

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 (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.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASS WITH EFFECT FROM FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER: Please follow the instructions of the Church Stewards and allow plenty of time before Mass starts to sanitize your hands and complete registration. Attendance at Mass is restricted to 50 people. **I would, therefore, ask that those who are able to attend Mass in the week to refrain from attending Mass at the weekends to allow others the opportunity.** Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. Fr Patrick.

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:

Electronic Offerings Only £968.00 of which £588.00 was gift aided.

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2020. Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Pentecost on 23rd May 2021, should make a request in writing to Fr Patrick. To qualify for the 2021 programme, the young person should be currently in Year 10 or above. We are proposing five Zoom sessions and one mini retreat led by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Thursday 24th December 5.00 pm Children's Vigil Mass

Thursday 24th December 10.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Friday 25th December 8.30 am Christmas Day Mass

Friday 25th December 10.30 am Christmas Day Mass

Places at each Christmas Mass will be by ticket only. If you wish to attend a Christmas Mass, please complete, and return the attached application form to the Presbytery by 11th December. Priority will be given to parishioners who have attended Mass on a regular basis in October 2020.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Please pray for all unborn children that safety, protection, and love be granted to them through the intercession of Our Lady.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Brian Locker will take place on Tuesday 8th December. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family who are grieving at this time.

BCYS ADVENT CONCERT: Sunday 6th December at 4 pm at Brentwood Cathedral. View on YouTube. For further information: www.bcys.net/events/adventcarols

THE PASSAGE HOMELESS CENTRE: Big give 1st to 8th December. Matching funds to support the homeless. <https://tinyurl.com/PassageBigGive>

Mark 1:1-8

The apostle Mark commences his Gospel with a direct reference to the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The Good News is that Jesus Christ, the second person of the Holy Trinity, was incarnated into humanity, born to the Virgin Mary. Christ came into the world to be the sacrifice for our sins, to reconcile the world to the Father and to end the sentence of death; to offer each person the promise of eternal life

in heaven. The Kingdom of God is with us. Death and evil have been defeated through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Both the missions of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ involved the reality of sin. John the Baptist offered the baptism of repentance in preparation for the coming of Jesus. John was not able to bring about the forgiveness of sin. He acknowledged that someone more powerful than him was to come. Jesus Christ grants the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Reconciliation fully unite us with the Sacrifice of the Cross, and brings about the complete forgiveness of sins.

This Gospel calls us to repentance in the hope of forgiveness and life through the gift of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The word repentance is derived from the Greek word *'Metanoia'* which calls for a complete redirection of our lives towards Jesus Christ. He is the way, the truth, and the life. We are to follow His way in our lives.

It is a fact of life that we all face a personal judgement at the end of our lives. It is a judgement that we should not fear but should always be prepared to face. Jesus Christ is both our judge and our saviour. The Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the opportunity to reflect on our lives and redirect them to Jesus Christ. When we approach Jesus in repentance, He always responds by saying, 'I love you, I forgive you and I forget'. He does not hold our sins against us but restores our souls to their perfect state at Baptism.

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

Saturday 5 th December	9.30 am.	MASS: Fr Lawrence Sexton RIP Tim O'Donovan
Saturday 5 th December	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 5 th December	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 5 th December Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent (B)	6.00 pm	MASS: Brian Locker RIP Parish

Sunday 6 th December Second Sunday of Advent (B) <i>(Bible Sunday)</i>	8.30 am	MASS: Lesek Holeszowski RIP Wojteck
Sunday 6 th December	10.30 am FAMILY MASS	MASS: Verona & John Cox RIP Ashley & Elaine Cox
Monday 7 th December <i>Memorial of St Ambrose, Bp,D.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Peter Freyne RIP Tim Freyne
Tuesday 8 th December <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Bernie Byrne RIP Theresa McCarron
Friday 11 th December	9.30 am.	MASS: Philip Sharpe Intentions Tim & Catherine
Saturday 12 th December	9.30 am.	MASS: Brenda & Steven Millson Intentions Parish
Saturday 12 th December	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 12 th December	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 12 th December Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent (B)	6.00 pm	MASS: Matthew Clarke RIP Paul Clarke
Sunday 13 th December Third Sunday of Advent (B) <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Edward Cox RIP D Lane
Sunday 13 th December	10.30 am FAMILY MASS	MASS: Willow & Ena Taylor RIP Ashley & Elaine Cox

APPLICATION FORM FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

NAME:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

1. The number of adults and children in your party coming to Mass: **No Adults:**
No Children:
2. Are you one household: YES/NO
3. Which Christmas Mass would you like to attend:

Please note that the 5.00 pm Children's Vigil Mass is strictly for families with young children only.

Facemasks are mandatory in the Church. People unable to wear a mask must not attend.

If you are not in your seat 15 minutes before the start of Mass, your seat may be reallocated to another person.

The completed form must be returned to 1 Church Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 6AG by Thursday 11th December.

The celebration of Mass at Christmas will be subject to the Government COVID19 Regulations at the time.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018

I understand that the parish will be holding the information given and any related paperwork in accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018, under the heading of Legitimate Interest.