

**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 (B)**

***World 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.*

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: Electronic Offerings £1197.50 of which £837.50 was gift aided.

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

#### MARK 1:40-45

To be diagnosed with leprosy in first century Palestine was to be condemned to be an out-cast, to be separated from your family, friends, and society. A person in this pitiful state had lost everything and was condemned to exist with a terrible disease in a situation of unbearable loneliness. In the Gospel of Mark, a leper approached Jesus on his knees. He knew that he should not be approaching anybody, but should be shouting; 'unclean, unclean' and keeping away from Jesus. With total faith, the leper says to Jesus: 'if you want to, you can cure me'. Jesus felt pity for him, stretched out His hand and touched him. This technically made Jesus unclean and subject to the same exclusion as the leper. Jesus responded: "Of course I want to – be cured". The leprosy left the man at once and he was cured from the disease.

We are all sinners in need of healing. Do we have the faith and humility to come to Jesus and ask for healing? Jesus is the great healer. Jesus, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, incarnated into humanity through the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. Jesus Christ became a man to be the means of our salvation. Jesus became infected with our condition to provide the cure for our disease of sin. Jesus through His death on a Cross and resurrection has healed our broken relationship with God.

Jesus continues His healing presence through the action of the Holy Spirit, His Church, and the Sacraments. In each Sacrament, Jesus continues to 'touch' us to heal us. Each Sacrament is a personal encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus heals us through His Church, through the Holy Scriptures, through the Sacraments, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and most especially the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY LENTEN REFLECTION: From Missio at <https://www.youtube.com/c/MissioUK/videos>

FUNERAL: The funeral Mass for Mary Bojanczyk will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her family who are grieving at this time.

AGE CONCERN BEFRIENDING: Do you know someone who is lonely and isolated? Friends are available for a chat: 01206 368420 (option 3).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Commence 7.00 pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

ACCOMMODATION: A young Catholic man is looking to rent a room within the parish.  
 Contact: [christopherboland@gmail.com](mailto:christopherboland@gmail.com) .

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE. Marriage is not just a relationship but a vocation and a means of holiness. Please pray for married couples, those preparing for marriage (especially those who have had to defer weddings), and those who have been widowed especially in the past year. In the run up to St Valentine's Day the Brentwood Marriage and Family Life Facebook page (BrentwoodMandFL) will include interviews with couples from around the Diocese. If you are experiencing difficulties in your marriage, or would like to deepen your understanding of this vocation and each other, a number of organisations are able to help remotely during the lockdown, such as Retrouvaille, Marriage Care and Smart Loving. Search for these organisations online. Retrouvaille is running its first virtual weekend for couples in difficulty this month, 25th - 28th February (0788 729 6983 / 0797 338 0443 / retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com).

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

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am.	MASS: Tim O'Donovan RIP Peter & Laura
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	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 13 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February Vigil Mass of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Holy Souls Parish.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (World Day for Unemployed.)	8.30 am.	MASS: Mary Benedict RIP Tara
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Julie Lee Intentions Justyna

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday	9.30 am.	MASS: Helen Wheatley Intentions Tara
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday	7.00 pm.	MASS: Deirdre Deceased Family & Friends Deirdre
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am.	MASS: Tim O'Donovan RIP Breda Wright
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am.	MASS: Victoria & Juan Herrero Intentions L Hanna
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	12.15 pm. ATTENDANCE BY INVITATION ONLY.	FUNERAL MASS: Mary Bojanczyk Dec'd
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	7.00 pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am.	MASS: Denis Casey Intentions Catherine O'Donovan
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	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 20 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Lent (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Theresa McCarron
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February First Sunday of Lent (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Brendon McEnhill RIP Joe & Mary Murray
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Paul Twyford & Family Intentions Parish