

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

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THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (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: Tier 5 Regulations Update: Communal worship is a permitted event. The Church is open for the celebration of Mass and Private Prayer. Please follow the instructions of the Church Stewards and allow plenty of time before Mass starts to sanitize your hands and complete registration. Face Masks are mandatory. Attendance at Mass is restricted to 50 people.

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:

Collection and donations: £79.60 of which £77.00 was gift aided.

Electronic Offerings £1030.00 of which £720.00 was gift aided.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection over this weekend in support of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

MARK 1:7-11

In the Gospel from John, we are told that John baptised with water but Jesus Christ baptises with the Holy Spirit. Jesus allowed John to baptise Him with water, to associate Himself with our sinfulness. Jesus took our sins upon Himself and died the sacrificial death on the cross to be both the means and the price for our salvation.

As a priest in a busy parish, I am asked to provide baptismal certificates to people for various reasons. They might be getting married or they may need a certificate to get a child into a Catholic school. Some people know the exact date of their baptism; some people know the month and year. Some people get the year wrong! If I asked you for the date of your baptism, would you be able to tell me the date? We should know the date of our baptism. It is the most important day of our lives. On the day of our baptism, we become adopted sons and daughters of God. We are incorporated into the Church: the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ. At our baptism we become temples of the Holy Spirit. At our baptism, we are claimed by Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit places an indelible mark on our very Souls marking the ownership of Christ. This spiritual mark can never be removed whatever we do in this life. We may turn our backs on Jesus Christ, but he will never turn His back on us. At our baptism we receive the grace of our redemption, won for us by Christ through His death and resurrection.

GIDEA PARK STUDY DAYS: Go to www.whatgoodnews.org/study-days. Lots of excellent talks available to enrich the understanding of the Faith.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LOBBY: Please email your MP using the following link urging the Government to reject the demands of the Assisted Suicide Lobby. The email takes 30 seconds: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

A NEW ONLINE COMMUNITY: CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY IN ENGLAND AND WALES – join here <http://www.facebook.com/groups/2873625336203735>

THE RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYER: 'As we celebrate the baptism of Our Lord, we recall our own baptism and the promise of life we have gained through it. We pray that all would be given the opportunity to experience life in its fullness, both in this world and the next. Lord hear us.'

FUNERAL: The funeral of Robert Young will take place on Tuesday 12th January. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family who are grieving at this time.

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.

THE FOLLOWING MASSES WILL BE OPEN TO A MAXIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH.

Saturday 9 th January	9.30 am.	MASS: Helen & Peter Diment RIP Mary & John Murray.
Saturday 9 th January	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 9 th January	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 9 th January Vigil Mass of the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Dominique Connors RIP The Hannah Family.
Sunday 10 th January The Feast of The Baptism of the Lord (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Mary & Joe Powell Intentions Parish.

Sunday 10 th January	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Mary Pearce & Family. Mary Tomlin.
Monday 11th January	9.30 am.	MASS: Lindsey Abbarchi & Family Mary Tomlin.
Tuesday 12 th January	9.30 am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. Parish.
Tuesday 12th	11.00 am. ATTENDENCE BY INVITATION ONLY	FUNERAL MASS: Robert Young Dec'd.
Friday 15th January	9.30 am.	MASS: Harjit Keane RIP Betty Austin.
Saturday 16 th January	9.30 am.	MASS: Julie Lee & Family Parish.
Saturday 16 th January	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 16 th January	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 16 th January Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Josie Carland Intentions Parish.
Sunday 17 th January The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (Peace Day)	8.30 am.	MASS: Tim O'Donovan RIP Pat & Sandra.
Sunday 17 th January	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Ciaran Casey Intentions Catherine O'Donovan.