

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

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sunday of the Word of God

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 REGULATIONS: Tier 5 Regulations Update: Communal worship is a permitted event. The Church is open for the celebration of Mass and Private Prayer. Please follow the instructions of the Church Stewards and allow plenty of time before Mass starts to sanitize your hands and complete registration. Face Masks are mandatory. Attendance at Mass is restricted to 50 people.

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:
Collection and donations: £87.30 of which £65.00 was gift aided.

Electronic Offerings £582.00 of which £272.00 was gift aided.

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

MARK 1:14-20

In the Gospel from Mark, John the Baptist has been arrested and will be shortly executed by Herod Antipas. John came to prepare the way for Jesus Christ both by his life and death. Jesus would also be arrested and executed by Pontius Pilate.

We are told that Jesus proclaimed the Good News from God. The Good News was the coming of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God arrived with the incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity through the consent of the Virgin Mary. The Kingdom of God was achieved by Jesus Christ through His perfect offering and sacrifice upon the Cross. The Kingdom of God will be completed at the end of time when Jesus Christ returns in Glory and Judgement.

Jesus called all to repent and believe in the Good News. It is a condition for the entry into the Kingdom of God that we repent. The word used in the Gospel is a Greek word 'metanoia'. 'Metanoia' is not simply saying sorry but demands a complete turning away from sin and the redirection of our lives towards the person of Jesus Christ.

As Jesus walked along the Sea of Galilee, he called Simon and his brother Andrew, and Zebedee and his brother John. The men were busy about their occupation of fishing. They dropped everything without hesitation and followed Jesus. This is 'metanoia'. This is the meaning of sincere repentance.

The men answered the call of Jesus to discipleship. The call to discipleship is a call to share in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Through our baptism, we are all called to share in this ministry. Do we have the courage and faith to respond to the call of Jesus Christ?

REDISCOVERY YOUR MARRIAGE: Retrouvaille offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It has saved many hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. There is no group therapy or group work. [Sixteen couples attended our last weekend (six of whom were in the process of divorce) and almost all of the couples are still attending the follow up sessions. The feedback from the weekend was very positive and there are advantages in being able to attend the weekend from your own home.] For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme

commencing with a Virtual weekend on 25th - 28th February 2021, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 – or email retrouvaileukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaile.org.uk

FUNERAL: The funeral of Albert Halliday Richard Forde will take place on Monday 25th January at Burrs Road Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family who are grieving at this time.

THE RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYER: ‘As we open the week of prayer for Christian Unity, we pray especially for our shared calling to protect and preserve all life. We pray that our unity and ecumenical efforts on all life issues would inspire the world to join us in defending the lives and rights of all vulnerable in society. Lord hear us.’

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

Saturday 23 rd January	9.30 am.	MASS: Kitty Casey Intentions Catherine O’Donovan
Saturday 23 rd January	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 23 rd January	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 23 rd January Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Ron Brodley Intentions Tara
Sunday 24 th January The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (Word Sunday)	8.30 am.	MASS: Tommy & Kitty O’Brien RIP Teresa Orton
Sunday 24 th January	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: James & Christine Freeny RIP Brendan & Lorraine Herlihy

Monday 25th January The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Ap.	9.30 am.	MASS: Alan & Liz Casey Intentions Catherine O'Donovan
Tuesday 26 th January Memorial of Ss Timothy & Titus, Bpp.	9.30 am.	MASS: Monica O'Brien Intentions Tim O'Donovan
Friday 29 th January	9.30 am.	MASS: Fr R Donnelly Intentions Pat & Sandra
Saturday 30 th January	9.30 am.	MASS: Philip & Jan Price Intentions Parish
Saturday 30 th January	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 30 th January	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 30 th January Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Julia Clarke & Family Intentions Parish
Sunday 31 st January The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (Racial Justice Day)	8.30 am.	MASS: Declan O'Donovan Intentions Catherine O'Donovan
Sunday 31 st January	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Julie Lee & Family Peter & Laura