

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

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

World Day of the Poor

Come Holy Spirit, by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your well-beloved spouse. Amen.



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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: There will be no public services during the November Lockdown. The Church will be open for private prayer from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturdays with Exposition. 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 £232.66 of which £225.00 was gift aided

Electronic Offerings £460.00 of which £350.00 was gift aided

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

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: The November Dead List envelopes and sheets are now available at the back of the Church. Please complete a list of the names of those deceased family members and friends you wish to be remembered during the month of November.

HEALTH & SAFETY REGULATIONS: The Diocese has established a browser-based system for the monitoring and completion of Health & Safety activities in parishes. Please may I have a volunteer from the parish with some Health & Safety experience to help me set-up and maintain the new system. Please contact Fr Patrick.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2020. Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Pentecost on 23rd May 2021, should make a request in writing to Fr Patrick. To qualify for the 2021 programme, the young person should be currently in Year 10 or above. We are proposing five Zoom sessions and one mini retreat led by the Brentwood Youth Service. **Closing date for applications is 30th November 2020.**

REVIEWING YOUR WILL: Do not forget Our Lady of Light. You can give to the parish using the following wording in your will: 'I give, free of all taxes, the sum of £..... to the trustee of the Brentwood Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (charity no 234092), for the general charitable purposes of the Diocese of Brentwood with the request, but without imposing any trust, that the same should be used for gift to Our Lady of Light and St Osyth Parish, Clacton on Sea, and I declare that the receipt of a proper officer of the Brentwood Diocese shall be a good and sufficient discharge of my executors'. Any sum given in this way is exempt from Inheritance Taxes.

NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK AGM: Saturday 21st November 11.00m to 3.00 pm via Zoom. Register through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/njpn-agm-networking-day-tickets-121751701617?aff=ebdssbeac&keep_tld=1

MATTHEW 25:14-30

The Gospel from Matthew is referred to as the 'Parable of the talents'. What is Jesus saying to us in this Gospel story? Here is an interpretation: The Master is Jesus Christ. Everything has been made through Jesus Christ and He is the Lord of everything. Jesus Christ is the Master and Head of the Church. The servants are Christians. The Master has gone away for a long time but will return. Jesus ascended into Heaven following the resurrection but will return at the end of time. The word talent originally referred to a silver coin which was worth several thousand denari. A denari is payment for one day's labour. The talent is therefore something of great value. What has been given of great value to a Christian? The most precious thing given to a Christian is the gift of the Holy Spirit at Baptism. We are commissioned to use the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives to build the Kingdom of God on earth. We are stewards of God's grace. We have other gifts of divine providence given to us in this life, including individual abilities, intelligence, good fortune, careers, money, and property. We need to remember that we own nothing in this life. Everything is a gift from God. We come into the world with nothing and leave this world with nothing except God's grace and our acts of love. Some people are given more than others in this life. The more we are given, the more that is expected from us. We are to use all our gifts for the building of the Kingdom of God.

The Master returns and demands an account from each of his servants. Jesus Christ will return at the end of time and will demand an account of the gifts given to us. The servants who used their talents profitably and produced more talents are praised by the Master, and are welcomed in the Master's kingdom. The servant who hid his talents and did not use them to produce more talents is condemned, and denied entry into the Master's kingdom. The message is clear we must be faithful servants and use our gifts for the building of the Kingdom of Heaven. We must put God and others before ourselves, using our many gifts wisely and fruitfully. We are not to be useless servants, barren trees, or lifeless vineyards.

MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE

Saturday 14 th November	9.30 am.	MASS: Mary Matter RIP (Veronica Chambers)
Saturday 14 th November	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Sunday 15 th November Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>(World Day of the Poor)</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: The November Dead List RIP

Monday 16 th November St Edmund of Abingdon (Rich), Bp. Secondary Co- Patron of the Diocese.	9.30 am.	MASS: Brian Blight RIP (Mary)
Tuesday 17 th November	9.30 am.	MASS: Alan Fitzgerald RIP (Terri & Family)
Friday 20 th November	9.30 am.	MASS: James & Lorraine Killen & Family (Mum)
Saturday 21 st November	9.30 am.	MASS: Tommy & Kitty O'Brien Dec'd (Theresa Orton)
Saturday 21 st November <i>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Sunday 22 nd November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus The King (A) <i>(Youth Day)</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: The November Dead List RIP

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Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit pray for us.

Amen.