

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

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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

*(Racial Justice 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.*

COVID 19 REGULATIONS: England has returned to Plan A measures with effect from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The wearing of face masks is recommended in crowded, enclosed spaces. You should continue to protect yourself and others.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets or at the Sunday Mass collection, but I would request wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by **1. Standing order; 2. Using the Smart Bar Codes at the Church exit doors; or 3. 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.

Electronic offerings greatly reduce our bank charges. 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 £1387.50 of which £924.50 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £667.16 of which £111.00 was gift aided.

Lourdes helper and Sick £360.41 of which £145.45 was gift aided.

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

LUKE 6:17, 20-26.

In the Gospel from Luke, we are given an uncomfortable message in the 'Sermon on the Plain'. Jesus was speaking directly to His disciples. He is talking directly to us. He tells us:

- Happy the poor because theirs is the Kingdom of God.
- Happy are those who are hungry, they will be fed.
- Happy are those who are weeping, they shall laugh.
- We are to rejoice if people hate us on account of our faith in Jesus Christ

Jesus gives us a warning:

- He tells us to take great care with money, possessions, power, and our own selfish comfort.
- He tells us that how we show our love to others in need in this life will determine our eternal future.

Why is Jesus giving us this message?

True faith is the total surrender of ourselves and all we possess into the hands of Our Lord Jesus Christ. True faith acknowledges that all we have is gift from God. We do not own anything in this life. We are simply stewards for all we own, which have been given to us in trust by God. At the end of each of our lives, we face a personal judgement before the person of Jesus Christ. We will have to account for the gifts we have been given in this life. We will have to account to His command to 'love one another as I have loved you'.

The Church teaches that there is nothing wrong in wealth. The dangers come in how we live our lives with wealth. When we become financially comfortable, we tend to be content with our own resources and time. We tend to become selfish and independent. We no longer feel dependent on others and on God. The truth is that we all live a fragile existence with great reliance on others and ultimately God. Wealth can be a barrier to both our love of God and neighbour.

This is a generous parish. You have recently given great support to the St Vincent de Paul Friday Soup Kitchen. The volunteers from the Soup Kitchen spoke at each Mass and received a wonderful response. The volunteers speaking at Mass all became very

emotional. They had got to know the guests at the Soup Kitchen and their individual stories. The guests are normal people who had families and jobs but who have lost everything. In helping them, the volunteers are responding to the message of this Gospel. In serving them, they see and serve the person of Jesus Christ.

SVP MEETING: In the presbytery at 7.00 pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February – new members always welcome.

FR PATRICK: will be on retreat from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Fr Gerald Gostling will be providing cover in the parish.

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.**

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP Sydney, Sonya & Shane.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm. Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2022. <i>Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Pauline Young RIP Reg Young & Family.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2022. <i>The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C) (Racial Justice Day).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Eddie Wright RIP Breda.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Dariusz Nowakowski RIP Anita Olejnik & Family.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2022. Feast of Ss Cyril & Methodius	9.00 am.	MASS: Mary Powell RIP Eileen Morley.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	11.30 am.	FUNERAL: Josephine Coe RIP.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Monica O'Brien Intentions. Catherine.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm. Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2022. <i>Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP Andrews Family.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2022. <i>The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C)</i> <i>(World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Kitty Casey Intentions Catherine.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Julie Lee & Family Intentions Peter & Laura.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Richard & Linda Madge Intentions Brian, Barbara & Family.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	10.30 am.	FUNERAL: Bernard Drane Dec'd.
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Mick Pheasant Intentions Peter & Laura.
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm. Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2022. <i>Vigil of the Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mgr Gerard McSorley Intentions Pat & Sandra Murray.
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2022. <i>The Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C)</i> <i>(Day for the Unemployed).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Peter Harris RIP Andrews Family.
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Mary Connelly RIP Karen Wood.