

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

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.

*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 £312.92 of which £143.00 was gift aided.

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

THANK YOU: For all your prayers, cards, gifts, and generous offerings. Wishing you all a happy New Year. Fr Patrick.

LUKE 2:16-21

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. We celebrate that Mary was truly the Mother of Jesus. Jesus is truly God. Mary is, therefore, the Mother of God.

In the Gospel from Luke, we are given an account of the visitation of the shepherds to the Holy Family. The angel of the Lord had appeared to the shepherds and told them, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you, you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found the baby lying in a manger. Having seen the baby, the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God. The shepherds were the first to evangelize and proclaim the Good News. Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Mary was proclaimed Mother of God by the Church at the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD. Jesus Christ had to be fully God and fully human. It is only by being fully God and fully human in one person that His death on a cross brought about our salvation. He had to be fully human to experience the pain and suffering of His crucifixion. He had to be fully God in order that His sacrifice on the cross could bring about the forgiveness of all sin. Mary gave Jesus His humanity.

Mary's greatness does not, however, depend on her Motherhood of God. Her greatness lies in her perfect faith and obedience to the will of God in her life. Mary is the model of all discipleship. Mary always leads us to her Son.

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 Tangey 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.

PARISH MISSIO RESULTS 2022: £1461.57 has been raised through the Red Boxes for the work of Missio in the developing world. Well done to Manual and Barbara. A few boxes are unnamed by the donor. If you can add your name to the box, it would help us. A big thank you to all the donors. Fr Patrick.

UKRAINIAN EMERGENCY WINTER APPEAL: To provide food packages for the most vulnerable on the frontlines and recently liberated regions. The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week is £16.00. Funds can be sent electronically: Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund. Acct. No: 20927317, Sort Code: 209260, Reference: 'Winter Appeal', or by cheque made payable to 'Ukrainian Catholic Church' and sent to Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain, 22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ. Cheque endorsed 'Winter Appeal'.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: The Solemnity is on Friday 6th January 2023 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 9.00 am and 7.00 pm.

FR PATRICK: Will be away from the Parish from Monday 2nd January to Friday 13th January 2023. Fr Gerald Gostling will be providing cover in his absence.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 31 st December 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Mary Pearce & Family Intentions.
Saturday 31 st December 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 31 st December 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 31 st December 2022.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 31 st December 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 31 st December 2022. <i>Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Catherine & Graham Baudains Intentions Angela Cook.
Sunday 1 st January 2023. <i>The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Gina McDonald RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.

Sunday 1 st January 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Tina Killen RIP Harry Killen.
Friday 6 th January 2023. The Solemnity of Epiphany of the Lord.	9.00 am. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	MASS: Bartley & Julius Mullin RIP Eugene Mullins.
Friday 6 th January 2023.	7.00 pm.	MASS: Maurice & Jake Latto Intentions David & Natta.
Saturday 7 th January 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Fr G McSorley Intentions.
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Saturday 7 th January 2023. <i>Vigil of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Sr Carmel Brennen Intentions. Jenny Keston.
Sunday 8 th January 2023. <i>The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Francis Wood Intentions Peter McManamon.
Sunday 8 th January 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Lindsey Abbachi & Family.