

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

(Gaudete Sunday)

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: **Please, wherever possible, arrange to make your weekly offerings electronically.** If you are a taxpayer, you can gift aid the amount without any cost to yourself. This saves the work of our volunteer counters, increases our income, and greatly reduces our bank charges. 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 £1481.00 of which £1383.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £396.22 of which £72.00 was gift aided.

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

MATTHEW 11: 2-11

In the Gospel from Matthew, John the Baptist was in prison and would be shortly executed by King Herod the Tetrarch. He wanted to know that his life's work had not been in vain. His mission was to announce the coming of the Messiah and the arrival of the Kingdom of God. It was his task to go before Jesus Christ and announce the Way of the Lord. John sent a message to Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else"? Jesus reassures John and sends the message, "Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me". John would have recognised the signs in the prophecies of the Old Testament of the coming of the Messiah. Jesus urged John not to lose faith in Him.

We must not lose faith. We are the people of joy. A miserable Christian is a contradiction in terms. The Christian message is called the Gospel or Good News and is the announcement of joy for all people. We know Jesus Christ. We know that God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son to be the means of our salvation. God is total love and wishes every human being to achieve salvation through His Son.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Will take place on Monday 12th December 2022 at 7.00 pm with visiting priests. There is no better way to prepare for Christmas.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY: The 2023 Brentwood Diocesan Directory is available at the back of the church. The cost is £2.95. Please place the money in the Repository Books wall box.

YOUNG PERSONS CHOIR: Any child wishing to participate in the Children's Vigil Mass; learn to play the guitar to play at Mass or join the choir in the New Year, please contact Julie Lee on 07949087427. (See notice board for further details).

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Parents are now able to access direct support by referring their child/adolescent into the safe hands of our Child and Family Counselling Services. Email cmunns@bccs.org.uk or call 07792732206.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: There will be a second collection this weekend for flowers for our church this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Monday 12th December 7.00 pm Christmas Reconciliation Service with visiting priests.

Sunday 18th December 11.30 am Carols & Mince Pies (In the Parish Hall)

Saturday 24th December 5.00 pm Children’s Vigil Mass

Saturday 24th December 8.00 pm Christmas Carols

Saturday 24th December 9.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday 25th December 8.30 am Christmas Day Mass

Sunday 25th December 10.30 am Christmas Day Mass.

CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: Meeting outside Morrisons in the Waterglade Shopping Centre on Saturday 17th December 2022 at 2.00 pm. Singing led by Our Lady of Light Choir. Please come along and support. Fr Patrick.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: See www.bcys.net/events for latest events.

THIS WEEK’S SERVICES.

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| Saturday 10 th December 2022. | 9.30 am. | MASS: Dan O’Leary RIP Cait & Barry Gane. |
| Saturday 10 th December 2022. | 11.00 am to 12.00 pm | SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. |
| Saturday 10 th December 2022. | 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. |
| Saturday 10 th December 2022. | 11.00 am. | DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET |
| Saturday 10 th December 2022. | 12.00 pm. | THE HOLY ROSARY. |
| Saturday 10 th December 2022. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Advent (A).</i> | 6.00 pm. | MASS: Gordon Cook Intentions. Parish. |
| Sunday 11 th December 2022. <i>The Third Sunday in Advent (A) (Gaudete Sunday)</i> | 8.30 am. | MASS: Mary Doherty Intentions Steve Bann. |
| Sunday 11 th December 2022. | 10.30 am. | MASS: Peter Kandiah RIP May Kandiah. |

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| Sunday 11 th December 2022. | 2.00 pm. | BAPTISM: Rex Aima |
| Monday 12 th December 2022. | 9.00 am. | MASS: Julia Folliard & Helen Ryan Intentions Theresa Coyne. |
| Monday 12 th December 2022. | 7.00 pm. | CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION SERVICE |
| Tuesday 13 th December 2022. | 9.00 am. | MASS: Edward Fox RIP D Lane. |
| Friday 16 th December 2022. | 9.00 am. | MASS: Bernie Byrne RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline. |
| Saturday 17 th December 2022. | 9.30 am. | MASS: Steve Webb RIP Joe Murray. |
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| Saturday 17 th December 2022. <i>Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Advent (A).</i> | 6.00 pm. | MASS: Mim Fry RIP Breda. |
| Sunday 17 th December 2022. <i>The Fourth Sunday in Advent (A)</i> | 8.30 am. | MASS: William Naughton RIP Nora & Peter. |
| Sunday 17 th December 2022. | 10.30 am. | MASS: Joe Manuel Hidalgo Gomes RIP. Deirdre and family. |