunday Mass.

MATTHEW 16:13-20

In today's Gospel, Jesus put the following question to His disciples: "Who do you say I am?". It is Peter, who replied on the behalf of the disciples. He said: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". Peter could not possibly have fully understood the response that he had given to Jesus. His response was inspired by God the Father and through God the Holy Spirit. Peter's response was an act of faith. By acknowledging Jesus as God, Peter was surrendering his whole life to Jesus.

Jesus praised Peter and told him that it was His Father in heaven who had revealed the identity of Jesus to him. Jesus then told Peter: "You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church". Christ the 'living stone' told Peter, a name meaning 'rock' that he was to be entrusted with His Church. The faith that Peter had confessed is the unshakeable rock of the Church. Peter's mission was to lead Christ's Church in faith. Peter was appointed the first Pope of the Church. Jesus reassured Peter that the gates of Hades will not prevail against the Church. The Church is assured victory over the powers of death.

Jesus said to Peter: "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven". What are the keys to the kingdom of heaven? The "power of the keys" designates authority to govern the Church. The power to "bind and loose" grants the authority to absolve sins; to pronounce doctrinal judgements, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church. Jesus entrusted this authority to the Church through the ministry of Peter and the Apostles.

The Church is, therefore, Apostolic: She is built on the lasting foundations of the Apostles. The Church is indestructible. The Church is upheld in the truth: it is Christ who governs her through Peter and the other Apostles, who are present in their successors, the Pope, and the College of

Bishops. The mission of the Church is to be the means of salvation for all humanity. The Church is both divine and human. The Church is the mystical body of Christ. It is divine through the presence of Jesus Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit. It is human because it is made up of ordinary men and woman. The Church achieves its mission through the proclamation of the Gospel to all mankind.

We are sent out as a Church: a community of the faithful, to be a light to the world and the salt of the earth. We do this by proclaiming the Good News, through our joy; through acts of love and kindness, and by having the courage to witness to Christ, the Son of the living God.

MASSES WILL BE OPEN TO A MAXIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH

Saturday 22 nd August <i>Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Thomas Keogh Intentions (Brenda & Alan)
Saturday 22 nd August	11.00 am to 12.00 noon.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (In the presbytery garden)
Saturday 22 nd August	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 22 nd August <i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	5.00 pm.	MASS: Annie Spike Dec'd (T & C)
Sunday 23 rd August <i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Marie Born Intentions (The Parish)
Sunday 23 th August	10.30 am.	MASS: John Hume Dec'd (Derry)
Monday 24 th August <i>Feast of St Bartholomew, Ap.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Caroline & Maria Daly Intentions (The Parish)
Friday 28 th August <i>Memorial of St Augustine, Bp, D.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Mattie Clarke Intentions <i>Hanna</i>
Saturday 29 th August <i>Memorial of The Passion of St John the Baptist.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Julia Clarke Intentions (The Parish)
Saturday 29 th August	11.00 am to 12 noon.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: In the presbytery garden.

Saturday 29 th August	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 29 th August <i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	5.00 pm.	MASS: Joe Carling RIP (Mary Carling & Family)
Sunday 30 th August <i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Dave, Catherine, Thomas, Daniel & David Hammond Intentions (The Parish)
Sunday 30 th August	10.30 am	MASS: Dominic Henley Intentions.
Sunday 30 th August	3.00 pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Daily Offering

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