

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

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 £522.64 of which £200.00 was gift aided

Electronic Offerings £283.00 of which £183.00 was gift aided

SECOND COLLECTION HOME MISSION: Funds received last week:

Second Collection £193.97 of which £62.40 was gift aided.

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

UPDATE ON CHURCH ROOF: The repairs to the church roof have now been completed. The missing lead has been replaced by stainless steel which will last forever and has no scrap value. The cost of the repairs is £25000.00. The Parish is meeting the full cost of the works.

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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: There are 28 boxes of Gift-Aid envelopes at the back of the Church. Please collect your box ASAP.

SECOND COLLECTION PETER'S PENCE: This collection has been brought-forward from Holy Week to 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October. Black buckets will be out for this collection. You can also give via the donation button on the parish website or by a one-off electronic transfer.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October was Family Fast Day. You were invited to fast this day and to pass on the money you have saved to CAFOD. There will be a second collection the 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.

### **MATTHEW 21:28-32**

The Gospel from Matthew continues the theme of God's vineyard. 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. The parable was Jesus' response to their demand. When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard this story, they would have immediately known that He was talking about them. Many scholars believe that this parable sealed Jesus' fate. It is believed that the chief priests and Pharisees decided at this point that Jesus must be killed.

In the parable, the landowner is God. The vineyard is 'the house of Israel'. The tenants are the Chief Priests and Pharisees. It was their job to care and look after God's people. The servants are the prophets sent by God as His messengers to His people. The produce of the vineyard is the good works demanded by God – to do the will of God in their lives. The landowner's son is Jesus Christ; sent by the Father to announce the Kingdom of God. The landowner's son is seized by the tenants and killed outside the walls of the vineyard. The Chief Priests and Pharisees would seize Jesus and have him crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem. Jesus is the

stone rejected by the builders that through His death and resurrection would become the keystone of our salvation.

What does this parable mean to us today? We are the new tenants of God's vineyard – the Kingdom of God. He has given us His Only Son who died on a cross for our sins. He has given us freedom from sin and death. In response to God, we must bear fruit in our lives. Fruit that will build up the Kingdom of God on earth. We produce fruit in our lives by seeking the will of God in our lives. Each of us here present today has a unique and crucial task in the completion of the Kingdom of God on earth. We each have a part to play in God's plan of salvation for humanity.

How do we understand God's will? How do we obtain the strength to complete the will of God?

We discover the will of God through prayer and reading Holy Scriptures. We obtain the graces to complete His will, through acts of love and kindness; through the reception of the Sacraments, and most especially through the Holy Eucharist: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.30 am.	MASS: Bill Cross RIP (Angela Cook)
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	11.00 am to 12 noon.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: In the presbytery garden.
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Angela McDermott RIP (Hanna)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Harvest Sunday</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Thanksgiving (Eileen Morley)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am FAMILY MASS	MASS: Sharon Twyford RIP (Paul Twyford)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 am.	MASS: Michael Palmer Intentions (Catherine O'Donovan)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: James Nicholls Intentions (D M Daly)

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Memorial of St Osyth, Rel.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Richard Gralinski RIP (Hanna)
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) Prisoners 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)

***Daily Offering***

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