

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

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sunday of the Word 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 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 £676.00 of which £398.00 was gift aided.

Collection £434.55 of which £86.00 was gift aided.

Pax Christi £152.29 of which £41.00 was gift aided.

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

MATTHEW 4:12-23

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' call to repentance is not simply a call for regret for our sins. Jesus' call to repentance demands the 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 Matthew'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.

MISSIO: I have received a letter from Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director, thanking the parish for the gift of £362.14 on World Mission Sunday.

CAFOD: I have received a letter from Michelle Oakford, Head of Support Relations, taking the parish for the donation of £203.94 on Harvest Fast Day.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: Vacancy for a part-time Wellbeing Co-ordinator with some housekeeping for 3 or 4 half days per week. The post will be based at Howe Close in Colchester. Further information email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk - closing date 9th February 2023.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CLACTON ON SEA: Open invitation to all interested in our activities. Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.00 pm at the Salvation Army, 103 Old Road, CO15 1HN. Open from 6.30 pm for light refreshments.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Sunday Masses this weekend for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 21 st January 2023. <i>Memorial of St Agnes, V.M.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Margaret O'Brien & Family. Lindsey.
Saturday 21 st January 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 21 st January 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 21 st January 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 21 st January 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 21 st January 2023. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Lily Brosnan RIP Mary McIntyre
Sunday 22 nd January 2023. <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Fr O J McEneaney Intentions.
Sunday 22 nd January 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Abbarchi Family Intentions. Lindsey.
Wednesday 25 th January 2023. <i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Ap.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Joe Byrne RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Thursday 26 th January 2023. <i>Memorial of Ss Timothy & Titus, Bpp.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Agnes Randell Intentions.
Friday 27 th January 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Kevin McCormack RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.

Saturday 28 th January 2023. <i>Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Pr, D.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Pinney & Argent Family living and Dec'd. Lindsey.
Saturday 28 th January 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 28 th January 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 28 th January 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 28 th January 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 28 th January 2023. <i>Vigil of the Four Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Fr R Donnelly Intentions.
Sunday 29 th January 2023. <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Bernie Galvin Intentions John & Liz Bolgar.
Sunday 29 th January 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Theresa & Family.