

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

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*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.*

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** This week:

❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Pope & Bojanczyk Families*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS:** Please make your weekly offerings by standing order. If you are a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid the amount without any cost to yourself.

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:

Standing Order Offerings £1176.00 of which £985.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings: £378.13 of which £36.00 was gift aided.

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

### **JOHN 1:29-34**

In the Gospel from John, John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and said, "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world". Why did Jesus accept the Baptism of John?

Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan not to be washed of sin but to accept upon His shoulders the sins of the world. He accepted every sin from the beginning of time to the end of time. He accepted my sins and your sins. Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan not to be made holy but to make the water holy. Through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Jesus gave us the gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. He made us temples of the Holy Spirit and adopted sons and daughters of God.

Jesus received the Baptism of John in submission to His Father's will to be the means of our salvation, and reconciliation with the Father. By allowing Himself to be baptised by John in the Jordan, Jesus accepted His personal baptism of blood in His crucifixion on Calvary. He became 'the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'.

At the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John, the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove and rested upon Him. Seeing the descent of the Holy Spirit, John gave witness to Jesus in his preaching, by his baptism of conversion, and finally through his martyrdom under the Tetrarch Herod Antipas.

At His baptism, Jesus received the Holy Spirit and accepted His mission as God's suffering Servant. At our Baptism, we received the Holy Spirit and accept our mission to be disciples of Jesus Christ; to be a light to the world; to be sons and daughters of the Father, and to enter the very life of the Blessed Trinity.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2024:** Are available at the back of the church. Please put the £2.95 into the Repository Books Box.

**FUNERAL:** The funeral of Linda Mary Skeels Dec'd will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Please pray for the repose of her soul and her grieving family.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend for Pax Christi.

**THE OCTAVE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** There will be prayer, Bible study and a simple lunch on Thursday 18<sup>h</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 10.30 am in the Presbytery, 1 Church Road, with other Christians from Churches Together. To reserve lunch, please email [clacton@brcdt.org](mailto:clacton@brcdt.org). Everybody is welcome.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL:** Pro-abortion MPs, Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill. Right To Life UK has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment. Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

**LOTTERY WINNERS:** Congratulations 1<sup>st</sup> prize Paul Twyford No 15 and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize D Latto No 63.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Weekend 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024 for Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

**MONTHLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP:** If you would like to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood, there will be a talk, time of prayer and some food at Brentwood Cathedral commencing Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024. For further information contact Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

#### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Brian Murray RIP Lorraine Herlihy.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2024. <i>Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Jean Charles Bates Intentions. Angela Cook.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2024. The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).	8.30 am.	MASS: The Todd Family Intentions. Lindsey.

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Julia Clarke & Family Intentions. Lindsey.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	2.00 pm.	BAPTISM: Emma Poole.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Pat Cunningham.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	11.30 am.	FUNERAL: Linda Skeels Dec'd.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Ricky Madge Intentions. Brian Madge.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Saji & Family Intentions.
Saturday 20 <sup>h</sup> January 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: The Abbachi Family Intentions. Lindsey.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2024. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Cardinal Raymond Burke Intentions. Andrews Family.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2024. <i>The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Joe & Janina Buda Intentions.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Pat Cummingham.