

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

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**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

***Remembrance Day***

*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:** 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 £348.00 of which £84.00 was gift aided

Electronic Offerings £1170.50 of which £815.50 was gift aided

Second collection for World Mission Sunday: £471.65

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 place a list of the names of those deceased family members and friends you wish to be remembered during the month of November.

**FUNERALS:** The following funerals are taking place next week:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Shelagh Bloyce Dec'd

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Alan Fitzgerald Dec'd

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for the support of their grieving families.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2021:** A provisional date has been booked with BCYS for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. The Diocese will issue an update in January.

**GIDEA PARK STUDY DAYS:** Professor John Morrill will be giving a presentation on St John Henry Newman & Vatican 1 on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 11.00am to 3.00pm. Live streaming available on [www.ssppilford.org.uk](http://www.ssppilford.org.uk).

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2020.** Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Pentecost on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 5 Zoom sessions and one mini retreat led by the Brentwood Youth Service. Closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**MATTHEW 25:1-13**

In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus gives us the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids. I will offer an interpretation. The bridegroom is Jesus Christ at the end of time returning in judgement and glory. The bride is His Church. The occasion is the Heavenly Banquet. The sensible bridesmaids are those who have fed and encouraged their faith throughout their lives. Their lamps and flasks are full of the oil of faith. The foolish bridesmaids are those who have neglected their faith, and failed to sustain and grow their faith in this life. The oil of faith is low in their lamps and their flasks are empty. The bridegroom is

late and comes at an unexpected time. The foolish bridesmaid's lamps are empty of the oil of faith. They ask the sensible bridesmaids to share their oil of faith. The sensible bridesmaids say no. Faith can only be obtained through personal action; you cannot take it from somebody else. The sensible bridesmaids enter the banquet and the foolish bridesmaids are locked out in the darkness. Jesus does not know them, they have no faith.

St Paul tells us that, Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen'. Faith is the assurance of a God who loves us and the conviction of eternal life in the happiness of heaven'. We receive the gift of faith at our Baptism. Baptism is the Sacrament of faith. Our parents and godparents are given the solemn responsibility to grow our faith and keep it alive until we are old enough to assume full responsibility for our faith. Our faith is a precious and delicate flower. If we fail to feed and sustain our faith, it will die. We become strangers to God.

How do we feed and sustain our faith? We feed our faith in prayer, in time spend talking and listening to Jesus Christ; we feed our faith in acts of love and kindness, especially to those most in need: the sick, the poor and the lonely; we feed our faith by reading Holy Scripture, in particular the Gospels, where Jesus personally speaks to us; we feed our faith by receiving the sacraments, each one of which is an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ; and most especially in the reception of the Holy Eucharist: the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. If we do this, our lamps will be full of the oil of faith. The bridegroom will recognise us and welcome us as friends into the banquet of heaven.

#### **MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE**

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| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November  | 9.30 am                 | MASS: Ivan Norfolk RIP<br>(Joe Murray)                                   |
| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November  | 11.00 am to 1.00 pm     | Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. |
| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Vigil of the 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time                     | 6.00 pm                 | MASS: Patricia Cowell RIP<br>(Frances Thomas)                            |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November<br>32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)<br><i>(Remembrance Sunday)</i> | 8.30 am                 | MASS: The November Dead List RIP   |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November  | 10.30 am<br>FAMILY MASS | MASS: Paul West RIP<br>(Julie Lee)                                       |

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| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November<br><i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>                      | 9.30 am.            | MASS: Dixon Family RIP (Parish)  |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Memorial of St Leo the Great, P, D.                                       | 9.30 am.            | MASS: Thomas John Clancy Dec'd (Mary Clancy)                             |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November   | 9.30 am.            | MASS: Brian & Jennifer Coates Intentions (Parish)                        |
| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November   | 9.30 am.            | MASS: Mary Matter RIP (Veronica Chambers)                                |
| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November   | 11.00 am to 1.00 pm | Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)<br><i>(World Day of the Poor)</i> | 9.30 am.            | MASS: The November Dead List RIP   |

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*Our Lady of Light pray for us.*

*Amen.*