

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

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*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.*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Rose Twyford RIP.*

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 £690.00 of which £570.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings: £592.83 of which £124.00 was gift aided.

Pax Christi: £218.25 of which £35.50 was gift aided.

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

MARK 1:14-20

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist had been arrested by the Tetrarch Herald Antipas and his ministry was over. The time had come for Jesus to commence His ministry to proclaim the arrival of the Kingdom of God, and the Good News. Jesus began His ministry by preaching the message, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand". Jesus's call to repentance is not simply a call for regret for our sins. It demands humility to acknowledge that we are sinners. It demands a complete change of heart and direction in our lives. It demands that we literally make a 180 degree turn and direct our lives only to God.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus calls the brothers Simon and Andrew to follow Him. He tells them to 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men'. The two brothers 'left their nets at once and followed him'. They both made a 180 degree turn and directed their lives entirely to Christ. They were followed by the brothers James and John. Jesus with His disciples went around the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases.

This was the mission of Jesus and His followers, and it is now our mission. Jesus calls each one of us to repent and proclaim the Good News. The Good News that God the Father sent His Only Son into the world to be the means of our salvation. The Good News that we are loved totally by a God of complete and utter mercy. The Good News that Jesus Christ through His birth, death and resurrection has given every human-being the opportunity of forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Patricia O'Connor Dec'd will take place on Friday 26th January 2024. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

GUEST SPEAKER: Rev Deacon Angela Shereni from the Trinity Methodist Hope Centre for the homeless will be speaking at all Masses during the weekend 27th and 28th January. The parish SVP Conference supports the Centre each Friday morning providing the Clacton Soup Kitchen. Deacon Angela will be explaining the support given to the homeless. There will be a second collection after each Mass.

MONTHLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP: If you would like to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood, there will be a talk, time of prayer and some food at Brentwood Cathedral commencing Tuesday 6th February 2024. For further information contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

YOUNG PERSONS CHOIR: Next practices will take place on Monday 29th January 2024 in the church. Guitar 4.45 pm to 5.30 pm. Choir 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Contact Julie Lee or text 07949087427.

VOLUNTEERS AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE: Applications now open for the academic year 2024/25 for anyone currently in year 13 or above. All information on www.bcys.net

A FIRE IN MY HEART: Saturday 3rd February 2024 from 11.00am to 2.00pm, Fr Adrian Graffy, Member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be in conversation with Professor Nuria Calduch-Benages, Secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and Carlos Castillo Mattasoglio, Archbishop of Lima, Peru. Free live stream at www.whatgoodnews.org

MISSIO YEAR END TOTAL: The Parish have donated a total of £2116.90 to the work of Missio in 2023. Missio is the Pope's personal charity for evangelization in the developing world. Missio builds churches, schools, convents and supports thousands of seminarians and religious in formation. A big thank you both to the Parish and to Manual and Barbara, our Missio Secretaries. Fr Patrick Daly, Diocesan Director for Missio.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 20 th January 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: The Abbachi Family Intentions. Lindsey.
Saturday 20 th January 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 20 th January 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 20 th January 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 20 th January 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 20 th January 2024. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Cardinal Raymond Burke Intentions. Andrews Family.

Sunday 21 st January 2024. <i>The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Joe & Janina Buda Intentions.
Sunday 21 st January 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Pat Cunningham.
Monday 22 nd January 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Eddy Wright Intentions. Breda.
Tuesday 23 rd January 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: The Pinney Family Intentions. Lindsey.
Wednesday 24 th January 2024. <i>Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bp, D.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Linda Sitch RIP Deirdre & John.
Saturday 27 th January 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Betty Austin RIP Mary Pearce.
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Saturday 27 th January 2024. <i>Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Jenny Cotter RIP Caroline, Lisa & James Cotter.
Sunday 28 th January 2024. <i>The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Lizy & Damien Intentions. Lizy Damien.
Sunday 28 th January 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Peter Mary Tomlin & Family. Lindsey.