

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 ORDINARY TIME (A)

(Day for the unemployed)

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 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 £1632.60 of which 1312.50 was gift aided.

Collection £452.82 of which £50.00 was gift aided.

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

MATTHEW 5:17-37

In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells us, “If your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven”. The scribes and Pharisees believed that you could only be reconciled to God through the adherence to external rules and regulations, but their hearts were cold. They were unable to let the love of God enter their hearts through His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus reminds His disciples and us that He did not come into the world to abolish the Law or the Prophets. He came into the world not to abolish but to complete them.

Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity is the fulfilment of the Prophets and the Law. He sets us a much higher standard than the Law. He demands that ‘we love one another as I have loved you’.

Jesus tells us that if something is causing us to sin: pornography, the internet, bad company, alcohol, drugs, violence on TV – we need to remove it from our lives. If we do not remove it from our lives, it will harm and destroy our relationship with God. It could even cost us our eternal life with God.

We are all sinners and in need of God’s love and mercy. We need the necessary graces to love others as Jesus loves us. We need the support of our community; we need the blessings of Grace received through the Catholic Church. This is why we gather as a community on Sunday to celebrate the Holy Mass. At the Mass, we are fed with the Word of God, and we are fed with the Holy Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. At the Mass, we receive the welcome and support of the whole community. At the Mass, we are affirmed in our faith.

DONATIONS FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS: You can donate at www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/earthquakes or through Missio who are able to channel help through the Global Missio networks of Pontifical Mission Societies – call 020 7821 9755 or go to mission.org.uk/donate and choose ‘Where the Need is Greatest.

SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER: Part time role 15 hours per week to support and recruit members and be the link between conferences and National Office for the Brentwood Diocese. Home based with travel. Contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk Closing date 28th February 2023.

HEADTEACHER VACANCIES: St Clares Primary School, Clacton on Sea. Deadline 20th February 2023. St Teresa's Primary School, Colchester. Deadline 27th February 2023. Go to www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/

GUITAR PLAYING: If anyone under the age of 18 would like to learn to play the guitar to play at the 10.30 am Family Mass, please contact Julie Lee on 07949087427 – free lessons are available.

FUNERAL: The Requiem Mass for Thomas Whelan will take place on Friday 17th February 2023 at 11.30 am. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his grieving family.

SVP SOUP KITCHEN: Thank you for generously providing sleeping bags and blankets for the homeless. If any more are available, they will be gratefully received by the needy. Please leave them at the back of the church.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 11 th February 2023. <i>Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Peggy Walsh RIP.
Saturday 11 th February 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 11 th February 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 11 th February 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 11 th February 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 11 th February 2023. <i>Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Angela & Gordon Cook Intentions.
Sunday 12 th February 2023. <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Matt Murray RIP Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 12 th February 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Julia Clarke & Family Intentions.

Monday 13 th February 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Rev Alfred Swaby Intentions.
Thursday 16 th February 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Thomas Whelan RIP Pat Murray.
Friday 17 th February 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Thomas Whelan RIP Joe Murray.
Friday 17 th February 2023.	11.30 am.	FUNERAL: Thomas Whelan Dec'd.
Saturday 18 th February 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Calum Lee Intentions.
Saturday 18 th February 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
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Saturday 18 th February 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 18 th February 2023. <i>Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP Sydney, Sonya & Shane Andrews.
Sunday 19 th February 2023. <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Linda Madge RIP Brian Madge.
Sunday 19 th February 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Seamus Mulvenna Intentions. The Cotter Family.