

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 LENT (A)

*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 £1980.00 of which £1507.00 was gift aided.

Collection £512.39 of which £120.00 was gift aided.

Lourdes Sick & Helpers £141.10.

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

JOHN 4:5-42

In the Gospel from St John, Jesus goes to a Samaritan town and meets a woman at Jacob's well. The woman was a Samaritan and was living with a man that was not her husband and had been married to five different men. No self-respecting Jew would go anywhere near her – she was ritually unclean.

Jesus asks her for a drink of water. The woman is confused and does not understand who this man is who is asking her for water. Jesus challenges the woman, 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and He would have given you living water'. Jesus continues, 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life'.

Jesus is the water of eternal life. Through His passion, death, and resurrection, we are reborn in the water of Baptism. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we become temples of the Holy Spirit; we become members of the Body of Christ – His Church; we become adopted sons and daughters of God the Father. In Baptism, we enter the very life of the Blessed Trinity: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the living water welling up from Christ crucified as its source and is welling us up to eternal life. The Holy Spirit is the source of the work of sanctification in our lives.

Jesus declares to the woman that He is the Christ – the Messiah. She gives Jesus her faith and receives the gift of the Holy Spirit. She receives the gift of living water.

CORONATION TEA PARTY: 8th May 2023 between 2.00 and 5.00 pm with music and bingo raffle. Prize for the best crown. Tickets £10.00. All proceeds to the SVP. Please contact Linda Swinbourne on 07799104874 for further information.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend for CAFOD following the Lenten Fast Day on Friday 3rd March 2023.

JANET BARROW DEC'D: Sister of Mgr Arthur Barrow died on 27th February 2023. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

ST PATRICK'S DAY: There will be a Mass at 7.00 pm. There is no Stations of the Cross on Friday 17th March 2023.

CALLING ALL RED BOXES: Please bring in any full Missio Red Boxes and hand them to a Parish Steward. Thank you.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: There is a Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service on Monday 13th March 2023 at 7.00 pm with visiting priests. This is the season of repentance. There is no better way to prepare for Easter than the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

DEANERY YOUTH MASS: On Thursday 16th March 2023 at 5.00 pm in the Chapel at St Benedict's Catholic College. For further information contact Tom Fusi, Chaplain, on 01206 549222.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 11 th March 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: John Mowles RIP Alan Mowles.
Saturday 11 th March 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 11 th March 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 11 th March 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 11 th March 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 11 th March 2023. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Kate Intentions M Collier.
Sunday 12 th March 2023. <i>Third Sunday of Lent (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: People of the Parish Peter McManamon.
Sunday 12 th March 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Theresa & Family.
Monday 13 th March 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Valerie Bishop RIP Theresa & Family.

Monday 13 th March 2023.	7.00 am.	PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE.
Tuesday 14 th March 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Margaret McConnell RIP. Eileen Morley.
Wednesday 15 th March 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: John-Joe Bryne RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Friday 17 th March 2023. <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	7.00 pm.	MASS: Tade O'Leary Intentions Cait & Barry Gane.
Saturday 18 th March 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Estelle Moss RIP Theresa & Family.
Saturday 18 th March 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 March 2023. <i>Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Grace Cooper Intentions Catherine.
Sunday 19 th March 2023. <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (A). (Laetare Sunday)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Antoni & Matylda Delikator RIP. Family.
Sunday 19 th March 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Linda Swinbourne & Family. Parish.