Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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Prayer to the Holy Spirit *Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse.* *Amen.*		***Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.*** *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.*

FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT (B)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:
Week commencing 29th November 2026:
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley
Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley.
Week commencing 6th December 2026*:*
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bernie Bynre RIP - Theresa & Family
Our Lady of Light Chapel: Bernie Bynre RIP - Theresa & Family

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 - simply send an email to giftaid-clacton@brcdt.org
Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £287.00 of which £267.00 was gift aided.

- Collection £589.78 of which £96.00 was gift aided.
- Brentwood Catholic Youth Service £534.16 of which 109.10 was gift aided.

Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and Gift Aid number. The parish bank details are available on request. Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

MARK 13:33-37 Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. What is Advent and what are we celebrating?

The word Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus*, which means 'coming'. It is a period of expectant waiting for the Lord. It is a period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas, and a reminder that Jesus will return in glory at the end of time. This is an opportunity to invite Jesus to come into our hearts and our souls.

In the Gospel from St Mark, Jesus tells us to 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come'. No one, except the Father, knows the time of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus has told us that there will be a Second Coming. We pray at each Mass for the Lord to Return at the Second Coming. It is a reality of our faith. I believe that Jesus is also encouraging us to be constantly prepared for our personal meeting with Christ at the end of our lives.

It is a tradition in the Church that the Priest wears purple vestments in Advent. The colour purple signifies repentance and renewal of our relationship with God. We should, therefore, use the opportunities given to us in Advent to open our lives to Jesus, in order that we may grow into a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Him. The Advent wreath and candles are also a great tradition at this time of year. The first candle is lit today on the First Sunday in Advent and is called the 'Candle of Hope.' This is the hope founded in the promises of our faith. The hope in a God who loves us and who sent His Only Son to redeem us.

BISHOP TIMOTHY'S INSTALLATION: The service will be live-streamed from Brentwood Cathedral on 3rd December at 12.00pm on the Diocesan website: https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/bishop-timothy

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The children liturgy is available at the Sunday 10.30am Mass during school term time. All children are welcome.

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at 1 Church Road. New members welcome.

VACANCIES ST CLARES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Due to families leaving the area, there are currently vacancies in all years at the school. Please contact St Clares in order to enquire about transferring your child from a non-Catholic school.

HOMELESS: Appeal for blankets and sleeping bags. Leave at the back of the

church.

COFFEE CLUB: There are coffees and teas after the Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. Please join us.

I**NVITATION TO MASS OF THANKSGIVING**: All parishioners from across the diocese are warmly invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to be Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes following his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Brentwood. All are welcome.

Masses will be celebrated in the following locations:

Tuesday 8th Dec: 11:00 a.m – Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT

Wed 9th Dec: 7:00 p.m - St James the Less and St Helen Church, Priory Street, Colchester CO1 2QB

MISSION APPEAL: The Spiritans will be making an appeal at all Masses next weekend.

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER: The morning Mass will be at 8.30am to allow travel to Bishop Timothy's Installation.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The Bazaar raised £3546.25 for the parish and everybody enjoyed the event. Well done to Julie Fitzgerald, Julia Clarke and all who helped on the day.

ST MICHAEL'S BAZAAR: Friday 4th December from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. All are welcome.

THURSDAY EVENING MASS: There will be an additional Mass on Thursday evening at 7.00pm during Advent to provide an opportunity for those working full-time to attend a Mass during the week.

Saturday 28th November 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Richard Anthony Martin RIP. Ana Martin.
Saturday 28th November 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 28th November 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 28th November 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 28th November 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 28th November *Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Advent A.*	6.00pm.	MASS: Michael Conlon RIP. Josephine Conlon.
Sunday 29th November 2026. *1st Sunday of Advent A.*	8.30am.	MASS: November Dead List.

Sunday 29th November 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: November Dead List.
Monday 30th November 2026. *St Anthony, Ap*	9.00am.	MASS: Richard Martin RIP. Lynne.
Tuesday 1st December 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Brian Madge Intentions. Tara.
Wednesday 2nd December 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: St Martin De Porrest of Lima. Emmanuel Ogbua.
Thursday 3rd December 2026. *St Francis Xavier*	8.30am.	MASS: V Roberts RIP. Lizy Danien.
Thursday 3rd December 2026.	7.00pm.	MASS: Tom Murphy Intentions.
Friday 4th December 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. Tim Freyne.
Saturday 5th December 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Mary & Dominic Henley RIP. John Henley.
Saturday 5th December 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 5th December 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 5th December 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 5th December 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 5th December *Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Advent B.*	6.00pm.	MASS: Thanks giving. Anthony Gipsen.
Sunday 6th December 2026. *2nd Sunday of Advent B.*	8.30am.	MASS: Breda Mitchell Intentions. Katherine Manning.
Sunday 6th December 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Sydney Andrews Intentions. Sonya & Shane Andrews.