

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

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

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TWENTY-THIRD 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 £211.60 of which £99.50 was gift aided

Electronic Offerings £958.00 of which £583.00 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. 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.**

REPAIRS TO THE CHURCH ROOF: The contractors commenced work on Friday 28th August. The works will take four weeks. The parish is paying for the repairs.

FUNERALS: The following funeral is taking place next week:
Tuesday 8th September: Clare Hamey Dec'd
Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the support of her grieving family.

SECOND COLLECTION: Deferred Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places will be held at all Masses next week. This is the main source of financial support for Christian life in the Holy Land. Please use gift-aid envelopes/black buckets in church. You can also give via the donation button on the website or by a one off electronic transfer.

MATTHEW 18:15-20

In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus gives us clear guidelines for resolving disputes within a Christian community or family. The first step is a private meeting with the person to explain why we are upset with their behaviour. We are not to speak to others or enter into gossip. This excludes the use of social media. We must try to resolve the dispute between just the two of us. We must above all act in love. If and only if, our attempt at reconciliation has been rejected and the person continues in the behaviour, we are to seek the support of two or three witnesses. If this fails to address the issue, it can be brought to the attention of the community. Why did Jesus give these instructions? Jesus gave these instructions to help the Christian communities to live in peace and love. We need to consider the following points:

- Jesus is gently reminding us that by being a member of a Christian community, we are responsible for one another, and one of our tasks of love may be that of correcting each other in love.
- We must approach that person with respect and kindness.

- We always need to pray and ask for the love and wisdom to find the right way of carrying out this task.
- The Lord has reassured us that where two or three people gather in his name, He is with them in Spirit.
- We should also remember that Jesus said we must remove the plank in our own eyes before attempting to remove the splinter from our brother's or sister's eye!
- We are, at the end of the day, a community of sinners trying to become saints.

If we have sinned against God and our neighbour, we can seek reconciliation through a private meeting with a priest. We call this meeting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this meeting, the priest acts in *persona Christi*. When we confess our sins, we confess them to Jesus Christ. The priest acts in the person of Christ and through the action of the Holy Spirit grants absolution for our sins. This Sacrament is the ultimate reconciliation in love between us, our neighbours, and God.

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

Saturday 5 th September	9.30 am.	MASS: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Intentions (Mary)
Saturday 5 th September	11.00 am to 12.00 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.
Monday 7 th September	9.30 am.	MASS: John-Joe Byrne RIP (May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline).

Tuesday 8th September <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Sean Brown RIP
Friday 11 th September	9.30 am.	MASS: Mattie Clarke RIP (Bird Family)
Saturday 12 th September.	9.30 am.	MASS: Personal Intentions of my family. (Mary Pearce)
Saturday 12 th August	11.00 am to 12 noon.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: In the presbytery garden.
Saturday 12 th September	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 12 th September <i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). Education Sunday.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Anne Keston RIP (Mum & Family)
Sunday 13 th September <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Bernie Byrne RIP (May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline)
Sunday 13 th September	10.30 am	MASS: Pauline Young RIP (Matthew Young)
Sunday 13 th September	2.00 pm	BAPTISM: Elsie & Ruby Glover

Daily Offering

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