

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

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

(Day for the Unemployed)

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 GUIDELINES: The wearing of face masks is suggested in crowded, enclosed spaces. You should continue to protect yourself and others.

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 £314.00 of which £262.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £482.85 of which £107.00 was gift aided.

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

LUKE 6:39-45

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us 'Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own'? This appears to be a ridiculous statement that a person could be walking about with a plank of wood in their eye and be commenting about a splinter in the eye of another person! At the heart of this Gospel is our personal relationship with God. If our relationship with God is alive and well, our relationships with other people will also be good. If we have a poor relationship with God, it will adversely affect all the other relationships in our lives.

We are commanded to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, minds, and strength and to love our neighbour as ourselves. In loving God, we acknowledge our true state before God. God is the all-powerful and all loving creator of everything in the Cosmos, including ourselves. We can only ever approach God on our knees acknowledging our weakness and sinfulness.

Despite our unfaithfulness and selfishness, God loves us totally. God never withdraws His love from us. Out of love for us, God sent His Only Son into the world to die on a cross to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. There is no sin that cannot be forgiven by God through the death of His Son. If God does not condemn and judge us for our faults, how can we possibly in all fairness, point out the faults of others in our lives.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Commence every Friday evening at 7.00 pm in the church from 4th March 2022. Please bring your children or grandchildren. It is very important that they experience this devotion.

SATURDAY 5th MARCH: Fr Patrick will be attending the Brentwood Synod Day. It will not be possible to celebrate the 9.30 am Mass or Sacrament of Reconciliation.

BRENTWOOD YOUTH SERVICE 2022 EVENTS: Please see www.bcys.net/events for information.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 28th MAY 2022: The Parish will be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage this year. Please put a note in your diary. Further details to follow.

CHURCHES TOGETHER: World Day of Prayer – a service for everybody at 2.00 pm in St Paul’s Church on Friday 4th March 2022.

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: What is new about the new evangelisation? Input will be given by Fr Paschal Uche, assistant priest at St James the Less, Colchester, Sunday 27th February, 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. via Zoom. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

THIS WEEK’S SERVICES.

Saturday 26 th February 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Mick Pheasant Intentions Peter & Laura.
Saturday 26 th February 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm. Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 26 th February 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 26 th February 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 26 th February 2022. <i>Vigil of the Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mgr Gerard McSorley Intentions Pat & Sandra Murray.
Sunday 27 th February 2022. <i>The Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time. (C) (Day for the Unemployed).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Peter Harris RIP Andrews Family.
Sunday 27 th February 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Mary Connelly RIP Karen Wood.
Monday 28 th February 2022	9.00 am.	MASS: Trevor Clarke RIP Julia Clarke.
Tuesday 1 st March 2022 <i>Feast of St David, Bp, Patron of Wales.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Jennifer Syme & Family RIP Sydney, Sonya & Shane.
Wednesday 2 nd March 2022 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Pat Hughes RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.

Wednesday 2 nd March 2022.	7.00 pm.	MASS: Canon O J McEaney Intentions. Pat & Sandra Murray.
Friday 4 th March 2022.	7.00 pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Saturday 5 th March 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 5 th March 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 5 th March 2022. <i>Vigil of The First Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Gary & Steven Andrews Intentions Sydney, Sonya & Shane.
Sunday 6 th March 2022. <i>The First Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Patrick & Peter Mulhall Intentions.
Sunday 6 th March 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Natalie Palmer RIP Lee Family.