

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

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

*Day of prayer for prisoners and their dependents*

*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 £240.00 of which £75.00 was gift aided

Electronic Offerings £1055.00 of which £580.00 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October was Family Fast Day. You were invited to fast on this day and to pass on the money you have saved to CAFOD. There will be a second collection this weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> October. You can also give via the donation button on the parish website or by a one-off electronic transfer.

FR PATRICK WILL BE AWAY FROM THE PARISH: From Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Mgr Christopher Brooks will be presiding at the 9.30 am Mass on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October and the Saturday 6.00 pm Mass on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Fr Paschal Uche, newly ordained on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020, will be presiding on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the 8.30 am Mass and 10.30 am Family Mass. This newsletter is for a two-week period.

HALL TOILETS: The newly refitted toilets are now available for those attending Mass. If you need to use a toilet, please speak to a Church Steward. The disabled toilet must only be used by a disabled person or a parent requiring baby changing facilities.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: There will be a second collection over the weekend 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October. You can also give via the donation button on the parish website or by a one-off electronic transfer.

MATTHEW 22:1-14

The Gospel from Matthew comes from the Parable of the Wedding Feast. Jesus was addressing the Chief Priests and Pharisees, in response to their demand that He explained from what source He obtained the authority for His words and actions. What was Jesus saying to them? I will offer an interpretation.

The Kingdom of Heaven is compared to a wedding feast that a king gives for his son. The king is God. The son is Jesus Christ. The occasion is the wedding of Christ to His Church. The Church is the mystical bride of Christ. God sent His servants the prophets to invite His people to the wedding banquet. The Chief Priests and the Pharisees reject the Prophets and the call to repentance from John the Baptist. Finally, they reject the message of the Kingdom of God from Jesus. They seize Jesus and have Him crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem. The death of Jesus on the Cross was to complete the preparations for the wedding feast. His death and resurrection brought about the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the Church. The troops despatched are the Romans, who burn down the Temple of Jerusalem in AD 70. God sends out

the Apostles and the disciples of Jesus, to invite the gentiles to attend the wedding banquet. God will come in judgment on those wishing to attend the wedding banquet. How does the parable relate to us today? The parable is not only a statement of God's judgment on the Jewish authorities and those who reject the message of the Gospel; it is also a warning to us. The guest thrown out for not wearing a wedding garment refers to those who are unprepared to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We must approach the Kingdom of Heaven with humility both in the greatness of God and the undeserved gift of salvation. We are to wear the wedding garment of repentance. We are to hold the change of heart and mind that is the condition for entrance into the kingdom. We must live a life of good deeds. We must seek the will of God in our lives.

If we are not properly clothed, not living good Christian lives, God in His great mercy has given us the means of washing our clothes: The Sacraments of the Church, in particular the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we take off our old clothes and put the new clothes of the grace of Christ. Jesus Christ through His death and resurrection has given all humanity the opportunity of eternal life. God does not force His salvation on us. He respects our free will. We are free to accept or reject His invitation to the Banquet of Heaven. If we accept His invitation, we need to be properly dressed, clothed in humility and open to His will in our lives.

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

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Feast of St John Henry Newman, Pr.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Catherine O'Donovan Intentions (Maureen Hughes)
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00 am to 12 noon.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: In the presbytery garden.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Charlie Christy & Family Intentions (Nicola)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i> <i>Prisoner's Sunday</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Darrell Christy RIP (Nicola)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am FAMILY MASS	MASS: Joan Cohen Intentions (Nicola)

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Diocesan Memorial of Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe &amp; Cuthberga, Rel.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Brian Madge Intentions (Parish)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 am.	MASS: Julie Lee Intentions (Nicola)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 am.	MASS: John Christy Intentions (Nicola)
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Vigil Mass the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mary Powell & Family Intentions (Mary Powell)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Twenty-Nine Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Wojteck Holeszowska & Family Intentions (Parish)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am FAMILY MASS	MASS: Jill Morris Intentions (Catherine O'Donovan)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.30 am	MASS: Harry's Intentions (Nicola)
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 am	MASS: William & Mary Cosgrove Intentions (Veronica Chambers)
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00 am to 12.00 noon	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: In the presbytery garden.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> October Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A	6.00 pm	MASS: John & Nell O'Donovan RIP (Tom O'Donovan)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	8.30 am	MASS: Rozalia & Mieczyslaw Buda RIP (Family)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am FAMILY MASS	MASS: Bernice Cheevers RIP (Elizabeth)