

**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 (B)**

*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:  
Collection and donations: £64.20 of which £30.00 was gift aided.

Electronic Offerings £665.00 of which £420.00 was gift aided.

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

### **JOHN 1:35-42**

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist releases two of his disciples to follow Jesus. John tells them, "Look, there is the Lamb of God". Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes our sins away. Jesus is the innocent and perfect sacrifice for the reconciliation of humanity with God.

The disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round and said to them, "What do you want"? Jesus asks each one of us every day of our lives this question, "What do you want"? The perfect answer and the only sure and tested path to happiness is, 'to do your will Lord'.

The disciples asked Jesus, "where do you live"? Jesus replied, "Come and see". The disciples stayed with Jesus that day. From that time spent with Jesus, they commenced the long life-time journey of understanding and completing the will of Jesus Christ in their lives.

The next day Andrew went to his brother Simon Peter and told him, "We have found the Messiah". Andrew took his brother to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas".

Simon Peter was to be the leader of the Christian community. He was not called directly by Jesus but by another – his brother. Each of us has a duty to call others to Jesus through our words, our actions, and our love. We are called to proclaim the Good News: Jesus Christ born, died, and Risen from the dead.

**REDISCOVERY YOUR MARRIAGE:** Retrouvaille offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It has saved many hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. There is no group therapy or group work. [Sixteen couples attended our last weekend (six of whom were in the process of divorce) and almost all of the couples are still attending the follow up sessions. The feedback from the weekend was very positive and there are advantages in being able to attend the weekend from your own home.] For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme

commencing with a Virtual weekend on 25th - 28th February 2021, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 – or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

THE RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYER: ‘As we open the week of prayer for Christian Unity, we pray especially for our shared calling to protect and preserve all life. We pray that our unity and ecumenical efforts on all life issues would inspire the world to join us in defending the lives and rights of all vulnerable in society. Lord hear us.’

REVIEWING YOUR WILL: Do not forget Our Lady of Light. You can give to the parish using the following wording in your will: ‘I give, free of all taxes, the sum of £..... to the trustee of the Brentwood Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (charity no 234092), for the general charitable purposes of the Diocese of Brentwood with the request, but without imposing any trust, that the same should be used for gift to Our Lady of Light and St Osyth Parish, Clacton on Sea, and I declare that the receipt of a proper officer of the Brentwood Diocese shall be a good and sufficient discharge of my executors’. Any sum given in this way is exempt from Inheritance Taxes.

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

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am.	MASS: Julie Lee & Family Parish.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	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 16 <sup>th</sup> January	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Josie Carland Intentions Parish.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> January The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Tim O’Donovan RIP Pat & Sandra.

(Peace Day)		
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Ciaran Casey Intentions Catherine O'Donovan.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am.	MASS: Canon O J McEaney Intentions Pat & Sandra
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am.	MASS: Paul O'Brien Intentions Catherine O'Donovan
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.30 am.	MASS: Mgr J McSorley Intentions Pat & Sandra
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.30 am.	MASS: Kitty Casey Intentions Catherine O'Donovan
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	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 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Ron Brodley Intentions Tara
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> January The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (Word Sunday)	8.30 am.	MASS: Tommy & Kitty O'Brien RIP Teresa Orton
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: James & Christine Freeny RIP Brendan & Lorraine Herlihy