

## **Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth**

### ***National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit***

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### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**

*(Expectant Mothers)*

*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 weekly 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 £752.82 of which £501.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £356.85 of which £89.00 was gift aided.

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

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** The Christmas offerings are your personal gift to the Parish Priest. Only the following qualifies for the personal offering: Electronic payments with the word 'Christmas' included in the reference details, the 'Christmas Offering' gift-aid envelopes, and cash placed in the collection at the Christmas Masses. Private gifts welcome. Thank you for your generosity. Fr Patrick.

#### MATTHEW 18:18-24

In today's Gospel, Matthew focuses on the story of Joseph. Mary and Joseph were legally married but had not come to live together. Imagine the shock and disappointment that Joseph experienced when he discovered that Mary was pregnant with a child. He could not go through with the marriage in these circumstances, but he loved Mary. He knew that to publicly divorce Mary would have brought great shame on her family and would have endangered the lives of both Mary and the child. The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit, she will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins". Joseph was a man of faith and immediately welcomed both Mary and Jesus into his life.

The name Jesus means 'God Saves'. The child born of the Virgin Mary is called Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. St Paul tells us that, 'there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved'. The title 'Christ' means 'Anointed One' or Messiah. Jesus is the Christ, for 'God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power'. Let us welcome both Mary and Jesus this Christmas.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORY:** The 2023 Brentwood Diocesan Directory is available at the back of the church. The cost is £2.95. Please place the money in the Repository Books wall box.

**YOUNG PERSONS CHOIR:** Any child wishing to participate in the Children's Vigil Mass; learn to play the guitar to play at Mass or join the choir in the New Year, please contact Julie Lee on 07949087427. (See notice board for further details).

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 11.30 am Carols & Mince Pies (In the Parish Hall)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5.00 pm Children's Vigil Mass

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 8.00 pm Christmas Carols

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 9.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 8.30 am Christmas Day Mass

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 am Christmas Day Mass.

CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: Meeting outside Morrisons in the Waterglade Shopping Centre on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 2.00 pm. Singing led by Our Lady of Light Choir. Please come along and support. Fr Patrick.

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPELS: Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared a three-part video recording on the Christmas Gospels. Simply visit [www.whatgoodnew.org](http://www.whatgoodnew.org) and go to 'Faith Talks'.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: See [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) for latest events.

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.**

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Steve Webb RIP Joe Murray.
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2022. <i>Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Advent (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mim Fry RIP Breda.
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2022. <i>The Fourth Sunday in Advent (A)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: William Naughton RIP Nora & Peter.
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Joe Manuel Hidalgo Gomes RIP. Deirdre and family.

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Pamela Hatfield RIP Deirdre.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Michael Rowley RIP Lee Family.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Roy Weston RIP Whelan Family.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2022. <i>The Solemnity of the Nativity of Lord.</i>	5.00 pm.	CHILDRENS MASS: Catherine & Graham Baudains Intentions. Angela Cook.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	8.00 pm.	CAROL SERVICE.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	9.00 pm.	MASS: The People of the Parish.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2022. <i>The Solemnity of Christmas Day.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Mary & John Coyne RIP. Theresa Coyne.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	10.30 pm.	MASS: Edith Hefferan Intentions. Joan Jenkins.