

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

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

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TWENTY-SECOND 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 £396.50 of which £150.00 was gift aided

Electronic Offerings £161.00 of which £65.00 was gift aided

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

VACANCY: At Sabina Church, Brightlingsea for 8-hour part-time assistant. Contact Fr Mark Swires via email: brightlingsea@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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. The course will be completed in September.

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. **Closing date for applications is Sunday 20th September 2020.**

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.

REPAIRS TO THE CHURCH ROOF: The contractors commenced work on Friday 28th August. The works will take four weeks.

MATTHEW 16:21-27

We have the first prophecy of the Passion in Matthew's Gospel today. Jesus told His disciples that 'He was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day'. Jesus' mission was to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity was incarnated through the Blessed Virgin Mary to suffer and die on a cross; to be buried, and to be raised-up on the third day. God entered into humanity in order that we may enter into the divinity of God. Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection have defeated both sin and death, and given all the opportunity of eternal life.

Peter challenged Jesus and said that 'this must not happen to you'. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but his expectations were of kingship, glory, and triumph in worldly terms. He did not understand that the Messiah had to suffer and die for others. He did not understand that Jesus would be glorified on a Cross. Jesus is the suffering Messiah. Jesus responded to Peter: 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's'.

Jesus then told His disciples and He tells us all at this Mass today: 'If you want to be a follower of mine, you must renounce yourself, take up your cross and follow me'. We are Christians and

disciples of Jesus Christ. We follow Jesus to the Cross, and to the Resurrection. There can be no Resurrection without the Cross. We all experience disappointments, hurt, pain and suffering at some time in our lives. If our lives were perfectly happy and without any difficulties, we would be frauds and could not be called followers of Christ. As Christians, when we face suffering, we should always try to offer up and unite our suffering with the Passion of Christ. In this way, our suffering has meaning, and partakes in the redemption of the world.

It is good to work hard in this life for a good job and to provide for our families. We need people of faith in positions of responsibility in our society. We must always, however, do this work for God's glory and not for our own. We should never allow power, position, or money to become our God. When we die, we take only one thing with us from this life and that is love. St Paul tells us that only love is eternal: love of God and love of others. If we wish to build treasure in heaven, we must build it through acts of love and kindness.

We, therefore, renounce ourselves and follow Christ. We follow Christ to the Cross in the knowledge that our eternal souls are safe: death and sin have been defeated through the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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 12.00 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.
Monday 31 st August	9.30 am.	MASS: Brian Intentions (Angela)

Tuesday 1 st September <i>Diocesan memorial of St Sebbi, King of the East Saxons.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Conversion of our Nation (Mary)
Friday 4 th September	9.30 am.	MASS: Frank Lane RIP (D Lane)
Saturday 5 th September.	9.30 am.	MASS: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Intentions (Mary)
Saturday 5 th August	11.00 am to 12 noon.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: In the presbytery garden.
Saturday 5 th September	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 5 th September <i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Personal Intentions of my family. (Mary Pearce)
Sunday 6 th September <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Thanksgiving for my Guardian Angel. (Mary)
Sunday 6 th September	10.30 am	MASS: James Keane RIP
Sunday 6 th September	3.00 pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Daily Offering

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