

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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Peace 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 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 £1456.00 of which £1213.00 was gift aided.

Collection £510.88 of which £113.00 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 today's Gospel, 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 sins 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. In the words of St Paul, 'When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in His death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with Him and joined Him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life'.

Jesus received the Baptism of John in submission of 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'.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://tangney-tours.com)

SVP SOUP KITCHEN: The homeless attending the Soup Kitchen need sleeping bags and blankets. If you can help, please leave them at the back of the church.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at every Sunday Mass this weekend for Pax Christi.

FUNERALS: The following funerals will be taking place next week:

- Monday 16th January 2023 – Patrick Coughlan Dec'd
- Wednesday 18th January 2023 – June Wilson Dec'd
- Friday 20th January 2023 – Josephine Vinnell Dec'd

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their families.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN: Organised by the Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus in London. Opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

CHILDREN & FAMILY WORKER: Vacancy at Christchurch United Reform Church. Salary from £14,000. Depending on experience. Contact Gordon.doyle@hotmail.co.uk or 01255 214276. Closing date 10th February 2023.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Sunday Masses next weekend for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 14 th January 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Peter & Mary Tomlin Intentions. Lindsey.
Saturday 14 th January 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 14 th January 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 14 th January 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 14 th January 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 14 th January 2023. <i>Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Carmel & John Mullin Intentions. Eugene Mullin.
Sunday 15 th January 2023. <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Mary Pearce & Family Intentions. Lindsey.

Sunday 15 th January 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Eamon & Madge McGloughlin RIP Eugene Mullin.
Monday 16 th January 2023.	9.00 am	MASS: Elizabeth Bernie Michael RIP Brendan Herlihy.
Monday 16 th January 2023.	1.00 pm.	FUNERAL MASS: Patrick Coughlan Dec'd.
Thursday 19 th January 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: John & Mary Concannon Intentions Eugene Mullin.
Friday 20 th January 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Moira & Ronan McCarron Intentions Eugene Mullin.
Saturday 21 st January 2023. <i>Memorial of St Agnes, V.M.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Margaret O'Brien & Family. Lindsey.
Saturday 21 st January 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 21 st January 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 21 st January 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 21 st January 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 21 st January 2023. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Lily Brosnan RIP Mary McIntyre
Sunday 22 nd January 2023. <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Fr O J McEneaney Intentions.
Sunday 22 nd January 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Abbarchi Family Intentions. Lindsey.