

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

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<p><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></p> <p><i>Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse. Amen.</i></p>		<p><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C).

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bernie Bynre RIP & Dec'd Family - Family.

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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 £388.00 of which £170.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offering £489.18 of which £127.00 was gift aided.
- Brentwood Catholic Youth Service £370.98 of which £35.50

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

Luke 21:25-28,64-36 In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus tells us that 'we will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory'. We are to 'stand erect; hold our heads high, because our liberation is near at hand'. Jesus was speaking of the Parousia: The Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Only at the Second Coming will the Kingdom of God be fully completed on earth. On His return in Glory, death and sin will be destroyed forever.

We may not be alive at the Second Coming, but we cannot avoid our personal judgement at the time of our own death. We should not fear judgement from Jesus Christ because He is both our Saviour and Judge. He endured the perfect sacrifice of the Cross in order that we may be forgiven our sins and granted eternal life.

This is the First Sunday in Advent. You will notice that I am wearing purple vestments. Purple is the sign of repentance. Today we light the first candle on the Advent wreath. The first Advent candle is known as the 'candle of hope'. Repentance is the hope in which we surrender our sinful lives to Christ' healing love. The hope that we have in a God that loves us.

Amidst the activity of Christmas preparations, let us not forget Our God who loves us. Let us respond to the invitation for repentance in preparation for our personal judgement. The Christmas Parish Reconciliation Service will take place on Monday 23rd December at 7.00pm in this church with visiting priests. There is no better way of responding to the call for repentance or to prepare for the celebrations of Christmas than the Sacrament of Reconciliation – to renew our relationship with Jesus Christ.

NEW LECTIONARY: The new English Standard Version - Catholic Edition is implemented this Sunday. The new Lectionary replaces the Jerusalem Bible. If you have ordered a new Sunday Missal, it is available in the repository. Your name and the cost will be on the back of the Missal. Please collect your Missal and put the funds in the 'Repository Books' collection box. One of the Church Stewards will help you. Additional copies of the Missal will be available in the repository for purchase.

SVP SENIORS NEW YEAR MEAL: Will be held on 12th January 2025 in St Charles Hall at 1.00pm. All elderly and housebound are welcome. There will be a full Christmas Dinner at a cost of £5.00. If you would like to attend, please put £5.00 in an envelope and put it in the box at the back of the church, with your name, address, telephone number and any dietary requirements. Lifts are available. Donations for raffle would be welcomed. Kevin Norton.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: Walsingham House Team 2025/26 - applications are now open for the volunteer retreat team. If you are in Year 13 or finishing university and enjoy working with young people then a year on the retreat team could be perfect for you. Go to www.bcys.net or email clairebailey@brcdt.org for further information.

SALVATION ARMY: Essex Police Band presents 'A Christmas Festival with Guests the Clacton Citadel Songsters' at 103 Old Road, Clacton. Saturday 14th December 2024 at 6.30pm. Adults £10.00 under 16 £5.00. Tickets on the door or via 07709223736

MISSIO RED BOXES: Final call for full boxes. Please give them to a Steward or leave them in the Sacristy.

YOUNG PERSON'S CHOIR: Guitar practice 4.45pm, Choir 5.30pm to 6.30pm. On Monday 2nd December 2024 in the Church.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Sunday 15th December after the 10.30am Mass -Christmas Carols and Mince Pies in the Parish Hall.

Monday 23rd December 7.00 pm Christmas Reconciliation Service with visiting priests.

Tuesday 24th December 6.00 pm Children's Vigil Mass

Tuesday 24th December 8.00 pm Christmas Carols

Tuesday 24th December 9.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday 25th December 8.30 am Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday 25th December 10.30 am Christmas Day Mass.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 30th November 2024. <i>St Andrew, AP.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Philip & Molly Killen RIP. Harry.
Saturday 30th November 2024.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Sunday 1st December	8.30am.	MASS: November Dead

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Sunday 1st December 2024.	10.30am.	MASS: Lilia Kibanoff RIP. Alex & Family.
Monday 2nd December 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Mrs Loo Carter Intentions. B Carter.
Tuesday 3rd December 2024. St Francis Xaviour, Pr.	9.00am.	MASS: Lindsey Abbarchi Intentions. Mary.
Friday 6th December 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Thomas Mathew Intentions. Mini Mathews.
Saturday 7th December 2024. St Ambrose, Bp, D.	9.30am.	MASS: Mary Peace Intentions. Mary.
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Saturday 7th December 2024. Vigil of The Second Sunday in Advent (C).	6.00pm.	MASS: Pat & Des McQuire Intentions. Joe.
Sunday 8th December 2024. Second Sunday in Advent (C).	8.30am.	MASS: John Carmel Mullin Intentions. Eugene Mullin.
Sunday 8th December 2024.	10.30am.	MASS: John Henley Intentions. Tara.