

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (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.*

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Deceased members of the Reilly & Cassidy Families.*
- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Terence & Tara Intentions.*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Please make your weekly offerings by standing order. If you are a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid the amount without any cost to yourself.

The parish 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 £1434.00 of which £ 1276.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £405.59 of which £68.00 was gift aided.

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

MARK 1:1-8

The apostle Mark commences his Gospel with a direct reference to the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Jesus' principal task was to provide the Sacrifice of Reconciliation between mankind and God. The Good News is that Jesus Christ, the second person of the Holy Trinity, was incarnated into humanity, and was born to the Virgin Mary. Christ had come into the world to be the sacrifice for our sins, to reconcile the world to the Father and to end the sentence of death. Through His perfect sacrifice on Calvary, Jesus offers each person the promise of eternal life in heaven.

John the Baptist offered the baptism of repentance. He was not able to bring about the forgiveness of sin. Jesus Christ offers the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings about the complete forgiveness of sins.

What is the message of this Gospel? The Gospel calls us to repentance. It calls us to prepare for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ into our lives, and into a deeper relationship with the person of Jesus Christ that we may always be ready to meet Him. God gives us the graces in this life to repent of our sins and seek salvation in His Son. At the time of our Baptism, our souls are purified of all sin. Unfortunately, due to our human weaknesses, we tend to allow our souls to get a little grubby during our lives. We are offered the opportunity through the Sacrament of Reconciliation to restore our souls to that perfect state at Baptism. I would like to invite you to attend the Advent Reconciliation Service which takes place on Monday 18th at 7.00pm in the Church, with visiting priests. There is no better way to prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE WITH MINCE PIES: The Choir and the Young Persons Choir will lead a Carol Service in the Parish Hall on Sunday 10th December 2023 at 12.00am immediately following the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Monday 18th December 7.00 pm Christmas Reconciliation Service with visiting priests.

Sunday 24th December 5.00 pm Children's Vigil Mass

Sunday 24th December 8.00 pm Christmas Carols

Sunday 24th December 9.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Monday 25th December 8.30 am Christmas Day Mass

Monday 25th December 10.30 am Christmas Day Mass.

SUNDAY MASSES OVER CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

Saturday 23rd December 6.00 pm Vigil

Sunday 24th December 10.30 am.

(There is no 8.30 am Mass)

VOLUNTEER AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE for the academic year 2024/2025 – applications are now open for anyone currently in year 13 or above and we are happy to answer any questions that young people or parents might have. All information for the above can be found on our website – www.bcys.net

PARISH YOUNG PERSONS' CHOIR: Next Practice Monday 11th December 2023 – 4.45 pm to 6.30 pm. Contact Julie Lee or text 07949087427.

INTERESTED IN A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD? - Vocations Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Saturday 23rd December. Contact Fr Mark Swires - VocProm@brcdt.org – for more information.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: The Christmas offerings are your personal gift to the Parish Priest. Only the following qualifies for the personal offering: Electronic payments with the word 'Christmas' included in the reference details, the 'Christmas Offering' gift-aid envelopes, and cash placed in the collection at the Christmas Masses. Private gifts welcome. Thank you for your generosity. Fr Patrick.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 9 th December 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Bernie Burne RIP. May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Saturday 9 th December 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9 th December 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 9 th December 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 9 th December 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.

Saturday 9 th December 2023. <i>Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mrs Jo Gilmore Intentions. Angela Cook.
Sunday 10 th December 2023. <i>Second Sunday of Advent (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Tina Cronin RIP Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 10 th December 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Sadie Smith RIP Harry & Marie.
Monday 11 th December 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Kevin McCormack RIP Family.
Tuesday 12 th December 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Marian Gamble RIP Doreen Lane.
Friday 15 th December 2023. <i>The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Mary & Dominic Henley RIP. John Henley.
Saturday 16 th December 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Cyril Avery RIP Barbara Nunn.
Saturday 16 th December 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 16 th December 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 16 th December 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 16 th December 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 16 th December 2023. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Reeves Family Intentions. Andrews Family.
Sunday 17 th December 2023. <i>Third Sunday of Advent (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Serena & Anna Maria McMahon Intentions. Pat Cunningham.
Sunday 17 th December 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Tom McCarthy RIP Herlihy Family.