

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 (C)

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: England has moved to Plan B measures in the response to the new Omicron variant of COVID-19. HM Government has made the wearing of face coverings mandatory in Places of Worship from Friday 10th December 2021.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets or at the Sunday Mass collection, but I would request wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by **1. Standing order; 2. Using the Smart Bar Codes at the Church exit doors; or 3. 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.

Electronic offerings greatly reduce our bank charges. 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 £1435.00 of which £1047.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £400.82 of which £62.10 was gift aided.

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

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: If you can give the occasional hour to the cleaning of the Lord's house – our beautiful Church, please give your details to Fr Patrick.

John 2:1-11

In the Gospel from John, we have the wedding at Cana. This is a very dramatic story. Jesus, His mother, and His disciples were all present at the wedding. The hosts had run out of wine. The Blessed Virgin Mary interceding for the couple, tells her Son, 'They have no wine'. The Blessed Virgin Mary is always at her Son's side and continues to pray and intercede for us in heaven. Jesus replies, 'woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet'. Jesus' hour was His passion, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. With total confidence in her Son, Mary tells the servants, 'Do whatever He tells you'. Mary knows the true identity of her Son: He is the 2nd person of the Holy Trinity, He is God incarnate, He is the Son of God. Mary will always intercede on our behalf with her Son. Jesus tells the servants to 'fill the jars with water'. The jars were filled to the brim. Jesus tells them to 'draw some out now and take it to the steward. They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. We are told that this was the first of the signs given by Jesus. He gave these signs in order that we and His disciples may believe in Him. Jesus' wondrous deeds open our eyes in order that we may believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ. The miracle produced a huge quantity of wine at the wedding. God's mercy and love is without limit. God sent His only Son into the world to reconcile all humanity to Himself. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding of Cana. Jesus' presence is the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and tells us that Jesus Christ is always present with the couple in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony. Following Christ's death and resurrection, the status of marriage has been raised to reflect the relationship between Jesus Christ and His Holy Church – the Bride of Christ. At His hour, Jesus Christ was the Lamb of God who gave His body and blood at the request of the Church – His bride. The Wedding Feast is a foretaste of that banquet that Jesus invites all His followers to attend in heaven. A greater miracle than that at Cana takes place at every Mass, where through the action of the Holy Spirit and the words of Jesus Christ, the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Bernard Alefounder will take place on Tuesday 18th January. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family who are grieving on his death.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a collection at all Masses for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) during the weekend 15th/16th January 2022.

SVP MEETING: To be held in the Presbytery at 7.00 pm on Thursday 20th January 2022. New members always welcome to help with charity work in our local community. Telephone Linda (President) on 07955203405 for details.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: Looking for volunteers 18+ to spend gap year sharing their faith with other young people as part of the Walsingham house team. Contact Joseph Beattie on 01277 373959.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 15 th January 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Mary Pearce Intentions Lindsey.
Saturday 15 th January 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 15 th January 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 15 th January 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 15 th January 2022. <i>Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Sarah Everard RIP & other victims.
Sunday 16 th January 2022. <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Peace Sunday).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Mary Powell RIP Henley Family.
Sunday 16 th January 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Matthew & Elaine Todd Intentions Lindsey.
Monday 17 th January 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Frances Henderson Intentions Ann Ayton.

Tuesday 18 th January 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Thanksgiving Eileen Morley.
Tuesday 18 th January 2022.	11.00 am.	FUNERAL: Bernard Alefounder Dec'd
Friday 21 st January 2022. Memorial of St Agnes, V, M.	9.00 am.	MASS: Jamie Kennedy Intentions Mr & Mrs J Fahey.
Saturday 22 nd January 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Bernard Berney RIP Marie-Anne Altringham.
Saturday 22 nd January 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
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Saturday 22 nd January 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 22 nd January 2022. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Joseph Doc Marquis & Family RIP.
Sunday 23 rd January 2022. <i>The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Sunday of the Word of God).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Alexander Andrews RIP Sidney Andrews & Family.
Sunday 23 rd January 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Les Unwin RIP Thomas Whelan.