

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

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (B)

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: Maureen & Bernie Haugh Intentions RIP*
- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Gordon Cook Intentions.*

Week Commencing 7th January 2024:

- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Terrence & Tara's Intentions*
- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bill Cross 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:

Standing Order Offerings £235.00 of which £178.00 was gift aided.

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

LUKE 2:22-40

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The Gospel tells us that Joseph and Mary went to the temple to present the baby Jesus to God and for their own purification. It was the law at the time, that every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord. The normal sacrificial offering would have been a year-old lamb in accordance with Mosaic Law. Joseph and Mary were unable to provide a lamb due to their poverty and, therefore, gave a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. The young couple were offering back to God, what had been given to them by God. Every child is a gift from God.

The Gospel speaks of two witnesses to the events in the temple. These witnesses were the man Simeon and the prophetess Anna. The Gospel tells us that the Holy Spirit rested on Simeon. He was a man of great faith. Simeon recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah sent for the salvation of all nations and to be a light to the world. He warns Mary that a sword will pierce her very own soul. Anna was a woman of great prayer and faith. She also recognizes Jesus as the child sent for the deliverance of Jerusalem. The Holy Family is the model for all Christian families. This Gospel tells us that the family is a sacred institution established by God. God chose to enter humanity through a poor and simple family. God obtained His humanity through the Blessed Virgin Mary. We obtain our humanity and the foundations of our faith through our families. The Holy family as a reflection of the Blessed Trinity shows us how we are to live in families of love. The Holy family expresses the joy of a life lived for the other rather than for oneself. The Holy family teaches us the joy of a life surrendered completely to God in total faith and trust. At the heart of the Holy Family is found Jesus Christ – our Lord and redeemer. We have no better model for a Christian family.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2024: Are available at the back of the church. Please put the £2.95 into the Repository Books Box.

THANK YOU: For all the cards, gifts, generous Christmas Offering and your prayers. Wishing you all a blessed New Year. Fr Patrick

SECOND COLLECTION: Weekend 13th & 14th January 2024 for 'Pax Christi'.

FR PATRICK: Will be away from the Parish from Tuesday 2nd January 2024 until Friday 12th January 2024. Fr Gerald Gostling will be providing cover in his absence.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 30 th December 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Kathy Morrison RIP Deirdre.
Saturday 30 th December 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 30 th December 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 30 th December 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 30 th December 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 30 th December 2023. <i>Vigil of the Feast of The Holy Family. (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP Sydney, Sonya, Shane & family.
Sunday 31 st December 2023. <i>Feast of The Holy Family (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: All Dec'd Family Members. Deirdre.
Sunday 31 st December 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Veronica Law RIP Joan Ross.
Monday 1 st January 2024. <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.</i>	9.00 am	MASS: Gerry Keane RIP Pat Cunningham.
Saturday 6 th January 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Betty Austin RIP Sr Elizabeth.
Saturday 6 th January 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 6 th January 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 6 th January 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.

Saturday 6 th January 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 6 th January 2024. <i>Vigil of the Epiphany of The Lord (Solemnity B)</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Sonya Andrews Intentions. Andrews Family.
Sunday 7 th January 2024. <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord. (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Frederick & Rose Ellingford RIP. Andrews Family.
Sunday 7 th January 2024.	10.30 am	MASS: The Laity Intentions Janet Newton.
Saturday 13 th January 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Brian Murray RIP Lorraine Herlihy.
Saturday 13 th January 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 13 th January 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 13 th January 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 13 th January 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 13 th January 2024. <i>Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Jean Charles Bates Intentions. Angela Cook.
Sunday 14 th January 2024. The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).	8.30 am.	MASS: The Todd Family Intentions. Lindsey.
Sunday 14 th January 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Julia Clarke & Family Intentions. Lindsey.