

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

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse. Amen.</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>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.</i></p>
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C).

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Antoni & Matylda Delikator RIP - Family

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Antoni & Matylda Delikator RIP - Family

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Please make your weekly offerings by standing order. If you are a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid the amount without any cost to yourself. 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:

- Standing Order Offerings £496.00 of which £411.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offering £645.02 of which £107.00 was gift aided.

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

Luke 3:1-6 The Gospel of Luke places the life of Jesus Christ into an historical place and time. Luke lists the governing powers in place at the time of Jesus Christ. Luke tells us that the Word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. John announced the coming of the Messiah with a quote from the Prophet Isaiah: 'A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'. The Jewish people yearned and waited for the Messiah. John's mission was to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. Before his death, John proclaimed, 'I baptise you with water, but somebody is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of His sandals; He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire'. We have all been baptised by the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist also said that Jesus must grow greater and I must grow smaller. Let us use the opportunity of Advent, to allow Jesus Christ to grow greater in our lives and ourselves to grow smaller. We allow Jesus to become greater in our lives through prayer, time spent talking to Christ; through acts of love and kindness, where we imitate Christ; through reading the Gospels, where we learn to act like Christ; through the Sacraments, where we are fed by Christ; and finally through the Holy Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Christ, where Christ changes us into other Christs.

SVP SENIORS NEW YEAR MEAL: Will be held on 12th January 2025 in St Charles Hall at 1.00pm. All elderly and housebound are welcome. There will be a full Christmas Dinner at a cost of £5.00. If you would like to attend, please put £5.00 in an envelope and put it in the box at the back of the church, with your name, address, telephone number and any dietary requirements. Lifts are available. Donations for raffle would be welcomed. Kevin Norton.

NEW YEAR EVES PARTY: 31st December 2024 at 7.30pm in St Charles Hall. Ticket only event £10.00. Buy from Peter McManamon, Julie Lee Or Tracy Wyatt.

FUNERALS:

The following funeral are taking place next week:

- ❖ Tuesday 10th December - Patrick Ryan Dec'd
- ❖ Thursday 12th December 2024 - Breda Wright Dec'd
- ❖ Friday 13th December 2024 - Bernard O'Connor

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their grieving families.

ST MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Friday 13th December 2024 at 2.30pm - Stalls, raffle, RNLI, refreshments and cakes. All are welcome.

READINGS FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT: Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared reflections on all the Mass readings for the Season of Advent. To access go to www.whatgoodnews.org and click on 'Scripture Readings' and then 'Advent Readings'.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Sunday 15th December after the 10.30am Mass -Christmas Carols and Mince Pies in the Parish Hall.

Monday 23rd December 7.00 pm Christmas Reconciliation Service with visiting priests.

Tuesday 24th December 6.00 pm Children's Vigil Mass

Tuesday 24th December 8.00 pm Christmas Carols

Tuesday 24th December 9.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday 25th December 8.30 am Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday 25th December 10.30 am Christmas Day Mass.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 7th December 2024. St Ambrose, Bp, D.	9.30am.	MASS: Mary Peace Intentions. Mary.
Saturday 7th December 2024.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 7th December 2024.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 7th December 2024.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 7th December 2024.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 7th December 2024. Vigil of The Second Sunday in Advent (C).	6.00pm.	MASS: Pat & Des McQuire Intentions. Joe.
Sunday 8th December 2024. Second Sunday in Advent (C).	8.30am.	MASS: John Carmel Mullin Intentions. Eugene Mullin.
Sunday 8th December 2024.	10.30am.	MASS: John Henley Intentions. Tara.

Monday 9th December 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Bernie Byrne RIP May, Neol, Theresa & Pauline.
Tuesday 10th December 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Margaret O'Brian & Family. Lindsey Abbarchi.
Tuesday 10th December 2024.	13.00pm.	FUNERAL MASS: Patrick Ryan RIP.
Thursday 12th December 2024.	14.00pm.	FUNERAL MASS: Breda Wright RIP.
Friday 13th December 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Lisa Andrews Intentions. Catherine.
Saturday 14th December 2024.	9.30am.	MASS: Tim Lancaster & Family Intentions. Joe.
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Saturday 14th December 2024. Vigil of The Third Sunday in Advent (C).	6.00pm.	MASS: Catherine & Graham Baudains Intentions. Angela Cook.
Sunday 15th December 2024. Third Sunday in Advent (C).	8.30am.	MASS: Felisa Thason Intentions (Birthday).
Sunday 15th December 2024.	10.30am.	MASS: Peter Coyned & Colette Walker Intentions. Lindsey Abbarchi.