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

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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.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: There will be no public services during the November Lockdown. The Church will be open for private prayer from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturdays with Exposition. Please review the Parish Website for the latest updates: https://ourladyoflight.uk/

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:

Offertory Collection £425.00 of which £395.00 was gift aided

Electronic Offerings £232.00 of which £212.00 was gift aided

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

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: The November Dead List envelopes and sheets are now available at the back of the Church. Please complete a list of the names of those deceased family members and friends you wish to be remembered during the month of November.

HEALTH & SAFETY REGULATIONS: The Diocese has established a browser-based system for the monitoring and completion of Health & Safety activities in parishes. Please may I have a volunteer from the parish with some Health & Safety experience to help me setup and maintain the new system. Please contact 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 Youth Service. **Closing date for applications is 30**th **November 2020.**

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.

REDBOX UPDATE: Thank you for returning your full red boxes for Missio. The COVID19 pandemic is causing great suffering in the developing Church. The boxes contained a total of £703.87. Thank you to Barbara and Manual for counting and banking the money. On behalf of Missio, thank you for your great generosity.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: See <u>http://www.nationalyouthsunday.com/</u> for activities celebrating National Youth Sunday.

MATTHEW 25:14-30

In the Gospel from Matthew, we return to the theme of the shepherd separating the sheep from the goats. Jesus tells us in this Gospel that He will return at the end of time in glory to sit on His throne of glory. Jesus will sit in judgment of all. To enter heaven is to enter the life of the Holy Trinity. God the Father, God the Holy Spirit and God the Son is a community of total and utter love in one being. It is a perfect love for the other and not a self-seeking love. We are not able to enter in communion with God unless we are people of love. Heaven does not have a place for the selfish, the self-centered or meannatured person. To be in communion with God is to be in communion with a Being of total consuming love. If we cannot love, we cannot be in relationship with God. God shows us the meaning of love. He sent his only Son into the world to die on a Cross for our sins, in order that we may be reconciled to God. He, therefore, demands that we also show love to each other, in particular, those disadvantaged in society: the sick, the poor, the lonely, and the dispossessed, in our communities. For those welcomed into the kingdom of heaven, Jesus says: 'For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me; in prison and you came to see me'. To those denied entry to heaven, Jesus says: I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me'.

In the words of Saint Mother Theresa: "At the end of this life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by: 'I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked, and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in'.

Saturday 21 st November <i>Memorial of the</i> <i>Presentation of the Blessed</i> <i>Virgin Mary.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Tommy & Kitty O'Brian RIP (Theresa Orton)
Saturday 21 st November	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE

Sunday 22 nd November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus The King (A) <i>(Youth Day)</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: The November Dead List RIP
Monday 23 rd November	9.30 am.	MASS: Vonnie Killen RIP (Harry & Tina)
Tuesday 24 th November Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr & Companions, Mm	9.30 am.	MASS: Terence & Tara Headly Intentions (Tara)
Friday 27 th November	9.30 am.	MASS: Terence Headly Intentions (Tara)
Saturday 28 th November	9.30 am.	MASS: Sr Carmel Brennan Intentions (The Daly Family)
Saturday 28 th November	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
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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.