

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

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (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.

COVID 19 REGULATIONS: Please follow the instructions of the Church Stewards and allow plenty of time before Mass starts to sanitize your hands and complete registration. Face Masks are mandatory. Attendance at Mass is restricted to 50 people.

THANK YOU FROM FR PATRICK: Thank you for your Christmas gifts, cards, offerings, your prayers, and great generosity.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS

Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets, but I would request wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by standing order or 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. 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:
Collection and donations: £697.80 of which £305.00 was gift aided.

Electronic Offerings £388.00 of which £223.00 was gift aided.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection over the weekend 9th and 10th January in support of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

JOHN 1:1-18

Today we are given 'The Prologue' of St John's Gospel. John's Gospel is quite different from the other three synoptic Gospels. John develops his theology through literal and symbolic language. He commences his Gospel by telling us exactly who Jesus of Nazareth is to his readers. Jesus is the pre-existent and incarnate Word of God who has revealed the Father to us. Jesus is the Logos or Word through which the cosmos and everything in it came into being. Jesus is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. Jesus is God. Jesus is God who chose to take upon Himself all the pain, suffering and sin of humanity. Jesus is God who took His manhood from the Blessed Virgin Mary through the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the source of life that gives eternal life to us. He is the bright light that shines hope on the darkness of sin, death, and despair.

Jesus is the Sun which burn's away the coldness of winter. Without the light and heat of this sun, humanity is condemned to live in a permanent winter. Jesus entered our humanity in order that we may enter the divine life of the Holy Trinity. Through His death and resurrection, we are cleansed of our sins and reconciled to the Father.

Through His death and resurrection, we are granted through grace what Jesus possesses by nature. Through faith we become adopted sons and daughters of God.

Jesus is the light of the Sun upon humanity. Mary as the perfect disciple and the Mother of God is the Moon who shines upon humanity. She is the ever-bright reflection of the Glory of her Son. As Christians, we are also called to shine the light of Christ upon this earth. We are called by our witness, our words, and our actions of love to be beacons of God's love upon humanity. How are we to live this vocation?

We live this vocation by allowing the selfish 'me' to diminish, and the person of Jesus Christ to increase in our hearts, souls, and minds each day. We do this through prayer, through acts of love and kindness, through study of the Gospels, through the reception of the Holy Sacraments and most especially by the reception of Jesus Christ Himself, in the Sacrament of Sacraments, in the Bread of Heaven, the Holy Eucharist: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

GIDEA PARK STUDY DAYS: Live stream 30th January www.sppilford.org.uk 11.00am to 12.30pm discussion of Pope Francis's Book 'Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future' with Austen Ivereigh.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LOBBY: Please email your MP using the following link urging the Government to reject the demands of the Assisted Suicide Lobby. The email takes 30 seconds: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

A NEW ONLINE COMMUNITY: CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY IN ENGLAND AND WALES – join here <http://www.facebook.com/groups/2873625336203735>

THE RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYER: 'As we begin this new year, we pray for all who may be considering an abortion. We pray that 2021 would see a decrease in cases of abortion, and instead a year of increased support, both practical and emotional, from all of us in society, bettering the care for all expectant mothers. Lord hear us.'

FUNERAL: The funeral of Richard Forde will take place on Monday 4th January. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family who are grieving at this time.

REVIEWING YOUR WILL: Do not forget Our Lady of Light. You can give to the parish using the following wording in your will: 'I give, free of all taxes, the sum of £..... to the trustee of the Brentwood Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (charity no 234092), for the general charitable purposes of the Diocesan of Brentwood with the request, but without imposing any trust, that the same should be used for gift to Our Lady of Light and St Osyth Parish, Clacton on Sea, and I declare that the receipt of a proper officer of the Brentwood Diocese shall be a good and sufficient discharge of my executors'. Any sum given in this way is exempt from Inheritance Taxes.

THE FOLLOWING MASSES WILL BE OPEN TO A MAXIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH.

Saturday 2 nd January 2021 Vigil Mass of Second Sunday after the Nativity.	6.00 pm	MASS: Stephen Giedrojc RIP Justyna
Sunday 3 rd January Second Sunday after the Nativity	8.30 am	MASS: Tim O'Donovan RIP Maureen Hughes
Sunday 3 rd January	10.30 am	MASS: Ellen Morrissey Intentions Jenny Keston

Monday 4th January	9.30 am.	MASS: Bernie Haugh RIP Eileen Morley
Monday 4 th January	1.00 pm. ATTENDANCE BY INVITATION	FUNERAL SERVICE: Richard Forde Dec'd
Tuesday 5th	9.30 am.	MASS: Margaret O'Brien & Family Lindsey Abbarchi
Tuesday 5th January Vigil Mass of The Solemnity of The Lord <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	7.00 pm.	MASS: Tim O'Donovan RIP Julie Lee
Wednesday 6 th January Solemnity of the Lord <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Abbarchi & Pinney Families Living & Dec'd. Lindsey Abbarchi
Saturday 9 th January	9.30 am.	MASS: Helen & Peter Diment RIP Mary & John Murray
Saturday 9 th January	11.00 am to 12.00 am	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 9 th January	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 9 th January Vigil Mass of the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord (B)	6.00 pm	MASS: Dominique Connors RIP The Hannah Family
Sunday 10 th January The Feast of The Baptism of the Lord (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Mary & Joe Powell Intentions Parish
Sunday 10 th January	10.30 am FAMILY MASS	MASS: Mary Pearce & Family. Mary Tomlin