

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

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B).

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.

COVID 19 REGULATIONS STEP 4: The revised guidelines are being implemented in the parish. Please note that face masks remain mandatory in the church.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets or at the Sunday collection, 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:

Electronic Offerings £353.00 of which £163.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £415.82 of which £91.00 was gift aided.

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

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23.

In the Gospel from Mark, the Pharisees were complaining to Jesus that His disciples were eating with unclean hands. The disciples were failing to adhere to the religious regulations concerning the eating of food. Jesus responded to the Pharisees by quoting the Prophet Isaiah to them, and by telling the Pharisees that they had put aside the commandments of God to cling to human traditions.

The problem with the Pharisees was that they could not accept the person of Jesus Christ. They could not accept that Jesus was their Messiah. They could not accept that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. From the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry, there existed certain Pharisees and religious leaders who had agreed together to destroy Jesus. They had witnessed His miracles and seen His acts of great love. They had listened to Him speak but did not allow His words to enter their hearts. Their hearts were bitter and full of anger. Their hearts were filled with the desire to kill Jesus. They had rejected the message of the Kingdom of God.

This Gospel, together with the first and second readings, challenge us to listen to the Word of God and to take these words to our hearts. The readings challenge us to allow the Word of God to make a difference to our lives. They challenge us to change our lives to live the Word of God.

In the original Gospels, the Greek word 'Metanoia' was used to describe the response required to the Good News of the Kingdom of God. This word means a complete turning of heart, mind and being towards God. It calls us to put God's Word first and above everything else in our lives. Jesus demands that we give a 'Metanoia' response to His Words. He is the Word of God.

FUNERALS: The following funerals are taking place next week:

- Tuesday 31st August: Noreen Maria Kenny Dec'd
- Wednesday 1st September: Vincent O'Toole Dec'd
- Wednesday 1st September: James Murray Dec'd
- Thursday 2nd September: Brian Vincent Dec'd
- Friday 3rd September: John William Burns Dec'd

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

MONTHLY BRENTWOOD DIOCESE YOUTH MASS: The first Youth Mass will be on Thursday 2nd September 2021 at Brentwood Cathedral. The evening starts at 6.00 pm with workshops, speakers, reconciliation and more. The Mass is at 7.30 pm. Food and drink will be provided at the event. See <https://bcys.net/events/>

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The Parish Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday 6th November 2021 between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm.

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: A study day will take place at St John Payne Catholic Church, Colchester on Saturday 18th September 10.00 am to 2.30 pm. For further information contact: diaconate@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THURSDAY MORNING MASS: Please note that the Mass starts at the earlier time of 9.00 am.

WOMENS ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP: Meeting at St Pauls Church, Church Road, Clacton on Sea on 13th September 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Contact patricia.willbourne@gmail.com for more information.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 28 th August. Memorial of St Augustine, Bp.D	9.30 am.	MASS: Sr B Creeman RIP Jacqueline & Timothy.
Saturday 28 th August.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 28 th August.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 28 th August.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY
Saturday 28 th August. Vigil of Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Duval & Kathy Morrison Intentions Deirdre.
Sunday 29 th August. Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Helen Hartford RIP Jacqueline & Timothy.

Sunday 29 th August.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS This Mass is for families with young children.	MASS: Steven McNeill RIP Chris Sousa.
Wednesday 1 st September. Diocesan Memorial St Sebbi, King of the East Saxons.	9.30 am.	MASS: Steve Hartford Intentions. Jacqueline & Timothy
Thursday 2 nd September.	9.00 am.	MASS: Monica Tighe RIP L Hanna
Friday 3 rd September. National Feast St Gregory The Great, P, D.	9.30 am.	MASS: Anton Szander Lavey RIP.
Saturday 4 th September.	9.30 am.	MASS: Pat Morita RIP.
Saturday 4 th September.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
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Saturday 5 th September. Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: John-Joe Byrne & Bernie Byrne RIP. May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Sunday 5 th September.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS This Mass is for families with young children.	MASS: Joseph Iderse Vincatassin RIP Laura Sainte Marie