

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

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FOURTH 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 £228.00 of which £135.00 was gift aided.

Collection £263.23 of which £115.00 was gift aided.

SPUC 2nd Collection £ 202.44.

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

MATTHEW 5:1-12

In today's Gospel, we are presented with the Beatitudes. They are nice words but what do they mean? God gave the Ten Commandments to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai. He gave His Chosen People the Written Law. Jesus came not to abolish the Law but to fulfil it through His Birth, Death, and Resurrection. Jesus gave His disciples and us the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. Jesus gave us the new law 'to love one another as I have loved you.' The Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and His love. They express our Christian vocation; they give us the characteristics of the Christian life; they sustain us in times of difficulty, they proclaim the blessings of Christ, and the promises of the Kingdom of God. The Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence; the ultimate end of human endeavour: to be called by God to His likeness and share in His own beatitude.

To see the Beatitudes is to see Christ. To live the Beatitudes is to enter into the very life of the Blessed Trinity. A community of pure love in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in one God. How do we obtain the graces necessary to live the Beatitudes? We attain these graces through prayer, through love shown to others in need, through reading Holy Scripture, through the reception of the Sacraments and most especially the Holy Eucharist – the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GUITAR PLAYING: If anyone under the age of 18 would like to learn to play the guitar to play at the 10.30 am Family Mass, please contact Julie Lee on 07949087427 – free lessons commencing 4.45 pm on Monday 30th January 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.

OIL PAINTING: The parish has been offered a large oil painting depicting 'The Adoration of the Shepherds' by J Lewis dated 1840. The canvas is currently unframed. Can anybody help with the framing of this picture? Please speak to Fr Patrick.

CAFOD: Holding a meeting at St Teresa of Lisieux parish hall on Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 2.30 pm for existing and new volunteers. Contact cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk or call 07776493162.

DIOCESAN LAUDATO SI' NETWORK: Meeting via zoom on Thursday 23rd March 6.00 pm. Contact sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org for further information.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: Led by Bishop Alan 29th May 2023 for 4 nights. Contact Patricia 07740175557 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

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 Fourth 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.
Monday 30 th January 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Mrs Long Intentions John & Liz Bolger.

Thursday 2 nd February. <i>Feast of The Presentation of the Lord.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Dan Lenihan Intentions.
Friday 3 rd February 2023. <i>Memorial of St Anne Line, M.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Pat Cunningham.
Saturday 4 th February 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Eileen Morley.
Saturday 4 th February 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
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Saturday 4 th February 2023. <i>Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Sonya Andrews Intentions. The Andrews Family
Sunday 5 th February 2023. <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Matthew & Elaine Todd & Family. Lindsey.
Sunday 5 th February 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Family.