

**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 LENT (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 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 £153.73 of which £88.00 was gift aided.

Collection £449.07 of which £200.00 was gift aided.

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

#### MATTHEW 17:1-9

In the Gospel from Matthew, we are told that Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John up into a high mountain where they could be alone. Jesus had just told His disciples that "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me". The disciples had been shocked by Jesus' statement. He now wished to strengthen them in preparation for His Passion.

Jesus was transfigured and His face shone like the sun and His clothes as white as the light. Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus. Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the Prophets of the Old Testament. Jesus is the fulfilment of both the Law and the Prophets. Then came the bright cloud covering them with its shadow and the voice which said "This is my Son, the Beloved, He enjoys my favour. Listen to Him." The disciples were given an epiphany of the identity of Jesus as the Son of God. They were also given a clear insight into His mission. Jesus Christ, God incarnate into humanity through the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Virgin Mary, was to offer His life in the perfect sacrifice of Calvary to pay the price for our sins to open to us the Gates of Paradise. Where He goes, we are to follow.

Finally, Jesus tells the disciples to "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead." We are all on a pilgrimage in this life in the footsteps of Our Lord and Saviour. We all at some stage of our lives face our own crosses. The cross is unavoidable. We can choose to accept our crosses and unite them with the cross of Jesus Christ or we can attempt to reject them. If we reject our cross, it will cause us bitterness and resentment. If we embrace our cross, we unite our suffering to the redeeming power of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We walk with trust in this life with one hand in the hand of Jesus. He always walks with us and gives us the promise of the Resurrection and eternal life.

JIMMY CRICKET: Who is a father of a priest in the Salford Diocese: Fr Frankie Mulgrew, is appearing at the West Cliff Theatre on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Further details available online <https://www.westcliffclacton.co.uk/>

TALK ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST: Fr Adrian Graffy Parish Priest at Christ the Eternal High King, Gidea Park and Member of the Pope's Biblical Commission will speak on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 @ 7.00 pm. In person or online at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

CORONATION TEA PARTY: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 between 2.00 and 5.00 pm with music and bingo raffle. Prize for the best crown. Tickets £10.00. All proceeds to the SVP. Please contact Linda Swinbourne on 07799104874 for further information.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend for Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund.

LENT FAST DAY: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 is Lent Fast Day. You are asked to give up a meal and give the money saved to CAFOD. There will be a collection at all Masses during the weekend 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK: Looking for homes for Ukrainian people displaced by the war. If you are able to help, please visit: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

FUNERALS: There are two funerals in the church next week. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marie and Jacinta Clifford Dec'd and Brigid Cunningham Dec'd, and for their grieving families.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: See [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) for latest events.

#### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Aidan & James Leacy RIP. Anne Leacy.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2023. <i>Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Joe Bryne RIP. May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2023. <i>Second Sunday of Lent (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Doris Bott RIP Janet Healey.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: David Cameron RIP Breda Cameron.

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Holy Souls Parish Box.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	12.00 pm.	FUNERAL: Jacinta & Marie Clifford Dec'd.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Jestin George Intentions. Teresa Orton.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	11.00 am.	FUNERAL: Brigid Cunningham Dec'd.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	7.00 pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: John Mowles RIP Alan Mowles.
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Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2023. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Kate Intentions M Collier.
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2023. <i>Third Sunday of Lent (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: People of the Parish Peter McManamon.
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Theresa & Family.