

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

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (A) SOLEMNITY

Youth Day

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.

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: John & Mary Coyne RIP*
- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bernie Haugh 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:

Electronic Offerings £431.00 of which £88.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £520.70 of which £98.00 was gift aided.

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

MATTHEW 25:31-46

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. He is God incarnate through the Virgin Mary. Jesus Christ is the Word through which the Cosmos and everything in it was created by God. He is the Lord and King of the universe. His throne is not, however, a seat of power but a cross of love.

In the Gospel from Matthew, we return to the theme of the shepherd separating the sheep from the goats. Jesus tells us in this Gospel that He will return at the end of time in glory to sit on His throne. Jesus will sit in judgment of all. We call this event the *Parousia*. We pray at each Mass for Christ to return at the end of time.

Each of us faces a personal judgment at the end of our lives. We are judged on two commandments: the love of God and the love of our neighbour. We are judged on love. To enter heaven is to enter the life of the Holy Trinity. God the Father, God the Holy Spirit and God the Son is a community of total and utter love. Three persons in one being. This is a perfect love for the other and not a self-seeking love. We are not able to enter into communion with God unless we are people of love. Heaven does not have a place for the selfish, the self-centered or mean-natured person. To be in communion with God is to be in communion with a Being of total consuming love. If we cannot love, we cannot be in relationship with God.

God shows us the meaning of love. He sent His Only Son into the world to die on a Cross for our sins, in order that we may be reconciled to God. He, therefore, demands that we also show love to each other, in particular, those disadvantaged in society: the sick, the poor, the lonely, and the dispossessed, in our communities. For those welcomed into the kingdom of heaven, Jesus says: 'For I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me; in prison and you came to see me'. To those denied entry to heaven, Jesus says: I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me'.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE WITH MINCE PIES: The Choir and the Young Persons Choir will lead a Carol Service in the Parish Hall on Sunday 10th December 2023 at 11.45am immediately following the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome.

SVP NEW YEAR PARTY LUNCH: SVP would like to invite the housebound and seniors to a New Years Party with Christmas lunch on 7th January 2024 at 1.00 pm. If you would like to attend, please write down your name, contact telephone number and whether you need transport and give the details to a Steward at the back of the church. We need the details by Sunday 3rd December 2023 at the latest.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection this weekend in support of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

FUNERAL: The funeral of John Henry Wood will take place on Tuesday 28th November 2023. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his grieving family.

ST CLARES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Friday 8th December 2023 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Stalls, raffles, and tea/cakes. All welcome.

PARISH YOUNG PERSONS' CHOIR: Next Practices 27th November 2023 – Guitar 4.45pm to 5.30pm. Choir 5.30pm to 6.30 pm. Contact Julie Lee or text 07949087427.

ADVENT TALK ON THE PROPHET ISAIAH: Wednesday 29th November 2023 by Fr Adrian Graffy. Live-streamed on www.whatgoodnews.org.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 25 th November 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Alexander Andrews RIP. Andrews Family.
Saturday 25 th November 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 25 th November 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 25 th November 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 25 th November 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 25 th November 2023. <i>Vigil of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Catherine Reynolds RIP. Angela Cook.

Sunday 26 th November 2023. <i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: John & Mary Coyne RIP. Theresa Coyne
Sunday 26 th November 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Rose Twyford RIP Paul Twyford.
Tuesday 28 th November 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Holy Souls.
Wednesday 29 th November 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Kadence Lillie Jamieson RIP. Alison.
Friday 1 st December 2023	9.00 am.	MASS: Dominic & Mary Henley RIP. John Henley.
Saturday 2 nd December 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Stephen Stennings Intentions. Steven Bann.
Saturday 2 nd December 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
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Saturday 2 nd December 2023. <i>Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mary & Al Powell RIP Joe.
Sunday 3 rd December 2023. <i>First Sunday of Advent (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: John & Carnel Mullin Intentions. Eugene Mullin.
Sunday 3 rd December 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: November Dead List.