

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

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (C)

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 GUIDELINES: The wearing of face masks is suggested in crowded, enclosed spaces. You should continue to protect yourself and others.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets or at the Sunday Mass collection, but I would request wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by **1. Standing order; 2. Using the Smart Bar Codes at the Church exit doors; or 3. 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. Electronic offerings greatly reduce our bank charges. 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 £466.22 of which £265.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £593.50 of which £198.00 was gift aided.

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

LUKE 4:1-13

In today's Gospel, we are told of Jesus's 40 days in the desert. Jesus had just been baptised by John the Baptist and now entered the wilderness to prepare for His mission, which would lead Him to His crucifixion and death. We are invited during the holy season of lent to enter the desert with Jesus to prepare for our mission in life to love. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit. At our Baptism and Confirmation, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is the source of the Holy Spirit through the Holy Sacraments of the Church. Jesus fasted for 40 days and then was subjected to the temptations of the devil. The devil at this time had no power over Jesus. Jesus rejected his offerings of temporal power, idol worship, and testing of God.

At the end of the Gospel, we are told that the devil left Jesus, to return at the appointed time. The appointed time was the Garden of Gethsemane and the Passion of Jesus Christ. For a short period, Jesus would be subject to the full force of evil. In this act, He took upon Himself all the sins of the world. The Holy Spirit that led Jesus into the wilderness would now raise Jesus from the dead. The death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ is His victory over sin and death.

The battle for our eternal souls has been won. We simply need to stay close to the person of Jesus Christ and to choose to love. There are many opportunities to come closer to Jesus during Lent, we have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer every Saturday, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, weekday Masses, and Friday evening Stations of the Cross, and we have the services of Holy Week.

BRENTWOOD SYNOD MEETING: Fr Patrick will be attending the Synod on Saturday 5th March. Please note that there is no morning Mass on Saturday or the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday evening at 7.00 pm in the church. Please bring your children or grandchildren. It is very important that they experience this devotion.

FAMILY FAST DAY: On Friday 13th March you should fast and give any money not spent on food to CAFOD. There will be a second collection next weekend at all Masses for CAFOD.

BRENTWOOD YOUTH SERVICE 2022 EVENTS: Please see www.bcys.net/events for information.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: A big thank you for the wonderful job you are doing keeping the Lord's house clean. May God reward you. Fr Patrick.

LENT READINGS: The Scripture readings for Lent are particularly rich and a major source of help in living a good Lent. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest, Scripture scholar, and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared commentaries on all the readings in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass throughout Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. The full text of the biblical readings and commentary are accessible from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

WEBSITE TO HELP UKRAINE: CARITAS has a webpage dedicated to ways that people can help – through prayer, financial donations, and donations of food, medical supplies, and clothing. All the information is at: www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine

DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR SEPARATED: If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 5 th March 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 5 th March 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 5 th March 2022. <i>Vigil of The First Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Gary & Steven Andrews Intentions Sydney, Sonya & Shane.

Sunday 6 th March 2022. <i>The First Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Patrick & Peter Mulhall Intentions.
Sunday 6 th March 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Natalie Palmer RIP Lee Family.
Monday 7 th March 2022	9.00 am.	MASS: Alan & June Cooper RIP Andrews Family.
Tuesday 8 th March 2022	9.00 am.	MASS: Michael Napper Intentions Michael Napper.
Friday 11 th March 2022 <i>Family Fast Day</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Fr Raymond Murray Intentions Pat & Sandra Murray.
Friday 11 th March 2022.	7.00 pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Saturday 12 th March 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Mary Connelly RIP Kevin McArdle.
Saturday 12 th March 2022	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 12 th March 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 12 th March 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 12 th March 2022. <i>Vigil of The Second Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Pat & Sandra Murray Intentions Parish.
Sunday 13 th March 2022. <i>The Second Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS. Jan & Phillip Price Intentions Parish.
Sunday 13 th March 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Mary Connelly RIP Theresa Lloyd.