

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

*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 weekly 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 £165.00 of which £128.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £492.82 of which £127.00 was gift aided.

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

MATTHEW 3:1-2

In today's Gospel from Matthew, we are told of the mission of St John the Baptist, the final prophet in Jewish history. John's message was to "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand". John quoted the prophet Isaiah and the prophesy of the 'Anointed one' or 'Messiah' who would save his people. The people listened to John and made their way to him. John baptised the people in the Jordan, and they confessed their sins. John told them, "I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire".

Repentance is the personal turning to God, the acknowledgement of our sinfulness, and the acceptance of His mercy and forgiveness. It is the desire to change and live our lives for God with the help of His grace. As we prepare for Christmas and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ at the end of time, let us also prepare to receive Jesus Christ into our hearts and souls through genuine repentance in our lives. The most perfect way of showing true repentance and obtaining full forgiveness for our sins is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Parish Reconciliation Service will take place on Monday 12th December at 7.00 pm. There is no better way to prepare for the celebrations of Christmas.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Will take place on Monday 12th December 2022 at 7.00 pm with visiting priests. There is no better way to prepare for Christmas.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY: The 2023 Brentwood Diocesan Directory is available at the back of the church. The cost is £2.95. Please place the money in the Repository Books wall box.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Parents are now able to access direct support by referring their child/adolescent into the safe hands of our Child and Family Counselling Services. Email cmunns@bccs.org.uk or call 07792732206.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: There will be a second collection next weekend for flowers for our church this Christmas.

FUNERALS: The following funerals are taking place next week. Please pray for the repose of their souls, and for their grieving families:

Monday 5th December 2022 Denis McCarthy Dec'd

Friday 9th December 2022 Gianna Meade Dec'd.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 3 rd December 2022. Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Pr.	9.30 am.	MASS: Miriam Fry RIP Parish.
Saturday 3 rd December 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 3 rd December 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 3 rd December 2022.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 3 rd December 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 3 rd December 2022. <i>Vigil of the Second Sunday in Advent (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mary Flanagan Intentions Daughter.
Sunday 4 th December 2022. <i>The Second Sunday in Advent (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Anna McMenemy RIP Parish.
Sunday 4 th December 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Jim Reid RIP Mary.
Sunday 4 th December 2022.	2.00 pm.	BAPTISM: Penelope Connors
Monday 5 th December 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Sylvia Stanley RIP Tara.
Monday 5 th December 2022.	12.30 pm.	FUNERAL: Denis McCarthy RIP.
Tuesday 6 th December 2022. <i>Memorial of St Nicholas, BP.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Holy Souls Parish.

Friday 9 th December 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Bernie Byrne RIP Mary, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Friday 9 th December 2022.	1.15 pm.	FUNERAL: Gianna Meade RIP.
Saturday 10 th December 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Dan O'Leary RIP Cait & Barry Gane.
Saturday 10 th December 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 10 th December 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 10 th December 2022.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday 10 th December 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 10 th December 2022. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Advent (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mary Doherty Intentions. Steve Bann.
Sunday 11 th December 2022. <i>The Third Sunday in Advent (A) (Gaudete Sunday)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Gordon Cook Intentions. Parish.
Sunday 11 th December 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Peter Kandiah RIP May Kandiah.
Sunday 11 th December 2022.	2.00 pm.	BAPTISM: Rex Aima