

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 (C)

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.

COVID 19 REGULATIONS: England has moved to Plan B measures in the response to the new Omicron variant of COVID-19. HM Government has made the wearing of face coverings mandatory in Places of Worship from Friday 10th December 2021.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets or at the Sunday Mass collection, but I would request wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by **1. Standing order; 2. Using the Smart Bar Codes at the Church exit doors; or 3. Via the donation button on the website.** This will reduce the level of risk to our collection counters and those who will need to visit the bank.

Electronic offerings greatly reduce our bank charges. The 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 £517.00 of which £327.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £476.37 of which £104.00 was gift aided.

Second Collection SPUC £198.91 of which £5.00 was gift aided.

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

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The Gospel today asks us the question: who Jesus is and what is his mission? Saint Luke tells us that 'Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in Him, returned to Galilee'. The prophets of the Old Testament had told the Jewish nation throughout their history that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the Messiah in His saving mission. At the baptism of Jesus, we are told that the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in a bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'. Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit; His whole life and His whole mission were carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit, whom the Father gave without measure. We are told that Jesus went to Nazara to attend His local synagogue and read from Holy Scripture. The community would have personally known Jesus and His family. Jesus read from Isaiah 61: 'The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour'.

The word Christ means 'Messiah', the one anointed by God's Spirit. Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the anointed one of God. The Good News is that God the Father has sent His only Son, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, into the world. Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to the Virgin Mary. God entered our humanity to share the joys, pains, and sufferings of every human being. We are never to be alone again. Jesus Christ's mission was to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. To achieve this, He died a humiliating death on a cross. A death reserved by the Romans for slaves and the worst criminals. Jesus Christ through the sacrifice of His body has reconciled the world to God. Through His resurrection we are freed from the sentence of death and offered eternal life. This is the Good News – our sins are forgiven, and we are granted eternal life!

SVP VISITS: If anybody would like a visit from the SVP, please speak to Fr Patrick or contact Linda Swinbourne on 07955203405.

FUNERALS: The following funerals are taking place this week:

Tuesday 25th January John Hance Dec'd

Friday 28th January Joyce Collins Dec'd

Please pray for the repose of their souls, and for their grieving families.

BCYS: The February Youth Mass will be on Thursday 3rd February at Brentwood Cathedral. The evening starts at 6.00 pm with pizza and refreshments in the parish hall. The event is open to all young people in Year 9 or above. See www.bcys.net

ALMSHOUSE VACANCY: In Ingatestone for person over 50 in need – Preference may be given to Roman Catholic. Contact Mike Falcone 07935 959388.

VACANCY: Full time site manager at Brentwood Cathedral. 35 hours per week. £20,000 to £25,000 per annum. Flexible working required for role. Email recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org for informal chat.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 22 nd January 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Bernard Berney RIP Marie-Anne Altringham.
Saturday 22 nd January 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 22 nd January 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 22 nd January 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 22 nd January 2022. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Joseph Doc Marquis & Family RIP.
Sunday 23 rd January 2022. <i>The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Sunday of the Word of God).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Alexander Andrews RIP Sidney Andrews & Family.
Sunday 23 rd January 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Les Unwin RIP Thomas Whelan.

Wednesday 26 th January 2022. <i>Memorial of Ss Timothy & Titus, Bpp.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Mary Tomlin & Family Intentions Lindsey.
Thursday 27 th January 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Alexandra Andrews RIP Sidney, Sonya & Shane Andrews.
Friday 28 th January 2022. <i>Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Pr, D.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Catherine O'Donovan Intentions Michael Pheasant.
Friday 28 th January 2022.	12.00 am.	FUNERAL: Joyce Collins Dec'd
Saturday 29 th January 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Mick Shead RIP Jo Mugglestone & Mary Pearce.
Saturday 29 th January 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 29 th January 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 29 th January 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 29 th January 2022. <i>Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Joan Todd RIP Julia Clarke & Todd Family
Sunday 30 th January 2022. <i>The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Peace with Father of Patricia Dowd Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 30 th January 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Margaret O'Brien Intentions Lindsey.